

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**Wednesday, June 20, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dr. John Sundstrom, Chair  
Dr. Becky Malphus, Board Member  
Dr. Henry Bohn, Board Member  
Dr. Larry Corry, Board Member

**Board Members Absent**

Dr. Edsel Davis, Vice Chair  
Mr. Nic Haynes, Consumer Member

**Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

**Attorney General's Office**

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

**Administrative Staff Absent**

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Visitors Present**

Robin McCowen, Executive Director, Georgia Professional Health Program  
Dr. Paul Earley, M.D., Medical Director, Georgia Professional Health Program  
Scott Piper, Associate Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Laura Smallwood, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Dr. Justin Toth, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
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 9:35 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Open Session Board Minutes**

**1. February 13, 2018 Veterinary Subcommittee on Faculty Applications Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the February 13, 2018 Veterinary Subcommittee on Faculty Applications Meeting Minutes for further discussion during Executive Session.

**2. April 18, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the April 18, 2018 open session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**3. June 19, 2018 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the June 19, 2018 investigative committee meeting minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify April 12, 2018 – June 13, 2018**

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 – CE Provider Application Review**

**1. Christy Servies – BluePearl Veterinary Partners – Parasitology**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the CE Provider application.

## **2. Correspondence – VET CE Course Instructors – Barbara Schick, BluePearl VET**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that each application is reviewed on a case by case basis and approval is based on speaker qualifications.

## **Discussion – Impaired Professionals Program for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the questions concerning the statutory authority to develop an alternative to discipline program for impaired professionals to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Advice.

## **Discussion – American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education – Spring 2018 Notice of Accreditations Actions**

The Board accepted the correspondence regarding AVMA Council on Education Spring 2018 Notice of Accreditation Actions as information.

## **Discussion – Adding Items to the Board Agenda**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to add a notification to the FAQs on the Board website which states that interested parties must submit any requests to speak or appear and/or add any topics or items for discussion for upcoming Board meetings to the Board office in writing a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date.

## **Discussion – Notification of Board Rules Now on Website**

### **1. Board Rule 700-7-.03 Continuing Veterinary Education and Board Rule 700-7-.04 Veterinary Technician Continuing Education**

### **2. Board Rule 700-12-.04 Record Keeping**

The Board accepted the correspondence regarding the notification that Board Rule 700-7-.03 and Board Rule 700-12-.04 are now posted online as information.

## **Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)**

### **1. Bylaws and Resolution Committee**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the proposed AAVSB Bylaws amendments as submitted.

### **2. Delegate Selection 2018**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Adrienne Price, Executive Director, to attend the 2018 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference in Washington, DC, September 13-15, 2018 as a Board delegate to discuss how Member Boards can work with their associations, alternative to discipline programs, exploring options to increase efficiencies in processing applications and the legislative barriers to those options, and animal acupuncture.

### **3. Presidents Update 2018**

The Board accepted the correspondence regarding AASVB as information.

## **Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) – Practice Analysis Memo**

The Board accepted the correspondence regarding ICVA Practice Analysis Memo 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 active and inactive licensees, and complaints/compliance matters to include the number of Continuing Education applications pending, approved and denied. Ms. Price addressed recent questions regarding the vacant VET Tech Board Member seat stating the practice act has been amended several times since the 2003 amendment which included a VET Tech seat, and the subsequent amendments did not include a VET Tech seat. She suggested that the Board may wish to refer the matter to the Attorney General's Office to research and determine if the 2003 amendment still remains valid or is it now nullified due to the subsequent amendments which did not include the VET Tech seat.

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 and refer the question regarding the Vet Tech seat to the Attorney General's Office for advice.

## **Board Chair's Report – J. Sundstrom, DVM**

No report presented.

## **Miscellaneous Discussions**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to create a Rules Subcommittee to include Dr. Malphus, Dr. Davis and Dr. Sundstrom to conduct a review of all Board Rules and Policies to ensure they remain supported by the most recent statutory amendments.

**Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn 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. Malphus, Dr. Bohn, Dr. Corry, and Dr. Sundstrom.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, June 20, 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. April 18, 2018 Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 18, 2018 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**2. June 19, 2018 Investigative Committee Executive Session Minutes**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 19, 2018 executive investigative committee meeting minutes as presented.

**3. February 13, 2018 Veterinary Subcommittee on Faculty Applications Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 13, 2018 Veterinary Subcommittee on Faculty Applications Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Attorney General’s Report – B. Cohen**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry 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 recommendations made in Executive Session.

- VET180024** Table and reschedule Investigative Interview.
- VET170068** Close with Letter of Concern to document all recommendations to include documenting any concerns regarding client’s inability to remit payment.
- VET170069** Table and reschedule Investigative Interview.
- VET140061** Request patient records for the three (3) animals on the submitted video and send entire case for Peer Review. (Peer reviewer suggestions to be provided by the Board.)
- VET170041** Table and reschedule Investigative Interview.
- VET180043** Close the case. The treatment is within the standard of care.
- VET180057** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding adequate documentation of euthanasia wishes in medical records, to include providing explanations of the various services available for cremation and written confirmation that the client understands and accepts the offer of services.
- VET180061** Schedule Investigative Interview.
- VET180068** Close the case. The treatment is within the standard of care.
- VET180072** Close with a Letter of Concern to use caution when handling difficult patients to insure appropriate assistance is available in the exam area to manage the animal.
- VET120022** Close case related to standard of care. Proceed with Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$300 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2015 to January 6, 2017. Reference the 2017 criminal case as stated in the summary.
- VET180042** Close with a Letter of Concern based on violations noted in the facility inspection.
- VET180044** Close the case with no action.

**Applications for Board Review**

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

- Application 2696236** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal history.
- Application 2729267** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal and alcohol history.
- Application 2726093** Reinstate the license.

**Transcript Review**

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

**Application 2713491** Approve the transcript and issue the license.

**Application 2720644** Approve the transcript and issue the license.

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

**1. VET170026**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the request to terminate probation and restore the license to active status.

**Adjournment:** No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

**Minutes approved on:** August 15, 2018

**JOHN SUNDSTROM, DVM**  
**BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**