

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Vice Chair
Dr. Larry Corry, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Matthew Bradley, DVM, Board Member
Dr. William Wright, DVM, Board Member
Mr. Thomas Culpepper, Consumer Board Member

Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor
Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM, Chair

Attorney General's Office

Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Susan Blevins, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Cheryl Kennedy, M.Ed., Community Relations and Marketing, Director of Continuing Education, UGACVM
1 Unidentified Caller

Call to Order: Dr. Cuevas established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board voted to accept the agenda as presented.

Open Session Board Minutes

1. December 2, 2020 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 2, 2020 open session Board zoom meeting minutes as presented.

2. December 17, 2020 Rules Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 17, 2020 Rules Committee zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

1. BR 700-7-.03(d)(7) Debi Keck, Practice Administrator, VRSP

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright 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.

2. BR 700-7-04 Kaylin Cleaves, BluePearl Veterinary Partners

Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Thomas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 700-7-04 based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Dr. Cuevas addressed the Board regarding the expiration date listed in Board Rule 700-7-0.1-.03. Emergency Rule on Continuing Veterinary Education which was implemented in March. She wanted to clarify if the rule did in fact expire as of December 31, 2021. Ms. Price indicated that the rule was specific to those who were required to renew by December 31, 2021. After the Board discussed the matter further it was determined that Dr. Cuevas will draft language for a new emergency rule for the current cycle and present the Board with the draft during the February 10, 2021 meeting.

Dr. Cuevas also mentioned that licensees are having some issues with renewing their DEA licenses as some Georgia Veterinary licenses continue to be in Active Renewal Pending status. Ms. Price reiterated information listed on the Board website as it relates to extremely high volume of applications for licensure and renewal and references the statute, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(b). She also noted that Federal guidelines and state requirements may differ for which the state has no control over. Ms. Price stated that staff is processing renewals as quickly as possible and noted that the agency has been in the interview process for temporary employees to assist with the increased work load. However, she also noted that those temporary employees who were recently retained have been delegated to the Healthcare 3 Section which is the Georgia Board of Nursing. Any additional resources are being relegate to the Georgia Board of Nursing as a result of recent Executive Orders of the Governor to expedite licensing for that group as it relates to COVID-19.

Executive Session Board Minutes

1. December 2, 2020 Executive Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 2, 2020 executive session Board zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: February 10, 2021

BECKEY MALPHUS, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR