

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Rules Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 17, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, Rules Committee, met via Zoom meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021. The following members were present:

Committee Members Present

Dr. Becky Malphus, DVM, Committee Chair
Dr. Matthew Bradley, DVM, Committee Member
Dr. William Wright, DVM, Committee Member

Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Committee Members Absent

No Committee Member absent.

Attorney General's Office

No Attorney General present.

Visitors Present

Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM
Cheryl Kennedy, M.Ed., Director of Continuing Education, UGACVM

Administrative Staff Absent

Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Call to Order: Dr. Bradley called the Committee meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Committee accepted the agenda as presented.

Discussion – Board Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education

The Committee opened the meeting with a discussion on considering potential amendments to BR 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education. The referral of the Board Rule to the Committee was based on the submission of correspondence from Cheryl Kennedy, Director of Continuing Education, UGACVM regarding live interactive webinars counting towards the in-person CE requirement for renewal of licensure. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to table further amendments based on the currently pending Board Rule 700-7-0.1-.03. Emergency Rule on Continuing Veterinary Education.

The Emergency Rule has been forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority and contains much for which the rule amendment would bear legal precedent. Barring any objections from that office, the Board Rule will then be forwarded to the Governor's Committee for review and approval. If the Emergency Rule passes through the Governor's Office, the Rules Committee will reconvene to take into consideration the correspondence submitted for the purpose of amending Board Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education.

Discussion – CE Provider Fee Schedule

Dr. Malphus joined the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

The Committee entered into a discussion regarding creating a fee schedule for program application submissions from CE Providers. They recommended a fee of \$50 per program application. They feel this cost will be equitable to both large and small providers as opposed to a per-year fee or a tiered fee schedule. The Committee reviewed results from a query sent to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) who polled their member Boards across the country about how fees are assessed in other states at the Board's request. They also took into consideration processing constraints with staff shortages.

The Committee clarified that the process remains the same for adding dates to a previously approved program issued an approval code during the calendar year in which the additional date is offered. The fee would cover additional dates added after the approval code has been issued for the approved program for that calendar year (ending

December 31 of the year in which the approval code is issued). The Committee noted that if any instructors, content, method of instruction or agenda changes are made with the approved program, a new and complete application with fee is required. All fees for LEAP CE and regular CE program applications must be submitted at the time of the complete application packet.

The Committee stated that the fee is not applicable for blanket approved programs [BR 700-7-.03(b)(1) Continuing Veterinary Education].

Discussion - Request for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion CE Requirement - Mia Cary, DVM, CEO of Pride VMC

The Committee recommended to refer to the request for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion CE Requirement to AAVSB to poll their member boards.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the Committee meeting adjourned at 1:14 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

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