

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Board Members Absent

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

Attorney General's Office

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Heather Tally, Pharm D., UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Michelle E. Goodnight, DVM, MS, DACVECC, Gwinnett Technical College
Dr. Jill R. Lancaster, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA), President Elect
Dr. Raymond W. Fay III, DVM
Norie Eakle
Dr. Seyedmehdi Mobini, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Justin Toth, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Jennifer Pittman, DVM, DACVECC, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Rachael Konke
Dr. Keri L. Riddick, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Donald M. Riddick, Esq., Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Mike Zager, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA), President
Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DVM, Director of Veterinary Services, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Susan Blevins, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA), Executive Director

Call to Order: Dr. Malphus established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Board Minutes

1. November 14, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the November 14, 2018 open session Board meeting minutes as presented.

2. December 11, 2018 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 11, 2018 investigative committee meeting minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify – November 7, 2018 – December 5, 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.

Correspondence – LEAP CE – Dr. Lisa Bump, DVM

Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that in order for a course to be considered for LEAP credit, the CE provider must submit a complete Program Application Form to include all required program materials to the Board for Cognizant review.

Correspondence – Veterinary Nurse Initiative – Ramona Crane

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board thanks them for the information.

Discussion – Notice of Intent to Dispense

1. GVMA Request for Clarification on Notice of Intent

Dr. Malphus entered into a discussion regarding the GVMA request for clarification on the Notice of Intent form required for renewal of licensure. She explained that this is a statutory requirement from the Georgia Pharmacy Board which requires all persons prescribing medications to submit the form.

Ms. Cohen noted the statutory reference for all medications requiring a prescription, not just controlled substances [O.C.G.A. 26-4-130(e)]. Ms. Price stated that the Notice of Intent form must be filled out completely to include the entire license number which includes three letters, four letters if vet faculty and six numbers. Additionally, the question regarding where the records are maintained must be completed as well as adding a signature. No electronic signatures will be accepted.

Ms. Cohen said that if you do not have a DEA number then indicate as such. If you check that you intend to dispense, but do not submit the form, your license renewal would be delayed.

2. Renewal FAQ Regarding Notice of Intent to Dispense – Dr. Heather Tally, PharmD

3. Renewal FAQ 2018 – Dr. Heather Tally, PharmD

The Board accepted the information submitted by Dr. Heather Tally, PharmD as information.

Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

1. Call for AAVSB Bylaw Amendments

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to the AASVB Bylaw Amendments as information.

2. Barriers to Using VAULT

Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Ms. Price to research any potential technological barriers to using VAULT and present her findings during the next scheduled Board meeting and refer the relevant rules to the Rules Committee for review.

Discussion – CE Program Application – Sarah Owen – American Veterinary Chiropractic Association – AVCA Annual Meeting

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the CE Program Application based on submission by a licensee and not the provider. The program provider must submit an application for consideration by the Board.

Discussion – Rules Committee Meeting

1. Committee Members

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion retain the current members of the Rules Committee with Dr. Corry serving as an alternate Rules Committee Member.

2. Teleconference Meeting Date

Dr. Malphus, Dr. Sundstrom and Dr. Corry reported that they are available for a Rules Committee Meeting in January 2019 with Thursdays being the preferred date. Dr. Malphus requested Ms. Price to send notification to the Rules Committee on a later date as to which Thursday in January 2019 that staff is available for a committee meeting.

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. In addition to the discussion concerning barriers to the use of the VAULT offered by AAVSB, she provided an updated status on the process of receiving electronic submission of graduation data. Ms. Price remarked that the Information Technology department is attempting a sample data import this week and after final testing, instructions will be developed concerning the process to share with the Board for a vote with regard to disseminating the information to the schools.

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director's report as presented.

Board Chair's Report – B. Malphus, DVM

No report presented.

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, Dr. Malphus 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. November 14, 2018 Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes

2. December 11, 2018 Investigative Committee Executive Session Minutes

Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 14, 2018 executive session Board meeting minutes and the December 11, 2018 executive investigative committee minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – B. Cohen

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented.

Investigative Committee Report – L. Corry

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

- VET160068** Close the case.
- VET170047** Close with a Letter of Concern storage and proper handling of controlled substances. Initiate a new case on respondent M.E.V.

- VET180050** Close the case.
- VET180051** Close with a Letter of Concern regarding documentation of client communications.
- VET180053** Accept additional information and close the case.
- VET180056** Schedule Investigative Interview.
- VET180069** Close the case.
- VET180073** Notify the respondent of the requirements in BR 700-8-.01 and 700-12-.07. Must submit proof of compliance within 14 days of notification from the Board.
- VET180076** Close the case, no jurisdiction.
- VET190002** Continue to monitor compliance and notify the respondent that Continuing Education submitted is accepted.
- VET190003** Close with Letter of Concern regarding documentation and establishing protocols and procedures regarding euthanasia and patient remains.
- VET190009** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
- VET190010** Close the case as the standard of care has been met.
- VET190014** Close with a Letter of Concern regarding standard of care when using anesthesia.
- VET190015** Close the case as the standard of care has been met.

Dr. Davis joined the meeting via teleconference at 11:25 a.m.

Dr. Davis left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

- VET190017** Close case for respondent D.L.E. and initiate a new case on respondent D.L.D.
- VET190018** Close the case, no action.
- VET190021** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- VET190020** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for legal advice regarding O.C.G.A. § 43-50-43(4) as it relates to the procedure for canceling a license.
- VET190025** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding prescribing practices.
- VET190026** Schedule an Investigative Interview.

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 2734197** Issue license.
- Application 2746499** Approve transcript and issue license.

Reconsideration Request

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

Application 2599317 Notify the writer that they must submit a reinstatement application along with proof of completion of the continuing education requirements for the cycles ending 2016 and 2018. The reinstatement fee may be waived. If practiced without a license or any issues of noncompliance with the requirements identified, may be issued a consent agreement for reinstatement with terms and conditions as identified by the Board.

Reinstatements

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

Application 2769869 Applicant must cause employer to submit a detailed job description for Cognizant review. If no unlicensed practice found, issue license.

Application 2772454 Table pending receipt of corrected background check form and proof of satisfying the terms of previous order in another jurisdiction. Upon receipt, issue license with a Letter of Concern regarding disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.

Application 2767650 Issue license.

Renewals

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.

Application 33650 Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Private Consent Agreement to include a period of monitoring for a minimum of five (5) years, may petition to terminate monitoring when can document five (5) years of sobriety, quarterly personal, employer, and structured aftercare reports from a provider approved by the Board, with random alcohol and drug UDS and quarterly PEth screens for one year and if clean during that one (1) year, begin random quarterly UDS.

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

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

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

Minutes approved on: February 20, 2019

BECKEY MALPHUS, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR