

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 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  
Ms. Jessica Sewell, RVT  
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

**Attorney General's Office**

Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

No members absent.

**Visitors Present**

BJ Sewell  
Christine Crick  
Ashley Worthey  
Velda Wells  
Patti Levan, Treasurer, Georgia Veterinary Technician and Assistant Association  
Melissa Zangerle  
Diana Duncan  
Carolyn Spivock  
Jamie Rauscher  
Dr. Susan Blevins, Executive Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Betsy Choder, Vet Counsel  
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, State Government Relations, UGACVM

**Call to Order:** Dr. Malphus established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Oath of Public Officer – Swearing in of Jessica M. Sewell, LVT**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, swore in Jessica M. Sewell who was appointed to the Board by the Governor of the State of Georgia, Brian Kemp.

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

**Open Session Board Minutes**

**1. February 10, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 10, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

**2. April 13, 2021 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the April 13, 2021 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: February 3, 2021 – April 7, 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 – Live Zoom Webinars - Cheryl Kennedy, Director of Continuing Education, UGACVM**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion for Executive Session.

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

1. Suspicious Orders (SORS) Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) & Opioid and Diversion Awareness Information
2. Explore Regulatory Board Best Practices at Board Basics & Beyond Virtual in 2021
3. Question from Georgia - Fees for CE Providers

Dr. Cuevas motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion regarding fees for CE Providers for Executive Session.

**4. Topics for Discussion**

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

**Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) – Veterinary School Admissions – Useful Student Achievement Indicators**

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

**Governor Active Supervision Certificates**

1. BR 700-1-.02. Meetings
2. BR 700-1-.03. Election of Officers
3. BR 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure
4. BR 700-2-.03. Examination
5. BR 700-3-.01. Examination
6. BR 700-5-.01. Application for Faculty License
7. BR 700-6-.01. Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians
8. BR 700-7-.01. Renewal of License
9. BR 700-7-.02. Reinstatement of Expired Licenses
10. BR 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education
11. BR 700-10-.01. Fees
12. BR 700-11-.01. Inactive Status
13. BR 700-12-.01. Definitions
14. BR 700-12-.02. Facility Standards
15. BR 700-12-.03. Housing
16. BR 700-12-.12. Renewal Statement

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to the Governor Active Supervision Certificates, as information.

**Petitions for Rule Waiver**

**1. BR 700-7-.03 Mark Drew**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 700-7-.03 based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Dr. Bradley, Dr. Cuevas, Ms. Sewell voted to oppose the granting of the petition to waive BR 700-7-.03 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. The petition is granted by majority vote.

**2. BR 700-7-.04 Malika Nelson VETT001311**

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

**3. BR 700-7-.03(d)(7) Becky Roller – Capital Veterinary Specialists**

**a) Uncommon Causes of Forelimb Lameness in Dogs and Cats**

Dr. Wright motioned, Mr. Culpepper 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.

**b) Radiology Rounds**

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.

**c) Recovery-Guided Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation**

Dr. Wright motioned, Mr. Culpepper 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.

**4. BR 700-7-.03(a)(1)(i) David Selleck**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion for Executive Session.

**Petition for Rule Variance – BR 700-7-.03(b)(4) David Selleck**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion for Executive Session.

**Discussion – Alternative to Discipline Committee – Dr. Cuevas, Chair**

Dr. Corry motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Dr. Cuevas to present her findings, forms, and report during the June 23, 2021 meeting.

**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

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the

Executive Director's report as presented.

**Board Chair's Report – Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM**

No report presented.

**Dr. Bradley 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 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. Malphus, Dr. Corry, Dr. Bradley, Dr. Cuevas, Dr. Wright, Mr. Culpepper, and Ms. Sewell.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, April 14, 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. February 10, 2021 Board Zoom Executive Session Meeting Minutes**
- 2. April 13, 2021 Investigative Committee Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 10, 2021 Board Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes and April 13, 2021 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Attorney General's Report – M. Brannen**

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

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:

- 1. VET210015** Close the case. If attempts to reinstate, pursue disciplinary action.
- 2. VET210008** Close the case based on insufficient evidence.
- 3. VET190048** Close the case based on insufficient evidence.
- 4. Board Rules**
  - a) BR 700-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct**
  - b) BR 700-12-.08 Surgical Standards**
  - c) BR 700-12-.09 Examination Area**
  - d) BR 700-12-.11 Patient Care**

The Board voted to post BR 700-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct; BR 700-12-.08 Surgical Standards; BR 700-12-.09 Examination Area; and BR 700-12-.11 Patient Care for a Public Rules Hearing.

- e) BR 700-7-.02-.03 Emergency Rule on Continuing Education**

Upon finding that the coronavirus pandemic is of imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare; and, upon Governor Kemp's Executive Order declaring a public health emergency is still in effect in the state of Georgia; Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Board Rule 700-7-.02-.03 Emergency Rule on Continuing Education to the Attorney General's Office for memoranda of authority. If authority is granted, the rule is adopted as written and to be referred it to the Governor's Office along with the memoranda for review and approval. The purpose of the emergency rule is to allow VETs and VET Techs to obtain all Board approved continuing education on-line through the current biennium which ends December 31, 2022.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Board Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education to the Rules Committee.

#### **Legal Services Memo – Request for Reconsideration VET210076**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion, close the case and issue the license.

#### **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:

- VET180041** Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Agreement for Renewal of Licensure with terms and conditions as discussed.
- VET200074** Table for additional investigation. Upon completion of investigation, schedule an Investigative Interview.
- VET200034** Schedule an Investigative Interview with Respondent 1 and Respondent 2. Refer Respondent 1 to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for a Cease and Desist Order. Refer Respondent 3 to the Georgia Medical Composite Board for ethics violation.
- VET200081** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- VET200088** Table pending additional investigation. Upon completion of investigation, schedule an Investigative Interview.
- VET200109** Close with a letter of concern regarding client communication and documentation.
- VET200142** Refer to investigations to hand-serve a voluntary Cease and Desist Order. If Respondent does not agree to sign, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing for a Cease and Desist Order. Refer case to the Department of Agriculture.
- VET210009** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- VET210056** Close the case.
- VET210067** Close the case, no jurisdiction.
- VET210071** Close the case.
- VET210072** Close the case.
- VET210073** Close the case, insufficient evidence.
- VET210081** Close the case. Refer to the Department of Agriculture.

- VET210086** Refer to Investigations.
- VET210087** Refer to Investigations.
- VET210091** Refer to Investigations.
- VET190074** Rescind the previous motion, table pending receipt of additional information and schedule an Investigative Interview.

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

**1. VET210068**

Mr. Culpepper motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table decision on renewal pending Investigative Interview. Must bring treatment records to the interview.

**2. Correspondence – Live Zoom Webinars - Cheryl Kennedy, Director of Continuing Education, UGACVM**

Dr. Cuevas motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board thanks them for their correspondence and that the matter has been referred to the Rules Committee for consideration.

**3. Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 700-7-.03(a)(1)(i) David Selleck**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 700-7-.03(a)(1)(i) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

**4. Petition for Rule Variance – BR 700-7-.03(b)(4) David Selleck**

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 700-7-.03(b)(4) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Must submit proof of completion of LEAP CE within 90 days from date of notice. May wish to check Board website and with local and state Veterinary Associations for approved LEAP programs.

**Applications for Board Review**

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:

**Applicant 2918375** Issue the license.

**Applicant 2911970** Issue the license.

**Reinstatements**

**Applicant 2904173** Must take VTNE or complete 40 hours CE in the following categories: six (6) hours in Patient Care, six (6) hours in Anesthesia and Surgery, six (6) hours in Laboratory Procedures, four (4) hours LEAP, six (6) hours Radiology, six (6) hours Pharmacology, and six (6) hours in Client Communication.

**Applicant 2906786** Must take NAVLE exam or Species Specific exam per Board Rule 700-7-.02(6).

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to submit a request to AAVSB to develop a competency exam for VET Techs to take to re-enter practice after 5 years.

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**Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) – Question from Georgia - Fees for CE Providers**

Dr. Cuevas motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Rules Committee to create a CE Provider fee schedule.

**Adjournment** No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed by:** Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** June 23, 2021

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

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