

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
June 11, 2014 * 9:30a.m**

Board Members Present

Dr. Larry Corry, President
Dr. Beckey Malphus
Dr. Henry Bohn
Dr. John Sundstrom
Mr. Jeff Smith

Staff Present

Ms. Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Mrs. Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor
Ms. Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Mrs. Stephanie M. Zudekoff, Assistant Attorney
General

Visitors Present

Mr. Scott Piper – Georgia Veterinary Medicine Association (GVMA)

OPEN SESSION

Open Session Board Minutes

1. **April 16, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes** Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 16, 2014 open session minutes.
2. **June 10, 2014 Investigative Committee Minutes** Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 10, 2014 IC open session minutes.
3. **February 18, 2014 Investigative Committee Minutes** Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 10, 2014 IC open session minutes.

Licenses to Ratify April 10, 2014 – June 10, 2014 Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify licenses issued from April 10, 2014 – June 10, 2014.

Correspondence from Adam Youngblood Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Mr. Youngblood to Board Rule 700-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct.

Rule 700-8-.01 Referral Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for staff and the Attorney General's Office to develop language to further define the doctor/patient relationship to require an in-person assessment within Board Rule 700-8-.01.

Correspondence from Alan Younkin – Clarification of Rule 700-7-.03 Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to amend Board Rule 700-7-.03 to allow exemption of LEAP CE requirements if the license for a Veterinarian was issued during the first year of the biennium.

Correspondence from AVMA-Notice of Accreditation Actions The Board has no objections to the AVMA Accreditation Actions.

Correspondence from David Fiber – Veterinary Chiropractic adjustments Dr. Bohn motioned, Mr. Smith seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer correspondence to the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Correspondence from Mimi McCormick – Display of License Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Ms. McCormick to Board Rule 700-12-.02.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to direct staff and the Attorney General's Office to develop language within Board Rule 700-12-.02 to require the posting of all current veterinary and veterinary technician licenses in the facility.

Discussion – 700-7-.04 Veterinary Technician Continuing Education Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to amend Board Rule 700-7-.04 to allow exemption of LEAP CE requirements if the license for a Veterinarian Technician was issued during the first year of the biennium.

Discussion – AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept all amendments as presented by the AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee to be voted on at the 2014 AAVSB Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg on September 13, 2014.

Discussion – Law Examination The Board conducted a review of the law examination questions and did not find a cause to propose amendments at this time.

Discussion – Re-examination Policy Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the amended re-examination policy as presented.

Rule Waiver Request – Chughtai, Shahid H. Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Smith seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive Board Rules 700-2-.02 and 700-2-.03 as there is no evidence of substantial hardship to justify granting the waiver.

Rule Waiver Request – Walter, Emmalee Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Smith seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of granting the petition to waive Board Rule 700-6-.01 pending the receipt of documentation evidencing the completion and passing of a life sustaining oxygen (O2) course.

Board Chair’s Report – Dr. Larry Corry Dr. Corry reported that he will be attending the GVMA Annual Meeting but he has not received a formal invitation to attend. Mr. Piper indicated that the association has a new Executive Director and if Dr. Corry would like to receive an invitation, he would relay the information.

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Adrienne Price Ms. Price presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance and provided information about delays in processing times based on system outages n. The Board accepts the report as presented and requested that Ms. Price prepare a similar statistical report for the year 2013 as well as the current year and provide it to Dr. Corry prior to next week so that he may use it as talking points during his upcoming meeting with GVMA.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Bohn expressed his concerns with the logistics of conducting continuing education approval and requested that the staff not accept the application if it is not printed or typed in blue or black ink.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Sundstrom seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Sundstrom, Dr. Malphus, Dr. Bohn, Dr. Corry, and Mr. Smith.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, Dr. Corry declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

OPEN SESSION

Applications

1. S.H.C. Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Smith seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny licensure based on a failure to meet qualifications.
2. C.L.L. Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to issue license upon receipt of a signed and notarized Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$800 fine and thirty (30) hours of continuing education with condition that licensee submit to an audit of continuing education credits during the next renewal. Consent Agreement may be accepted upon receipt
3. S.A.M. Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve for licensure.

Attorney General’s Report Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Smith seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented.

Investigative Committee Report – E. Davis and B. Malphus Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session

1. VET130016 Close, no action
2. VET140065 Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for Private Consent Order to include five (5) years’ probation and monitoring and a letter of concern regarding records keeping.
3. VET140082 Close, no action
4. VET140085 Close, no action
5. VET140086 Close, with letter of concern
6. VET140094 Close, no action
7. VET130032 Lift DEA restrictions and supervision requirements
8. VET140101 Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for legal advice
9. VET130092 Close, no action

Executive Minutes

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No further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06pm

Minutes recorded by: Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: August 20, 2014

LARRY CORRY, DVM
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR