

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
December 13, 2017 - 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. John Sundstrom, DVM, Chairperson
Dr. Edsel Davis, DVM, Vice Chair
Dr. Henry Bohn, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Becky Malphus, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Larry Corry, DVM, Board 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

Mr. Nic Haynes, Consumer Member

Visitors Present

Scott Piper, Associate Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Heather Lindell, PharmD, Assistant Pharmacy Manager, Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital, UGA
Dr. R. Keith Harris, DVM, Department Head, Pathology, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Spencer Johnston, VMD, Department Head, Small Animal Medicine & Surgery, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine

Call to Order: Dr. Sundstrom established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Board Minutes

1. October 30, 2017 Board Teleconference Minutes

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 30, 2017 open session Board teleconference minutes as amended for language.

2. December 12, 2017 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 12, 2017 investigative committee minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify October 11, 2017 – December 6, 2017

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses by application and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies between Board meetings.

Discussion – United States Pharmacopeia USP General Chapter <800> Hazardous Drugs – Handling in Healthcare Settings – Dr. Heather Lindell, PharmD

Dr. Lindell provided the Board with an in-depth synopsis on the legal aspects and a review of USP <800>: Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs at the invitation of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Lindell graciously agreed to present the Board with information to review and identify the legalities of the safe handling of hazardous drugs in the field of veterinary practice and to review and discuss the standards for handling and disposing hazardous drugs. She stated the implementation date of the new regulation is December 1, 2019.

Correspondence – USP <800> Concerns – Lois Lassiter

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the implementation date of the new regulation is December 1, 2019. The Georgia Board of Pharmacy will post the rule revision for a Public Rule Hearing prior to this date which will be open to public comment once that board has drafted the proposed amendment.

Correspondence – USP <800> Question – Dr. Corp-Minamiji

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine will not amend the practice act to include provisions of USP 800 as it is a federal regulation and any violation thereof may subject veterinarians to disciplinary action.

Miscellaneous Discussion – Emergency Use Compounded Prescriptions

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to add a notification to the Board website regarding state compliance requirements for housing compounded prescriptions for emergency use.

Discussion– Vet Faculty Scope of Practice & Application Processing – Dr. R. Keith Harris, DVM

Dr. Harris expressed appreciation to the Board for being permitted to address his concerns regarding the veterinary application process. Dr. Johnston also expressed concerns and both offered potential resolutions to issues they see with detailed explanations to include the development of a subcommittee to review application processes.

Dr. Corry suggested UGA send a representative to attend each meeting to better understand current Board issues and functions as the school has done in the past. Dr. Harris graciously welcomed the offer and said this would be the practice going forward. Dr. Malphus recommended school involvement in AAVSB, which would aid in understanding and simplification of the application process, particularly with their VAULT program. Mr. Piper shared that he developed a form to aid applicants with navigating the application process and it is available on the GVMA website. Ms. Price indicated that more specific descriptors are needed on the veterinary faculty application to allow staff to be more efficient during processing.

It was the consensus of the Board that all of the suggestions will be given additional consideration and the Board will inform UGA and other programs of any decisions which have been made in this regard.

Discussion – AAVSB

- 1. Board Basics and Beyond**
- 2. Call for Bylaws Amendments**
- 3. Board Bulletin November 2017**
- 4. Model Policy for Appropriate Use of Telehealth**

The Board accepts the correspondence regarding AAVSB as information.

Petition for Rule Waiver

- 1. Rule Waiver – BR 700-6-.01(2)(c) – Casey Mitchell**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the majority of the Board voted in favor of the motion to deny the petition for rule waiver of BR 700-6-.01(2)(c) as the portion of the rule that the petitioner has requested to be waived is a statutory requirement and the Board does not have the authority to waive O.C.G.A. § 43-50-52(a)(2)(C)(i) and (ii) and to advise applicant to submit a transcript, curriculum, diploma and graduation information for Board review. Dr. Malphus opposed.

Executive Director’s Report – A. Price

Executive Director’s report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, the number of licensees, and complaints/compliance matters to include the number of Continuing Education applications pending, approved and denied. Ms. Price informed the Board that no response has been received from the Governor’s Office regarding the correspondence sent by staff, as was directed by the Board, concerning the appropriation of funds for the veterinary technician seat on the Board. She stated the information was resent December 11, 2017 and the office will follow up if no response is received by the end of the year.

Ms. Price reported that members of the AAVSB Outreach Team have been attending Member Board meetings to present information about their various programs and benefits. She queried the Board for interest in a member visit. The Board expressed an interest and requested that Ms. Price schedule for them to visit.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented.

Board Chair's Report – J. Sundstrom, DVM

Dr. Sundstrom asked Mr. Piper to provide the Board with an update regarding the presentation of the proposed amendments to the Veterinary Practice Act to the Georgia General Assembly. Mr. Piper reported that the document has been presented to a number of stakeholders and it appears that the cattlemen are going to sign off on the changes but GVMA has yet to have a representative from Georgia Farm Bureau to sign off. He indicated that they are still reviewing and revising and he will update the Veterinary Practice Act Review Committee and the Board of any new developments in the future.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Corry 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. John Sundstrom, Dr. Becky Malphus, Dr. Henry Bohn, Dr. Edsel Davis and Dr. Larry Corry.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, Dr. Sundstrom 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

Scheduled Board Appointments

11:00 a.m. Applicant Interview VET170073

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion based on additional information received and reinstate the license.

Executive Session Minutes

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2. December 12, 2017 Executive Investigative Committee Minutes

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 12, 2017 executive investigative committee minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – B. Cohen

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

VET180031

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion based on additional information received and issue the license.

Application 2664300

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion based on additional information received and issue the license.

Investigative Committee Report – B. Malphus, DVM

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Investigative Committee Report as presented.

VET140063	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160013	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160026	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160070	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160073	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160076	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160077	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160087	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160088	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET160112	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET170023	Voluntary Surrender accepted. Close case.
VET150011	Close the case.
VET170049	Close the case.
VET180002	Close the case.
VET180008	Close the case.
VET180015	Close the case with a Letter of Concern to broaden diagnostic parameters.
VET180016	Close the case.
VET180021	Refer for Peer Review for further evaluation.
VET180024	Schedule Investigative Interview.
VET180032	Close the case. No jurisdiction.

Applications for Board Review

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

Application 2654564	Refer to Legal Services to offer a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$100 per year, for a total of \$1200, for unlicensed practice from November 22, 2004 to April 8, 2015.
Application 2681962	Issue the license.
Application 2688123	Issue the license.

Reinstatements

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

Application 2687124	Refer to Legal Services to offer a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 and CE's submitted for reinstatement cannot be used towards the upcoming renewal period. Accept signed Consent Order upon receipt.
Application 2696042	Applicants who have not actively practiced for three (3) or more years are required to submit proof of successfully passing the NAVLE or a species specific exam administered by ICVA.
Application 2698615	Refer to Legal Services to offer a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2017 to October 18, 2017 and CE's submitted for reinstatement cannot be used towards the upcoming renewal period. Accept signed Consent Order upon receipt.
Application 2699166	Refer to Legal Services to offer a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2017 to October 23, 2017 and CE's submitted for reinstatement cannot be used towards the upcoming renewal period. Accept signed Consent Order upon receipt.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussions

1. Veterinary Faculty Application Process Roundtable

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to appoint Dr. Corry and Dr. Davis to coordinate with UGA faculty and other interested parties for a discussion group regarding

the veterinary faculty application process. The meeting will be held the afternoon following the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine Investigative Committee meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

2. Virginia Statute

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to appoint Dr. Sundstrom to contact GVMA regarding the feasibility of adding language to the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act that is similar to the Virginia statute which allows veterinary faculty to be licensed by the state universities and not through their state licensing board.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.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: January 24, 2018

JOHN SUNDSTROM, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR