

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Chair
Dr. Matthew Bradley, DVM, Vice Chair
Dr. Larry Corry, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM, Board Member
Dr. William Wright, DVM, Board Member
Ms. Jessica Sewell, RVT
Mr. Thomas Culpepper, Consumer Board Member

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Visitors Present

Keri Lynn Riddick
Susan Blevins, Executive Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Tina Folsom, Esq, Langdale Vallotton, LLP
Betsy Choder, VetCounsel, LLC
Loren Breen, Policy & Research Director, Animal Policy Group, LLC

Call to Order: Dr. Cuevas established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Board Minutes

1. October 20, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 20, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

2. November 18, 2021 Rules Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the November 18, 2021 Rules Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

3. December 7, 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 December 7, 2021 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: October 13, 2021 – December 1, 2021

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 – Ability to house Euthasol, Steve Marrero, Director, Liberty County Animal Control

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that euthanasia falls under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. As a result, the Board has no authority to amend the statute or rules regarding the ability for a veterinarian to house Euthasol.

Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

1. Guidance Document on Use of Cannabidiol (CBD) on Companion Animals

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the document to the Rules Committee to review determine if they would recommend any changes to the regulations to reflect this guidance.

2. DEA Registrants Regarding Faxed Prescriptions

Dr. Cuevas motioned, Dr. Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post the correspondence in reference to DEA registrants and faxed prescriptions to the Board website and to share the information with the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA).

Executive Director’s Report – A. Price

No written report presented. Ms. Price indicated that the report for the next meeting in 2022 will contain statistics from the October 20, 2021 meeting through the January, 2022. Ms. Price also provided an update on the new agency wide website launch.

Board Chair’s Report – W. Cuevas

No formal report was presented; however, Dr. Cuevas reminded Board Members of the next meeting date in February 2022 and requested that they put it on their calendars.

Dr. Wright made a motion, Ms. Sewell 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. Cuevas, Dr. Malphus, Dr. Corry, Dr. Bradley, Dr. Wright, Ms. Sewell, and Mr. Culpepper.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 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 20, 2021 Executive Session Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**
- 2. December 7, 2021 Executive Session Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 20, 2021 Board Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes and the December 7, 2021 Executive Session Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – M. Brannen

- 1. AG MEMO – VET200043**

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

- 2. AG MEMO – VET200563**

Ms. Sewell motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding a written emergency action plan.

Mr. Culpepper motioned, Ms. Sewell 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

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board, with the exception of a recusal by Ms. Sewell, voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- VET200097** Close with a Letter of Concern regarding record keeping [Board Rule 700-12-.04 and 700-8-.01(c)].
- VET210038** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
- VET200088** Table pending additional information.
- VET200126** Refer for Peer Review.
- VET220003** Issue a Mitigating Circumstance letter with terms and conditions as discussed. If terms and conditions met, close the case.
- VET180059** Close with a Letter of Concern regarding proper monitoring of patients.
- VET200012** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- VET200123** Close the case.
- VET210003** Close the case.

VET210024 Close the case, no jurisdiction.
VET210028 Close the case.
VET210029 Schedule an Investigative Interview.
VET210033 Close the case.
VET210037 Close the case.
VET190092 Refer for Peer Review.
VET210049 Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding client communication.
VET210057 Close the case.
VET220002 Close the case.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 2976583 Issue the license with Letter of Concern regarding criminal history.
Applicant 2969726 Issue the license with Letter of Concern regarding criminal history.
Applicant 2979918 Issue the license.
Applicant 2970923 Issue the license.

Reinstatement

Applicant 2963198 Issue the license with Letter of Concern regarding false attestation on application and criminal history.

Renewal

Applicant 32305 Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 and completion of thirty (30) Continuing Education hours which must include two (2) LEAP CE hours. Proof of completion of the CE hours must be submitted and the fine paid in full within ninety (90) days of the docket date of the order, CE hours submitted to satisfy the terms of the order cannot be used to meet the CE requirements for the biennium ending December 31, 2022. Flag for CE Audit.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: February 9, 2022

WENDY CUEVAS, DACVPVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR