

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Teleconference Minutes**  
**May 25, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via teleconference on Thursday, May 25, 2017. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Henry Bohn, Chairperson  
Dr. Larry Corry, Board Member  
Dr. Edsel Davis, Board Member  
Dr. Becky Malphus, Board Member  
Mr. Nic Haynes, Consumer Member

**Staff Present**

Ms. Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Ms. Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor  
Ms. Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

**Attorney General's Office**

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

Dr. John Sundstrom, Vice Chair

**Visitors Present**

No visitors present.

**Call to Order:** Dr. Bohn established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda**           The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

**Dr. Davis made a motion, Mr. Haynes 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. Henry Bohn, Dr. Larry Corry, Dr. Becky Malphus, Dr. Edsel Davis and Mr. Nic Haynes.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, May 25, 2017, Dr. Bohn 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**

**AG Status Report**

Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented.

**1. Board Rule 700-4-.01 Temporary Licenses**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post Board Rule 700-4-.01 Temporary Licenses: Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members as follows:

**Rule 700-4-.01 Temporary License: Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members**

- (1) An applicant is eligible for a temporary license when such applicant:
- (a) Is identified as a military spouse or transitioning service member, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34;
  - (b) Has submitted a complete application for temporary license, along with a fee in the amount established by the Board, and proof of lawful presence in the United States along with an approved secure and verifiable document;

- (c) Is a holder of a valid veterinary or veterinary technician license in another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements under this state to obtain a license, or has obtained a specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state.
- (2) For the purposes of this rule, an applicant's training, experience and testing is substantially equivalent if the applicant:
  - (a) Has attained the age of eighteen (18);
  - (b) Submits proof of an active license in good standing from another state, which is not currently suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted for any reason.
- (3) Issuance of a temporary license shall authorize the holder to practice in this state for a period of up to six (6) months from the date of issuance or until the permanent license is issued, whichever occurs first.
- (4) In the discretion of the Board, a temporary license may be renewed for one six-month period only.
- (5) The holder of a temporary license may be subject to sanctions as provided in O.C.G.A. §43-50-41.
- (6) An applicant for permanent license who holds a temporary license may be issued a permanent license if the following requirements have been met:
  - (a) The Board has received proof that the applicant has achieved a passing score on the national examinations accepted by the Board.
    - 1. For veterinary applications, the Board accepts the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) or the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and the National Board Examination (NBE).
    - 2. For veterinary technician applicants, the Board accepts the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) or other examination similar in nature and scope.
  - (b) The applicant has caused the submission of an official transcript(s) directly from:
    - 1. An accredited college or school of veterinary medicine certifying completion of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program and the award of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree or possesses an ECFVG certificate or its substantial equivalent; or,
    - 2. A veterinary technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association certifying the applicant is a graduate.
  - (c) If the applicant is applying for a permanent license to be a veterinarian in this state, the applicant must complete and pass the Georgia Law Exam.

**Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25; 43-1-34; 43-50-2, 43-50-21, 43-50-41 and 43-50-42.**

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-4-.01 Temporary Licenses: Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members upon the licensee. Dr. Davis motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Davis motioned, Mr. Haynes, seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25; 43-1-34; 43-50-2, 43-50-21, 43-50-41 and 43-50-42 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

The Board set a date of Monday, June 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a Public Rules Hearing on Board Rule 700-4-.01 Temporary Licenses: Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members.

## **2. Private Consent Order – Y.G.**

Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Private Consent Order upon receipt.

### **Applications for Board Review**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session and administratively process licenses upon receipt.

### **Reinstatement**

- J.L.A.** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office to issue a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2017 – April 25, 2017, to be paid within 90 days of docketing and accept upon receipt. CE’s submitted for reinstatement cannot be used towards the upcoming renewal period.
- B.A.L.** Issue license.
- M.G.R.** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office to issue a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2013 – April 17, 2017, to be paid within 90 days of docketing and accept upon receipt. CE’s submitted for reinstatement cannot be used towards the upcoming renewal period.
- A.R.W.** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office to issue a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2017 – April 14, 2017, to be paid within 90 days of docketing and accept upon receipt. CE’s submitted for reinstatement cannot be used towards the upcoming renewal period.

### **Renewal**

Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

- K.M.S.** Individual must submit an application for reinstatement to include any applicable fees. If unlicensed practice is identified upon receipt of an application for reinstatement, issue an order in accordance with Board Policy.

**Adjournment** No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** June 21, 2017 (as amended)

HENRY BOHN, DVM  
**BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**