

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**Tuesday, October 29, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. 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  
Mr. Thomas Culpepper, Consumer Board Member

**Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
Jessica Uzzo, Staff Attorney

**Attorney General's Office**

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

Dr. Edsel Davis, DVM, Vice Chair

**Visitors Present**

Dr. Wendy Cuevas, Director of Veterinary Services, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Dr. Mike Zager, DVM, President, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine  
Dr. Seyedmehdi Mobini, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Betsy Choder, Vet Counsel

**Call to Order:** Dr. Malphus established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Open Session Board Minutes**

**1. August 14, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the August 14, 2019 open session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**2. September 3, 2019 Board Teleconference Minutes**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the September 3, 2019 Board teleconference minutes as presented.

**3. October 29, 2019 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 29, 2019 investigative committee meeting minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify – August 7, 2019 – October 22, 2019**

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 – Veterinary Nurse Initiative – Ramona Crane, LVT, CVT**

The Board accepts the correspondence regarding the Veterinary Nurse Initiative as information, and instructed staff to acknowledge receipt and thank the writer for the submission.

**Correspondence – Letter to Secretary Raffensperger – Mike Zager, DVM, GVMA President**

The Board accepts the correspondence regarding the Letter to Secretary Raffensperger, as information.

**Correspondence – Meeting Between Veterinary Boards of Neighboring States, T.J. Schadler, DVM, Executive Director, North Carolina Board of Veterinary Medicine**

Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board agrees with the importance of the collaboration and is greatly interested in being an integral part of the process.

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

Dr. Sundstrom provided a report on his attendance as the Board representative to the AAVSB Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

1. 2019 AAVSB Member Board Profile Survey – Summary
2. 2019 AAVSB Member Board Profile Survey – Full Report
3. 2019 Annual Update
4. 2019 Nominating Committee Report
5. Proposed Changes to Practice Act Model
6. AAVSB Elects 2019-2020 Board of Directors

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

**Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) – Services for Licensing Boards Report**

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

**Discussion – Amendments to the Joint Secretary Rules on Late Renewal Periods, Jessica Uzzo, Staff Attorney**

Ms. Price presented the Board with information concerning proposed Joint Secretary of State Rule amendments regarding the lapsed-late renewal period. The current lapsed-late renewal period is 90 days and the proposed amendment will change this time limit to 30 days. If passed, the change would go into effect for the 2022 renewal biennium and not apply towards the current renewal cycle.

Jessica Uzzo joined the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Ms. Price stated that the proposed rule amendment will encourage licensees to renew in a timely manner and avoid a more costly reinstatement fee. If passed, the amended rules will apply to all Boards who do not have statutory provisions to the contrary.

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to support this change. Dr. Corry abstained from the vote.

Jessica Uzzo left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**Board Member Elections**

**1. Board Chairperson**

Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. Larry Corry as the Board's Chair.

**2. Vice Chairperson**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. John Sundstrom as the Board's Vice Chairperson.

**3. CE Cognizant**

Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Dr. Henry Bohn as the Board's CE Cognizant.

**4. Application Cognizant**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Dr. Beckey Malphus as the Board's Application Cognizant.

**5. Investigative Committee**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. John Sundstrom, Dr. Beckey Malphus, and Dr. Larry Corry to the Investigative Committee with Dr. Sundstrom as the Chair.

**6. Rules Committee**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. John Sundstrom, Dr. Beckey Malphus and Dr. Larry Corry to the Rules Committee.

**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, she addressed the following topics with the Board:

- Electronic Submission of Graduation Data in Lieu of Transcript
- Reorganization of Boards Due to Workflow

Dr. Corry 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**

Dr. Malphus informed the Board that she was contacted by the Governor’s Office regarding the recent veto of SB 75 which was an amendment to the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act. She stated that there is now greater understanding about the need to allow for some privacy as it relates to the impaired professionals program.

Ms. Price added that GORCC recommends that Senate Bill 75 pass as currently written.

**2. Georgia Law Exam Review – B. Malphus, DVM**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the VET Tech Law Exam as presented and to amend the VET Law Exam as discussed.

Dr. Sundstrom motioned, Mr. Thomas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board Chair’s report as presented.

**Dr. Bohn made a motion, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19 (h) and 50-14-2 (1) 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, Dr. Sundstrom and Mr. Culpepper.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, Dr. Malphus declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.**

**OPEN SESSION**

**Executive Session Board Minutes**

**1. August 14, 2019 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the August 14, 2019 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**2. September 3, 2019 Executive Board Teleconference Minutes**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the September 3, 2019 executive session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

**3. October 29, 2019 Executive Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 29, 2019 executive session investigative committee meeting 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, DVM**

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.

VET140060                      Close the case.

VET150005 Close the case.  
VET150048 Close the case.  
VET160006 Close the case.  
VET160037 Close the case.  
VET160052 Close the case.  
VET170018 Close the case.  
VET180046 Close the case.  
VET200001 Close the case.  
VET200003 Close the case.

**Applications for Board Review**

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.

**Applicant 2821704** Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2019 – July 30, 2019. Flag for CE Audit.

**Applicant 2824446** Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2019 – August 13, 2019. Flag for CE Audit.

**Applicant 2823786** Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2019 – August 9, 2019. Flag for CE Audit.

**Applicant 2823942** Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2019 – August 9, 2019. Flag for CE Audit.

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.

**Applicant 2820621** Schedule Applicant Interview.

**Applicant 2801597** Schedule Applicant Interview.

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

**Applicant 2825749** Reinstate license if appropriate military documentation is received.

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

**Applicant 33537** Deny request per [O.C.G.A. § 43-50-40(a-b)] Applicant is required to submit a reinstatement application and fee. Reinstate the license with a Letter of Concern regarding unlicensed practice if all other reinstatement requirements are met.

**Adjournment** No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Adrienne Price, Executive Director

**Minutes approved on:** December 11, 2019

**BECKEY MALPHUS, DVM**  
**BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

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