

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. John Sundstrom, Chair
Dr. Edsel Davis, Vice Chair
Dr. Henry Bohn, Board Member
Dr. Becky Malphus, Board Member
Dr. Larry Corry, Board Member
Mr. Nic Haynes, Consumer Member

Staff Present

Ms. Adrienne Price, Executive Director (via teleconference)
Ms. Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)

Administrative Staff Absent

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Visitors Present

Scott Piper, Associate Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Keith Harris, DVM, Head, Department of Pathology, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Spencer Johnston, VMD, Head, Department of Small Animal Medicine/Surgery, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, 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 9:31 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Board Minutes

1. January 24, 2018 Board Teleconference Minutes

Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the January 24, 2018 open session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

2. February 13, 2018 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Bohn motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 13, 2018 investigative committee meeting minutes as presented.

3. February 13, 2018 Veterinary Faculty Application Review Committee Minutes

Dr. Bohn motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 13, 2018 veterinary faculty application review committee minutes as presented.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion to accept the February 13, 2018 veterinary faculty application review committee minutes as presented.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 13, 2018 veterinary faculty application review committee minutes as amended.

Licenses to Ratify December 6, 2017 – February 7, 2018

Dr. Bohn motioned, Mr. Malphus 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.

Correspondence – Reporting Loss of Drugs – Clair Jin of Veterinary Centers of America (VCA)

Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board has not established a standard form or process by which a licensee is to report such losses. Reporting of losses should be done in accordance with federal and state law requirements to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Georgia Drug and Narcotics Agency, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Correspondence – Practice Act Question – Kathryn Brown VET008513

Dr. Bohn motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that another veterinarian within the practice must reestablish a valid VCPR by conducting an examination if the prescribing veterinarian is no longer with the practice.

Correspondence - Veterinary Technicians Implanting Microchips - Dr. Mark Korb, DVM

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the administrative staff nor the Board members themselves are able to interpret Georgia law and rules for any third party; refer the writer to O.C.G.A. §43-50-44(19) for guidance as well as encourage the writer to consult legal counsel of their choosing to assist them in an interpretation of the professions practice act.

Correspondence – Letter of Request from Rep Rick Williams Regarding Licensee Probation

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the statutes provide for the use of the term, “probation”[O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(e); 43-50-41(e)]; however, the Board thanks the writer for their comments and will take them under consideration.

Miscellaneous Discussion – VET FACULTY APPLICATION – as amended 02132018

Ms. Price presented revisions to the Veterinary Faculty application from recommendations made during the Veterinary Application Review Committee meeting on February 13, 2018. Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the revisions to the Veterinary Faculty Application and to post the updated application on the Board website.

Discussion – American Association Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

1. Call for Nominations
2. Board Basics and Beyond – April 20-21, 2018
3. Call for Topics for the 2018 Annual Meeting

The Board accepts the correspondence regarding AAVSB as information.

4. Have your VCPR requirements been updated in response to the VFD – Jim Penrod, AAVSB Executive Director

Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the VCPR requirements have been addressed in the amended Practice Act which is currently being proposed to the General Assembly by the GVMA.

Discussion – American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

1. CVTEA Accreditation Actions Fall 2017 – Winter 2018

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to AVMA as information.

Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)

1. Academic Working Group Established
2. Call for Assessment Development Committee Nominations

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to ICVA as information.

Discussion – Board Rule 700-4-.01. Temporary License Military – Effective 11-02-17 – Now on Website

The Board accepts the notification that Board Rule 700-4-.01. Temporary License Military is now on the Board website as information.

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 reminded the Board that the annual affidavit with the Ethics Commission was due January 31, 2018 as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-5-3(22). She then gave an update on the status of the pre-filed bills and resolutions of the Georgia General Assembly that have the potential to affect the business of the Board.

Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director’s report as presented.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post the Executive Director's Report on the Board website.

Board Chair's Report – J. Sundstrom

Dr. Sundstrom updated the Board on the Veterinary Practice Act. He stated that the mandatory reporting section could possibly kill the bill if included and Mr. Scott Piper of GVMA agreed. Dr. Sundstrom suggested removing mandatory reporting now in an effort to break it down further and add it back at a later date so the bill would not be jeopardized.

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

Dr. Corry 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. Sundstrom, Dr. Malphus, Dr. Bohn, Dr. Corry, Dr. Davis, and Mr. Haynes.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 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

Executive Session Board Minutes

1. January 24, 2018 Executive Session Board Teleconference Minutes

Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 24, 2018 executive session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

2. February 13, 2018 Investigative Committee Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 13, 2018 executive investigative committee meeting minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – B. Cohen

Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Haynes 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

VET180033 Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to request AG to follow up with Aftercare Provider to determine if Records release has been authorized. Table case pending receipt of current evaluation and assessments.

VET180045 Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the Respondent via email and Certified Return Receipt mail delivery with a request to be received within 14 days for follow up information associated with self-reported outpatient treatment. Determine location of care provided, name of treatment advocate and treatment plan. Determine if Respondent is presently working and in what capacity.

VET180035 Mr. Haynes motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding informing clients of possible post-surgical outcomes and follow-up care needed.

VET180004 Dr. Bohn motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to Investigations to request an expedited facilities inspection. Conduct interview with Respondent and staff. Determine if Respondent works full or part time, if partners are in the practice, and if any cognitive issues exist. Separately interview Vet Tech to determine if Respondent is declining mentally and can practice effectively and if Respondent is performing surgeries.

Applications for Board Review

Application 2711757 Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding disciplinary action by another jurisdiction and false attestation on application.

Application 2701140 Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to schedule an Investigative Interview.

- Application 2702430** Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to request that the applicant complete the NAVLE Exam and upon passing, issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding disciplinary action by another jurisdiction.
- Application 2708344** Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to issue the license.
- Application 2708349** Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to issue the license.
- Application 2710815** Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to issue the license.

Reinstatements

- Application 2715049** Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table pending additional information and refer to Cognizant for review and recommendation.
- Application 2696042** Dr. Bohn motioned, Mr. Haynes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Board Member Dr. Davis to administer the ICVA Companion Species Exam to the applicant at the Professional Licensing Boards in Macon, Georgia by Board member, on March 23, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Application 2704684** Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to reinstate the license with a Private Consent Order with a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice. Continuing Education hours submitted for late renewal/reinstatement cannot be used for the upcoming renewal period and flag for CE audit.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: April 18, 2018

JOHN SUNDSTROM, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR