

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Rules Committee Teleconference Minutes
Thursday, January 3, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, Rules Committee, met via teleconference on January 3, 2019. The following Committee Members were present:

Committee Members Present

Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM, Committee Chair
Dr. Larry Corry, DVM, Committee Member
Dr. John Sundstrom, DVM, Committee Member

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Staff Present

Ms. Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Ms. Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Absent

Ms. Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Call to Order: Dr. Malphus established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Discussion – Board Rules

Rule 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure for Veterinarians

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a veterinarian shall make application on forms provided by the Board.
- (2) With the completed application form(s) the applicant for licensure shall submit:
 - (a) The application fee in an amount established by the Board;
 - (b) Proof of graduation submitted directly from 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. If a transcript is not yet available, the Board will accept a letter from the Dean of the college or school of veterinary medicine certifying the date that graduation occurred; or, an electronic submission of proof of graduation submitted directly from the accredited college or school of veterinary medicine followed by the submission of an official transcript within thirty days.;
 - (c) ~~If an applicant has not yet graduated, a letter, from the Dean of the college or school of veterinary medicine certifying the date of the expected graduation of the applicant and agreeing to provide proof of such graduation directly to the Board when available;~~
- ~~(d)~~(3) All scores of the applicant from the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) or the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and the National Board Examination (NBE) or an equivalent examination acceptable to the Board.
- (4) Proof of a passing score on the Georgia Veterinary Law Exam.
- (5) In addition to meeting the requirements stated above, If an applicant is a graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine, must submit one of the following:

(a) ~~†~~The Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certificate from the American Veterinary Medical Association; or,

(b) ~~p~~Proof of completion of the PAVE program from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards; or,

(~~e~~) ~~a~~An equivalent document acceptable to the Board; ;

~~(e) All scores of the applicant from the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) or the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and the National Board Examination (NBE).~~

~~(36)~~ An applicant must furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board of all qualifications for licensure.

(7) The Board will accept the aforementioned documents if provided with an official seal from American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

(8) All applications for licensure expire one year from the date of receipt of the application and non-refundable fee.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 700-2-.02

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-23, 43-50-24, 43-50-31.

History. Original Rule entitled "Examinations" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Qualifications for Admission to Examination" adopted. F. Oct. 8, 1974; eff. Oct. 28, 1974.

Amended: F. Apr. 16, 1976; eff. May 6, 1976.

Amended: F. Mar. 18, 1980; eff. Apr. 7, 1980.

Amended: F. Aug. 4, 1982; eff. Aug. 24, 1982.

Amended: F. Apr. 23, 1984; eff. May 13, 1984.

Amended: F. July 31, 1984; eff. Aug. 20, 1984.

Amended: F. Oct. 5, 1992; eff. Oct. 25, 1992.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Application for Licensure" adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2002; eff. Dec. 29, 2002.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 8, 2010; eff. Apr. 28, 2010.

2. BR 700-2-.03. Examinations for Veterinarians

Rule 700-2-.03. Examinations for Veterinarians

(1) The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine has adopted the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) administered by the International Council for Veterinary Assessment ~~National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME)ICVA~~ as its examination for licensure. All applications and fees for the NAVLE must be sent directly to the ~~NBVME)ICVA~~. The Board reserves the right to adopt other examinations similar in nature and scope.

(2) The NAVLE candidate must abide by all rules and regulations established by the ~~NBVME)ICVA~~ concerning the NAVLE.

(3) A NAVLE score of 75 or greater is required for licensure consideration.

(4) An applicant for licensure who does not obtain a NAVLE score of 75 or higher may reapply to sit for the NAVLE, pay the appropriate fee and submit a new application directly to the ~~NBVME)ICVA~~.

~~(5) No person shall take the required examination(s) more than three times without review and approval by the Board. Approval may be provided under such circumstances, as the board deems appropriate.~~

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 700-2-.03

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31 and 43-50-32.

History. Original Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.

Amended: F. Oct. 8, 1974; eff. Oct. 28, 1974.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2002; eff. Dec. 29, 2002.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 8, 2004; eff. Apr. 28, 2004.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 8, 2010; eff. Apr. 28, 2010.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Jun. 27, 2013; eff. Jul. 17, 2013.

3. BR 700-4-.01. Temporary License: Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members

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) [The applicant must complete and pass the Georgia Veterinary Law Exam.](#)

(d) 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. ~~a~~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~~A veterinary technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association certifying the applicant is a graduate.

3. The Board will accept the aforementioned documents if provided with an official seal from American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

~~(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.~~

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 700-4-.01

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

History. Original Rule entitled "Temporary License" was filed on October 8, 1974; effective Oct. 28, 1974.

Amended: Filed April 16, 1976; effective 6, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1983; effective October 4, 1983.

Amended: F. Dec. 19, 1990; eff. Jan. 8, 1991.

Repealed: F. Mar. 10, 2015; eff. Mar. 30, 2015.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "Temporary License: Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members." F. Oct. 13, 2017; eff. Nov. 2, 2017.

4. BR 700-5-.01. Application for Faculty License

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(1) Applications for veterinary faculty licenses shall be made on forms furnished by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine and includes achieving a passing score on the Georgia Veterinary Law Exam.

(2) All applicants shall meet requirements as stated in code section 43-50-~~3043~~ of the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act.

(3) Veterinary faculty license will expire on December 31 and be renewable biennially on the even numbered years.

(4) All applications for licensure expire one year from the date of receipt of the application and non-refundable fee.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 700-5-.01

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-23.

History. Original Rule was filed on October 8, 1974; effective October 29, 1974.

Amended: Filed April 16, 1976; effective May 6, 1976.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 28, 2001; eff. July 18, 2001.

5. BR 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards

Rule 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards

(1) A licensed veterinarian employed at a veterinary facility must ensure that the following criteria pertaining to surgical standards are met if surgical procedures are performed in the facility:

(a) Dose, ~~and~~ type and strength of anesthesia, and weight and physical exam findings, ~~as appropriate~~, must be recorded in the patient record.

(b) Name of licensed veterinarian performing the surgery must be recorded in the patient record.

(c) A surgery table must be used ~~as appropriate~~ for non-ambulatory procedures. Such table must have an impervious surface suitable for cleaning and disinfecting. The surgical area must be clean, orderly, and well illuminated.

(d) All surgery must be performed by a licensed veterinarian utilizing aseptic technique ~~as appropriate for the procedure~~.

(e) Surgical equipment must be sterilized in the following manner:

1. Cold sterilization must be limited to instruments used in minor ~~or other~~ procedures ~~as appropriate~~, or limited to those instruments that cannot be sterilized otherwise.

2. Surgical instruments other than those applicable to (e)1- above must be sterilized utilizing autoclave, gas, or other technique acceptable to the Board.

(f) Oxygen and equipment for administration must be readily available ~~as appropriate~~.

(g) For patients under general anesthesia for more than five minutes an endotracheal tube must be utilized. If the practitioner does not use an endotracheal tube, the rationale for foregoing its use must be documented within the medical record.

(h) For patients under general anesthesia monitoring devices or measures must be utilized and vital signs recorded at frequent intervals.

(i) Appropriate warming devices or measures for patients undergoing general anesthesia is required.

(j) Pain management is required for patients undergoing surgical procedures.

(k) Facilities and equipment for resuscitation must be readily available ~~as appropriate~~.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 700-12-.08

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-41.

History. Original Rule entitled "Surgical Standards" adopted. F. Apr. 8, 2004; eff. Apr. 28, 2004.

6. BR 700-12-.11. Patient Care

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(1) For hospitalized or sick ~~animals~~ patients that are maintained in a veterinary facility, a licensed veterinarian must ensure each patient is physically evaluated daily and any observations or evaluations must be documented ~~visit the facility and see each animal daily~~.

(2) For boarded animals that are maintained in a veterinary facility, a licensed veterinarian must physically visit the facility and see each animal daily.

(3) Patients recovering from anesthesia must be properly monitored ~~as appropriate~~.

(4) For hospitalized and sick patients, the licensed veterinarian must ensure patient comfort in a therapeutic environment that may include but not be limited to adequate bedding, medications, and exercise.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 700-12-.11

Authority: Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-41.

History. Original Rule entitled "Patient Care" adopted. F. Apr. 8, 2004; eff. Apr. 28, 2004.

The Rules Committee will discuss any recommended changes with the Board during the February 20, 2019 Board meeting.

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. Corry and Dr. Sundstrom.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, January 3, 2019, 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.

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Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

1. VET150057 / VET160012

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the order upon receipt.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the Committee meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.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
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR