

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 2, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Wendy Cuevas-Espeld, DACVPM, Interim Chair
Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Larry Corry, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Matthew Bradley, DVM, Board Member
Dr. William Wright, DVM, Board Member
Mr. Thomas Culpepper, Consumer Board Member

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst
Pat Hodges, Court Reporter

Attorney General's Office

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General
Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff Absent

Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

Visitors Present

Dr. Joel Griffies, DVM
Dr. Jill Lancaster, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Justin Toth, DVM, President, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Janemarie Hennebelle, DVM
Dr. Vince Obsitnik, DVM
Betsy Choder, Vet Counsel
Dr. Seyedmehdi Mobini, DVM
Susan Blevins, Executive Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, State Government Relations, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Keri Riddick, DVM
Dr. Elizabeth Mackey, DVM
Dr. Michael Zager, DVM
Dr. Brad Miller, DVM
Dr. Robert Cobb, DVM

Call to Order: Dr. Cuevas established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Official Oath of Public Officer – Dr. William A. Wright, DVM

Adrienne Price, Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, administered the Oath of Public Officer to Dr. William A. Wright who was appointed to the Board by the Governor of the State of Georgia, Brian P. Kemp.

Agenda Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Public Rules Hearing 9:30 a.m.

1. **Rule 700-1-.02. Meetings**
2. **Rule 700-1-.03. Election of Officers**
3. **Rule 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure**
4. **Rule 700-2-.03. Examination**

5. **Rule 700-3-.01. Examination**
6. **Rule 700-5-.01. Application for Faculty License**
7. **Rule 700-6-.01. Application for Registration of Veterinary Technician**
8. **Rule 700-7-.01. Renewal of License**
9. **Rule 700-7-.02 Reinstatement of Veterinary License**
10. **Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education**
11. **Rule 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct**
12. **Rule 700-10-.01. Fees**
13. **Rule 700-11-.01. Inactive Status**
14. **Rule 700-12-.01. Definitions**
15. **Rule 700-12-.02. Facility Standards**
16. **Rule 700-12-.03. Housing**
17. **Rule 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards**
18. **Rule 700-12-.09. Examination Area**
19. **Rule 700-12-.11. Patient Care**
20. **Rule 700-12-.12. Renewal Statement**

Dr. Cuevas called the hearing in the matter of Board Rule 700-1-.02. Meetings; Board Rule 700-1-.03. Election of Officers; Board Rule 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure; Board Rule 700-2-.03. Examination; Board Rule 700-3-.01. Examination; Board Rule 700-5-.01. Application for Faculty License; Board Rule 700-6-.01. Application for Registration of Veterinary Technician; Board Rule 700-7-.01. Renewal of License; Board Rule 700-7-.02. Reinstatement of Expired Licenses; Board Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education; Board Rule 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct; Board Rule 700-10-.01. Fees; Board Rule 700-11-.01. Inactive Status; Board Rule 700-12-.01. Definitions; Board Rule 700-12-.02. Facility Standards; Board Rule 700-12-.03. Housing; Board Rule 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards; Board Rule 700-12-.09. Examination Area; Board Rule 700-12-.11. Patient Care; and Board Rule 700-12-.12. Renewal Statement hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. Members of the Board introduced themselves for the record and Dr. Cuevas established that there were members of the general public present.

See Attachment A for Rule Amendments.

Written Comments Received

Kathryn Strickland, DVM – General statement for all rule amendments.

1. Board Rule 700-1-.02. Meetings

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-1-.02. Meetings proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-1-.02. Meetings upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-25; 43-50-20(e); 43-50-21; 43-50-110; 50-14-1(d)(2) and (3) to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B),

(C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

2. Rule 700-1-.03. Election of Officers

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-1-.03. Election of Officers proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-1-.03. Election of Officers upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25; 43-50-20(f); 43-50-21; 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

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

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure for Veterinarians proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure for Veterinarians upon licensees. Mr. Culpepper motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Mr. Culpepper motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31; 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

4. Rule 700-2-.03. Examinations for Veterinarians

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-2-.03. Examinations for Veterinarians proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-2-.03. Examinations for Veterinarians upon licensees. Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31(a), and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

5. Rule 700-3-.01. Examination (REPEAL)

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to repeal Board Rule 700-3-.01. Examination.

The Board discussed the economic impact of the repeal of Board Rule 700-3-.01. Examination upon licensees. Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the repeal of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the repeal cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25; 43-50-20(f); 43-50-21; 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The repeal of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

6. Rule 700-5-.01. Application for Faculty License

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-5-.01. Application for Faculty License proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-5-.01. Application for Faculty License upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-43 and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The

formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

7. Rule 700-6-.01. Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians License

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-6-.01. Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians License proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-6-.01. Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians License upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52(2)(D) and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

8. Rule 700-7-.01. Renewal of License

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-7-.01. Renewal of License proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-7-.01. Renewal of License upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-50-21, 43-50-40; and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

9. Rule 700-7-.02. Reinstatement of Expired Licenses

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-7-.02. Reinstatement of Expired Licenses proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-7-.02. Reinstatement of Expired Licenses upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1), (2), (g), 43-1-25, 43-50-21, and 43-50-11043-50-40, 43-50-41(a)(1), 43-50-41(a)(2) to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

10. Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-52; and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

11. Rule 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct

Written Comments Received

Scott Young
Justin Toth, DVM, GVMA President
Peter Martin, DVM
Lisa Nolan, DVM, GA Athletics Association

Verbal Comments Received

Justin Toth, DVM, GVMA President

Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, State Government Relations, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table Board Rule 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct proposed amendment.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Board Rule 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct proposed amendment back to the Rules Committee.

12. Rule 700-10-.01. Fees

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-10-.01. Fees proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-10-.01. Fees upon licensees. Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7; 43-1-25; 43-50-21; and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

13. Rule 700-11-.01. Inactive Status

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-11-.01. Inactive Status proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-11-.01. Inactive Status upon licensees. Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-40(c) and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

14. Rule 700-12-.01. Definitions

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Wright motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-12-.01. Definitions proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-12-.01. Definitions upon licensees. Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-41, 43-50-55 and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

15. Rule 700-12-.02. Facility Standards

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 700-12-.02. Facility Standards proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 700-12-.02. Facility Standards upon licensees. Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-55, 43-50-90(a) and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

16. Rule 700-12-.03. Housing (REPEAL)

Dr. Corry motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to repeal Board Rule 700-12-.03. Housing.

The Board discussed the economic impact of the repeal of Board Rule 700-12-.03. Housing upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the repeal of

this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the repeal cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-41 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The repeal of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

17. Rule 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards

Written Comments Received

Justin Toth, DVM, GVMA President
Peter Martin, DVM
Lisa Nolan, DVM, GA Athletics Association

Verbal Comments Received

Justin Toth, DVM, GVMA President
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, State Government Relations, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Keri Riddick, DVM

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table and refer Board Rule 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards proposed amendment. proposed amendment back to the Rules Committee.

18. Rule 700-12-.09. Examination Area

Written Comments Received

Justin Toth, DVM, GVMA President
Peter Martin, DVM
Lisa Nolan, DVM, GA Athletics Association

Verbal Comments Received

Justin Toth, DVM, GVMA President
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, State Government Relations, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table and refer Board Rule 700-12-.09. Examination Area proposed amendment back to rules committee.

19. Rule 700-12-.11. Patient Care

Written Comments Received

Justin Toth, DVM, GVMA President
Peter Martin, DVM
Lisa Nolan, DVM, GA Athletics Association

Verbal Comments Received

Justin Toth, DVM, GVMA President

Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, State Government Relations, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Keri Riddick, DVM

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table and refer Board Rule 700-12-.11. Patient Care proposed amendment back to rules committee.

20. Rule 700-12-.12. Renewal Statement (REPEAL)

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to repeal Board Rule 700-12-.12. Renewal Statement.

The Board discussed the economic impact of the repeal of Board Rule 700-12-.12. Renewal Statement upon licensees. Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the repeal of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the repeal cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-41 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The repeal of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

Mr. Culpepper motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send the Memoranda of Authority provided by the Attorney General's Office with the rules adopted today to the Governor's office for oversight.

The hearing was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Pat Hodges left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Open Session Board Minutes

1. October 21, 2020 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Mr. Culpepper motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 21, 2020 open session Board zoom meeting minutes as presented.

2. December 1, 2020 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 1, 2020 open session investigative committee minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: October 14, 2020 – November 25, 2020

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright 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 – Farewell Remarks from Dr. Henry Bohn, DVM

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send an official letter from the Board to Dr. Henry Bohn thanking him for his illustrious service to the public and commitment to the profession of Veterinary Medicine through his appointment to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Petition for Rule Variance – BR 700-7-.03(d)(7) Wendy Cuevas

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 700-7-.03(d)(7), based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Dr. Cuevas recused herself from the vote.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 700-7-.03(d)(7) Stuart Oberman

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 700-7-.03(d)(7), based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Discussion – Chatham County's Animal Services Ordinance

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to Chatham County's Animal Services Ordinance as information.

Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

1. 2020 Annual Meeting & Conference Virtual Event Highlights
2. AAVSB – Controlled Substance Act Update from DEA
3. AAVSB – RACE Standards Update_Eff. Jan 1, 2021
4. AAVSB – Volunteers Needed

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

Discussion – VetFolio ask (Assess, Support, Know) Program

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

Discussion – Board Member Elections

1. Board Chairperson

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

2. Vice Chairperson

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Dr. Wendy Cuevas as the Board's Vice Chairperson.

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:

- Implementation of Provisions of Senate Bill 346
Dr. Malphus motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to create an Alternative To Discipline Subcommittee for the purpose of addressing Georgia's Professional Health Program which can assist all licensees of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine who develop potentially impairing conditions, mental illnesses, substance abuse and other addictive disorders. The Subcommittee Members are to include Dr. Wendy Cuevas, Dr. Mathew Bradley, and Dr. William Wright.
- Temporary Licenses for Military, Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members
- Electronic Submission of Graduation Data in Lieu of Transcript
- Efforts to Gain & Retain Revenue

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

Board Chair's Report – W. Cuevas, DACVPM

Dr. Cuevas address the Board and expressed her gratitude to the public for their attendance today during the Public Rules Hearing. She shared her gratitude to the other Board members for their work and for allowing her to preside over the meeting today as the Interim Board Chair. Dr. Cuevas concluded by honoring the contributions and consistent and exemplary service of Dr. Henry Bohn, previous Board Chair and member.

Dr. Corry made a motion, Dr. Bradley 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 receive and review information pertaining to investigative reports, pending cases and enforcement matters and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included: Dr. Corry, Dr. Malthus, Dr. Cuevas, Dr. Bradley, Dr. Wright, and Mr. Culpepper.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, Dr. Cuevas 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. October 21, 2020 Executive Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**
- 2. December 1, 2020 Investigative Committee Executive Session Minutes**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 21, 2020 executive session Board zoom meeting minutes and the December 1, 2020 executive session investigative committee minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – M. Brannen

Dr. Malphus 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 – L. Corry, DVM

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

VET200063 (a) Close the case with a Letter of Concern record keeping and surgical procedures.

VET200063 (b) Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding record keeping.

VET200066 Reschedule the Investigative Interview.

VET190093 Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding patient identification.

VET180033 Renew the license and close the case.

VET200059 Close the case.

VET200069 Schedule an Investigative Interview.

VET200073 Schedule an Investigative Interview.

VET200074 Table pending additional investigation.

VET200075 Close the case.

VET200076 Close the case.

VET200079 Schedule an Investigative Interview. Dr. Malphus recused herself.

VET200080 Close the case.

VET200081 Table pending additional investigation.

VET200085 Close the case.

VET200086 Close the case.

VET200087 Close the case.

VET200088 Refer to Investigations as discussed.

VET200096 Close the case.

VET200099 Schedule an Investigative Interview with Respondent 2.

VET200103 Schedule an Investigative Interview.

VET200109 Table pending additional information.

Mary Brannen joined the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Melissa Tracy left the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

VET200110 Close the case.

VET200111 Close the case.

VET200112 Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding record keeping.

VET200115 Close the case.

VET200120 Close the case.

VET200121 Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding client communication.

VET200123 Schedule an Investigative Interview with Respondent 1.

VET190048 Table pending Board discussion.

VET200125 Schedule an Investigative Interview with both Respondents.

VET200137 Close the case.

VET200138 Close the case.

- VET200139** Close the case.
- VET200144** Close the case with a Letter of Concern prescribing practices.
- VET200146** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding advertising.
- VET200147** Table pending peer review.
- VET210008** Request information as discussed. Upon receipt, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing for a Cease and Desist Order.
- VET210012** Refer to Investigations.
- VET210013** Close the case.
- VET210015** Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing for a Cease and Desist Order. If Respondent attempts to reinstate the Board will review the information in this case with the application.
- VET210017** Close the case.
- VET210018** Close the case, no jurisdiction.
- VET190048** Rescind the previous vote to refer Respondent 1 to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or a Public Consent Order with terms and conditions as discussed for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice and prescribing violations. Pending additional information regarding case VET200123.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

The Board entered into a discussion regarding the need for further direction as requested by CE Program Providers to adequately fulfill the application requirement to submit proof of attendance tracking and attendee engagement for online CE programs. Dr. Cuevas volunteered to present clarified language to include in the online instructions for CE providers during the February 10, 2021 Board meeting.

Applications for Board Review

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

- Applicant 2800976** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal history.
- Applicant 2902373** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.
- Applicant 2896595** Issue the license.

Reinstatement

- Applicant 2877379** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal history.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: January 20, 2021

WENDY CUEVAS-EPELID, DACVPM

ADRIENNE PRICE

INTERIM BOARD CHAIRPERSON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR