

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via Zoom meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM, Chair
Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Vice Chair
Dr. Larry Corry, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Matthew Bradley, DVM, Board Member
Dr. William Wright, DVM, Board Member

Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor
Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office

Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Mr. Thomas Culpepper, Consumer Board Member

Administrative Staff Absent

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Visitors Present

Dr. Susan Blevins, Executive Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Jill Lancaster, DVM, Former President, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, State Government Relations, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Betsy Choder, Vet Counsel
2 Unidentified Callers

Call to Order: Dr. Malphus established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Board Minutes

1. January 20, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the January 20, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

2. February 9, 2021 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 9, 2021 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify – November 26, 2020 – February 3, 2021

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley 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 – Questions Regarding CE

1. Letter of Appreciation to Dr. Henry E. Bohn, DVM from GSBVM

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to the Letter of Appreciation to Dr. Henry E. Bohn, DVM as information.

2. Request for Clarification on BR 700-7-.03 for Virtual CE – Dr. Andrew Smith, DVM

The Board tabled a decision on this agenda item until after the discussion on Rule 700-7-0.2-.03. Emergency Rule on Continuing Veterinary Education.

3. Follow-up Questions Regarding CE – Dr. Amy Kasprisin, DVM

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine and its administrative staff may not provide advice or interpret the statute and rules for any third party due to potential legal ramifications for providing such advice. As the rule requirements are plainly stated it is suggested that the writer seek guidance from their personal legal counsel on the matter.

Discussion – Position Statement - Use of Acupuncture for Tx Animals - Heather Vaughn

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to Position Statement - Use of Acupuncture for Tx Animals as information.

Discussion – Request for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion CE Requirement – Dr. Mia Cary, DVM, CEO of Pride VMC et. al.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the correspondence to the Rules Committee for consideration.

Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

- 1. Announcement - Model Regulation for the Scope of Practice for Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Technologists**
- 2. Copy of Model Regulations for Scope of Practice for Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Technologists**
- 3. Copy of Practice Act Model**

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

Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)

- 1. Report for Veterinary Licensing Boards**
- 2. Call for Nominations to the Assessment Development Committee**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to ICVA, as information.

Discussion – Rule 700-7-0.2-.03. Emergency Rule on Continuing Veterinary Education – Dr. Cuevas, DVM

Upon finding that the coronavirus pandemic is of imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare; and, upon Governor Kemp’s Executive Order declaring a public health emergency in the state of Georgia; and based upon the fact that in-person continuing education seminars have been canceled thus preventing licensees from meeting renewal requirements and the need to increase access to continuing education; and recognizing that there is independent support from licensees for obtaining all CE via electronic means, Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Rule 700-7-0.2-.03. Emergency Rule on Continuing Veterinary Education as presented below, refer it to the Attorney General’s Office for authority and promptly refer the amendment to the Governor’s Office for review.

Rule 700-7-0.2-.03. Emergency Rule on Continuing Veterinary Education

- 1) Due to the State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, Georgia Licensed veterinarians may obtain all 30 hours of continuing education online in order to satisfy the requirements for license renewal. This rule shall remain until the State of Emergency is no longer in effect.
 - a) Of the thirty (30) hours required, two (2) per renewal period must be acquired in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism (LEAP).
 - b) The LEAP requirement may only be satisfied via an in-person lecture or live interactive webinars that include measures to ensure active participation throughout the course.
 - c) Georgia licensees who do not practice in the State of Georgia are not required to meet the two (2) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
- 2) Blanket approval is awarded to any National, State and International veterinary association meetings, United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture sponsored meeting, Board Certified Specialties programs recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, all AVMA accredited veterinary college or school sponsored classes and programs, all AAVSB RACE approved programs, any GVMA constituent organization programs, AAHA programs, programs sponsored by the United States or Southern Animal Health Association and any course approved by another state board. Blanket approval does not apply to any continuing education programs on Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
- 3) All continuing education courses on LEAP or any continuing education course which is not offered by a blanket approved organization must be awarded Board approval.
- 4) In addition to the LEAP requirements, the remaining credit hours may be earned as follows:
 - a) One (1) hour may be given for each 50 minutes of contact time. Seminars are composed of lectures or labs; welcoming remarks, business sessions, unstructured demonstrations or degree programs are not considered seminars.
 - b) Three (3) hours can be for journal studies where follow-up testing is required. Fifteen (15) hours of interactive computer-generated courses will be allowed. Follow-up testing is required.
 - c) A maximum of twelve (12) hours will be allowed per calendar day.
 - d) A maximum of six (6) hours for veterinarians can be acquired through in-house training at the licensees' place of employment.
 - e) A maximum of ten (10) hours can be acquired through in-house training for veterinary faculty at AVMA accredited institutions.

- 5) A veterinarian licensed during the first year of a biennium must obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education and is not required to meet the two (2) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
- 6) A veterinarian licensed during the second year of a biennium is exempt from obtaining continuing education for that renewal period. After this time period, the entire thirty (30) hours is required for each renewal.

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Cuevas 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 rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-52. Additionally, it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-52 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.

Correspondence – Request for Clarification on BR 700-7-.03 for Virtual CE – Dr. Andrew Smith, DVM

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify Dr. Smith of the vote to adopt a new emergency rule regarding continuing education and to monitor the Board website regarding any updates relevant to its approval by the Governor.

Rules Committee – Dr. Malphus, DVM

The Board reviewed the proposed amendments to Board Rules 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct, Rule 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards, Rule 700-12-.09. Examination Area and Rule 700-12-.11. Patient Care as presented below. Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to allow the justification cited for each amendment within the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes to stand refer each of the referenced rules and refer them to the Attorney General’s Office for a memorandum of authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of these rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee; and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-52. Additionally, it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21, 43-50-40, 43-50-52 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.

1. **BR 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct**
2. **BR 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards**
3. **BR 700-12-.09. Examination Area**
4. **BR 700-12-.11. Patient Care**

1. **BR 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct.**

The Board reviewed their recommended amendments to Board Rule 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct, and stated the reason for the amendment is for housekeeping purposes. The amended language carries out policy objectives that are expressed in a statute. The recommended amendments prohibit/prevent unsafe practices and/or fraud especially

in the arena of medication prescribing. The changes will ensure competent practitioners and expand access to care/services. The Board considered multiple variations and their recommendations are based upon acceptable prevailing practices. The independent support for their recommendations comes from national standards. This amendment will affect the general public, patients/clients and practitioners.

Rule 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct.

~~Within the meaning of Ga. Code subsection 43-50-2141(a)(67), u~~Unprofessional conduct ~~means~~shall include, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Advertising - defined: Advertising shall mean any information communicated in a manner designed to attract public attention to the practice of the licensee or registrant. Advertising shall include but not be limited to, a communication, published or displayed through the use of newspaper, internet, telephone directory, pamphlets or handouts, radio, television, signs, billboard, window display or any other means of medium.

1. A licensee or registrant shall not make any false, misleading or deceptive communication in any form of advertising.

2. Advertisement of prices must contain a complete description of veterinary services included in any advertised price and disclosure of any extra charges that may be required to serve the consumer's needs.

(b) Professional Relationships:

1. It shall be unprofessional conduct for a licensee or registrant without just cause and in bad faith or for the purpose of soliciting patronage or personal pecuniary gain to disparage the profession or professional capabilities of another licensee or registrant.

2. It shall be unprofessional conduct to aid any person, firm, or corporation to engage in the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine.

3. It shall be unprofessional conduct for a licensee or registrant to guarantee a cure or to offer his name in a commercial setting in a testimonial as to virtues of proprietary remedies or foods.

4. Consultation by an attending veterinarian with other veterinarians expert in the particular matter on which consultation is sought is in the public interest and thus is expected of the attending veterinarian when the need arises. But such consultation is discouraged if the consulting veterinarian employs the relationship so created to disparage the attending veterinarian or to solicit business; such practices are not in the public interest.

(i) It shall therefore be unprofessional conduct for a licensee called as a consulting veterinarian to disparage in the presence of the client the competence of the attending veterinarian. The Board does, however, expect any incompetence or negligence to be reported to it and nothing in this rule prohibits such reports or the giving of testimony in public or private litigation.

(ii) It shall be unprofessional conduct for a consulting veterinarian to assume unauthorized control of the case or to utilize the consulting relationship to solicit business for himself or others.

5. It shall be unprofessional conduct for a licensee employed to render professional advice by one party in negotiations concerning the sale of an animal to accept to a fee from the other party.

(c) Failure to Maintain Patient Records:

1. A veterinarian shall prepare and maintain a record reflecting the care and treatment of animals treated or boarded.

2. These records shall contain clinical information sufficient to justify the diagnosis and warrant treatment and shall, if applicable, include but not be limited to the following information:

(i) Name, address and telephone number of the animal's owner;

(ii) Name of attending veterinarian and staff rendering care;

(iii) Patient identification, including name, ages, sex and breed;

(iv) Dates of examination, treatment and custody of the animal;

- (v) Patient history;
 - (vi) Presenting complaint;
 - (vii) Vaccination history;
 - (viii) Findings from physical examination, including temperature and weight for each examination;
 - (ix) Clinical lab reports, if applicable;
 - (x) Medication prescribed or recommended, and treatment, including dose, strength, and frequency;
 - (xi) Anesthetic, including dose, strength, type, and amount and monitoring of vital signs at frequent intervals, if applicable;
 - (xii) Details of surgical procedure including with complications and/or abnormalities noted with documentation of suture materials used, if applicable;
 - (xiii) Progress and disposition of the case to include client communications and copies of any written instructions for home care;
 - (xiv) Differential diagnoses; and
 - (xv) ~~X-rays if applicable~~ Radiographs to include radiographic interpretations.
3. All records shall be kept in a readily retrievable form, shall be recorded contemporaneously, and shall be filed promptly following treatment.
4. Patient records shall be kept by a veterinarian for three (3) years after a patient's last visit, notwithstanding any other provisions of law.
5. Copies of patient records must be made available to the owner of the animal upon written request to the veterinarian who treated the animal or to the veterinarian facility where the treatment was provided. Such records must be made available within ten (10) business days from request. The veterinarian may charge a reasonable charge for the search, retrieval, duplication and, if applicable, mailing of the patient records.
6. A veterinarian shall respond to an inquiry by the Board within fifteen (15) days and/or provide the Board with evidence that requested records have been released to the client.
- (7) Failure to keep records as required by this subparagraph shall constitute a failure to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing veterinary medical practice.
- (d) Failure to have an appropriate Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship. An appropriate veterinarian/client/patient relationship will exist when:
1. The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and the need for medical treatment, and the client (owner or other caretaker) has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian;
 2. There is sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal(s). This means that the veterinarian is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal(s) by virtue of:
 - (i) ~~an~~ An examination of the animal by the veterinarian within the last twelve (12) months, or
 - (ii) ~~medically~~ Medically appropriate and timely visits by the veterinarian to the premises where the patient is kept;
 3. A veterinarian/client/patient relationship cannot be established solely by telephone, computer or other electronic means; ~~and,~~
 4. A licensed veterinarian is readily available for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.
- (e) Prescription Drugs:
1. It is unlawful for a veterinarian to release, prescribe, and/or dispense any prescription drugs without having established a valid veterinary/client/patient relationship.
 2. After a valid veterinary/client/patient relationship has been established, a veterinarian must make available, upon request, at a reasonable cost, a written prescription.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-41, 43-50-90 and 43-50-110.

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

The Board reviewed their recommended amendments to Board Rule 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards, and stated the reason for the amendment is for housekeeping purposes. The amended language prohibits/prevents unsafe practices and/or fraud, ensuring competent practitioners and expands access to care/services. The amendments carry out policy objectives that are expressed in a statute. The Board considered multiple variations and decided the recommendations are the most fair and least burdensome, yet still ensure safety. The independent support for their recommendations comes from national standards, previous history of violations and findings from investigative cases. This amendment will affect the general public, patient care, clients and practitioners by improving facility protocols and equipment to improve patient care and safety.

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. If the practitioner does not use a surgery table, the rationale for foregoing it use must be documented within the patient record.
- (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 can-not 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 available ~~as appropriate.~~
- (g) For patients under general anesthesia for more than five minutes an endotracheal tube must be utilized as appropriate for the procedure.
- (h) For patients under general anesthesia monitoring and vital signs must be recorded at intervals in accordance with minimal standards.
- (i) Warming devices for patients undergoing general anesthesia is required as appropriate.
- (j) Pain management is required for patients undergoing surgical procedures.
- (k) Facilities and equipment for resuscitation must be readily available ~~as appropriate.~~

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(8), 43-50-90(a), and 43-50-110.

3. BR 700-12-.09. Examination Area.

The Board reviewed their recommended amendments to Board Rule 700-12-.09. Examination Area, and stated the reason for the amendment is for housekeeping purposes which carry out policy objectives that are expressed in a statute. The amended language prohibits/prevents unsafe practices and/or fraud by ensuring public safety. The Board did not consider multiple variations as the rule is based on national standards which provided the independent support for their recommendations. This amendment will affect both practitioners and clients.

Rule 700-12-.09. Examination Area.

(1) A licensed veterinarian employed at a veterinary facility must ensure that the following criteria pertaining to the examination area are met:

- (a) Area must be maintained in a clean and orderly manner.
- (b) Impervious waste receptacle must be provided.
- (c) Disposable towels and a sink must be readily accessible ~~as appropriate~~. A sink in a restroom is not considered acceptable.
- (d) The examination table must have an impervious surface suitable for cleaning and disinfecting.
- (e) Minimum safety standards must be in place for patient and client safety.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(8), 43-50-41; 43-50-90(a), and 43-50-110.

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

The Board reviewed their recommended amendments to Board Rule 700-12-.11. Patient Care, and stated the reason for the amendment is for housekeeping purposes which carry out policy objectives that are expressed in a statute. The amended language prohibits/prevents unsafe practices and/or fraud, ensures competent practitioners and expands access to care/services. The Board considered multiple variations and found it the least restrictive while maintaining public safety. The independent support for their recommendations comes from national standards and findings from complaint cases. This amendment will affect the public, patients and boarded animals, as well as practitioners, by ensuring proper patient monitoring.

Rule 700-12-.11. Patient Care.

(1) (1) For hospitalized or sick ~~animals-patients~~ that are maintained in a veterinary facility, a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician must physically evaluate each patient daily.

(a) Patients recovering from anesthesia must be properly monitored.

(b) For hospitalized and sick patients, the licensed veterinarian must have appropriate measures in place to ensure patient comfort.

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

~~(23) Patients recovering from anesthesia must be properly monitored as appropriate.~~

~~(4) For hospitalized and sick patients, the licensed veterinarian must have appropriate measures in place to ensure patient comfort.~~

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(8), 43-50-90(a); and 43-50-110.

Discussion – Alternative to Discipline Committee – Dr. Cuevas, DVM

Dr. Cuevas summarized the information presented to the Board within the Alternative to Discipline Committee Summary Report for December 9, 2020. After some discussion, Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the motion carried unanimously to request the Office of Secretary of State to proceed with entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Professionals Health Program, Inc. for the purposes of carrying out policy objectives that are expressed in the statute for the provision of monitoring and rehabilitation services for impaired veterinarians in this state and refer the task of developing decision trees and processes for self-reporting back to the Alternative to Discipline Committee to prepare for presentation to the Board at a later date.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

BR 700-7-.03(d)(7) South Georgia Medical Association – Dr. Lee Jones, DVM

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

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
- Temporary Licenses for Military, Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members
- Electronic Submission of Graduation Data in Lieu of Transcript
- Efforts to Gain & Retain Revenue and the need to charge for all services allowed by law, to include Continuing Education Applications
- AAVSB Executive Director/Registrar Roundtable

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director’s report as presented and for the Executive Director to research the fees associated with the processing of CE applications for other veterinary licensing boards in other jurisdictions.

Board Chair’s Report – Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM

Dr. Malphus indicated that she had nothing to report at this time. After allowing individuals in the virtual gallery to introduce themselves for the purposes of recognizing and recording the visitors on the record, she thanked them for attending the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session and enter into the Executive Session of the meeting.

Dr. Bradley made a motion, Dr. Wright 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. Bradley, Dr. Corry, Dr. Cuevas, Dr. Malphus and Dr. Wright.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 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. January 20, 2021 Board Zoom Executive Session Meeting Minutes**
- 2. February 9, 2021 Investigative Committee Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the January 20, 2021 Board Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes and February 9, 2021 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – M. Brannen

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s Report as presented.

VET190084

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to close the case based on lack of jurisdiction. Board to consider the facts of the case if the Respondent attempts to reinstate the license.

Legal Services Memo

VET210039 Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the application for licensure based on unlicensed practice.

Investigative Committee Report – L. Corry, DVM

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

VET200066 Refer to investigations for a facility inspection and obtain a written statement regarding the responsibilities of the family members.

VET200069 Close the case.

VET200073 Close the case.

VET200079 Close the case.

VET200099 Close the case with a letter of concern regarding performing a complete examination.

VET200103 Peer Review.

VET200123 Table pending additional investigation.

VET200125a Letter of concern regarding client communication and recommendations as discussed in Executive Session.

VET200125b Close the case.

VET170046 Close the case.

VET190074 Renew the license with a reservation of rights letter and refer to the Attorney General's Office for an Outpatient Mental Physical Examination.

VET200068 Close the case.

VET200114 Schedule an investigative interview. Request the records for the patient and ensure the Respondent brings the records with them during the interview.

VET200122 Close the case.

VET200136 Close the case.

VET200145 Close the case.

VET210006 Report to Georgia Department of Agriculture and close the case.

VET210007 Close the case with a letter of concern regarding the handling of aggressive patients.

VET210010 Close the case.

VET210011 Close the case.
VET210048 Table pending additional information. Request a letter of explanation.
VET210061 Close the case.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applications for Board Review

Applicant 2910411 Refer to LS for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice from March 2020 to present.
Applicant 2902886 Issue license with Letter of concern regarding criminal history.

Renewals

Applicant 34537 Refer to LS for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 and completion of two (2) hours of LEAP Continuing Education hours. Within ninety (90) days of the docket date of the order, the proof of completion of the CE must be submitted and the fine paid in full. CE submitted to satisfy the terms of the order cannot be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending December 31, 2022. Flag for CE Audit.
Applicant 1100861 Renew license with Letter of concern regarding alcohol treatment.
Applicant 1148844 Renew license with Letter of concern regarding substance abuse history.
Applicant 1275379 Renew license and request the licensee to submit the final disposition of the complaint case filed in another jurisdiction within ten (10) days of receipt of the final decision.
Applicant 2090672 Request a copy of CE for the last biennium and confirm where the licensee is practicing. Upon receipt and review refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.
Applicant 2871739 Renew license with Letter of concern regarding substance abuse history.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes reviewed by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor
Minutes approved on: April 14, 2021

BECKEY MALPHUS, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR