

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 30, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via Zoom meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2022. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Chair  
Dr. Matthew Bradley, DVM, Vice Chair  
Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM, Board Member  
Dr. Larry Corry, 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  
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor  
Tammy Vining, Licensing Analyst

**Attorney General's Office**

Mary Brannen, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

No members absent.

**Visitors Present**

Call in User 1  
Dr. John Corsale, DVM, MBA  
Dr. Keri Riddick, DVM, Executive Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, State Government Relations, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine  
Morgan Gueffre, Vets to Pets Virtual  
Susan Blevins, Director of Operations, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Michelle Peppenhause  
Dr. Brandy Burgess, DVM  
Dr. John Tarabula, DVM, President, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)  
Dr. Jill Lancaster, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)

**Call to Order:** Dr. Cuevas established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda**

The Board accepts the meeting agenda as presented.

**Open Session Board Minutes**

1. **April 6, 2022 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**
2. **June 21, 2022 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Wright seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the April 6, 2022 Board Zoom Meeting Minute, and the June 21, 2022 Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

### **Licenses to Ratify: March 30, 2022 – June 15, 2022**

Ms. Sewell 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 – Letter of Support for Jessica Sewell, LVT to be Nominated to the ICVA Board**

The Board accepts the Correspondence as information and the notification that the At-Large Member slate was closed prior to receipt of the Board's letter.

### **Correspondence – Provisional Licensure – Doris Miller, DVM, PhD, UGACVM**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Dr. Malphus to draft a letter of support for the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine (UGACVM) to partner with the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA) to request an amendment to Pharmacy Rule 480-13-.07 that will allow clinical veterinary medical students and trained veterinary assistants to administer medications while they are working at the University of Georgia Veterinary Teaching Hospital (UGAVTH) as the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act does not give the Board authority to issue provisional permits to veterinary medical students and veterinary assistants.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to appoint Dr. Bradley as the Board liaison to UGACVM in support of this effort.

### **Discussion – Response to Board Questions Concerning SB 604, John Tarabula, DVM, President, GVMA**

The Board addressed the correspondence from Dr. Tarabula. Dr. Malphus thanked GVMA for their response and suggested that the Board should have been included in the process of developing SB 604 if only to clear up any confusion. Ms. Price addressed the delay noted in the letter regarding the Georgia Professional Health Program (GaPHP) for impaired veterinarians. She explained that the Division received the contract with revisions from the GaPHP only last week and it must now go through the negotiation process with the Secretary of State legal department. Any delay in setting up this program is not to be placed on the Board.

Dr. Malphus inquired as to whom is in support of SB 604. Dr. Riddick commented that Commissioner Black from the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) is supportive, as well as the sponsor of Bill, Senator Tyler Harper, who is slated to become the next GDA Commissioner. Dr. Corry stated that more details are needed and noted his concern that GVMA is now coming to the Board for support when they did not have the courtesy to involve the Board in the initial process. In response, Dr. Riddick suggested an open forum or open meeting to involve all interested parties.

Dr. Malphus commented that she is concerned that the move is a huge undertaking, and the Board needs more information about what would need to happen if this were to take place. Dr. Bradley agreed that their needs to be an open line of communication.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to create a subcommittee for the purpose of establishing an open line of communication between the Board, GVMA, UGACVM and GDA concerning SB 604. This subcommittee will include up to two representatives from each group. Dr. Bradley motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to appoint Dr. Malphus and Dr. Wright as the Board representatives.

### **Correspondence – Virtual VCPR – Morgan Guiffre, Vets to Pets Virtual**

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer the Board has no authority to amend the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act; therefore, the writer will need to submit their petition to a legislator or lobbyists for consideration.

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

- 1. Annual Meeting & Conference**
- 2. GFI #256 - Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substances**
- 3. April 2022 Membership Newsletter**
- 4. Registration is now open for Annual Meeting & Conference**
- 5. Announces Recipients of the 2022 VTNE Scholarship Award**
- 6. Help shape the future of veterinary regulation**

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to AAVSB as information.

### **Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) – Announcing New Chief Innovation Officer**

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

### **Petitions for Rule Variance**

#### **1. BR 700-7-.03 Dr. Maria Glover**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 700-7-.03 based on sufficient 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

Ms. Sewel 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 – W. Cuevas**

No formal report was presented; however, Dr. Cuevas made a statement to remind licensees that this is a renewal year, to renew their licenses by December 31, 2022, and to take their CE in a timely manner. Dr. Cuevas encouraged Georgia Veterinarians to develop a Disaster Preparedness plan in light of the upcoming hurricane season.

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, June 30, 2022, 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. April 6, 2022 Executive Session Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
2. June 21, 2022 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 April 6, 2022 Executive Session Board Zoom Meeting Minutes and the June 21, 2022 Executive Session Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

### Attorney General’s Report – M. Brannen

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.

### Legal Services MEMO

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

1. **ORR – VET210086** Grant the request to release the information in accordance with law.
2. **Cases for Closure**
  - a) **VET220025**

Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 and completion of 10 Continuing Education hours which must include 1 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.

#### **b) VET220026**

Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 and completion of 10 Continuing Education hours which must include 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.

#### **c) VET220027**

Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 and completion of ten (10) Continuing Education hours which must include one (1) 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.

**d) VET220108**

Refer to Attorney General's Office 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.

**Investigative Committee Report – L. Corry**

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

<b>VET220040</b>	Close the case, no action.
<b>VET220048</b>	Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding record-keeping with recommendations as discussed in Executive Session.
<b>VET210104</b>	Close the case due to lack of information.
<b>VET220004</b>	Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding client communication.
<b>VET210034</b>	Schedule an Investigative Interview.
<b>VET210088</b>	Close the case.
<b>VET220005</b>	Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding violations of minimum standards.
<b>VET220006</b>	Schedule Investigative Interview.
<b>VET220007</b>	Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding communication and facility standards.
<b>VET220013</b>	Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding unprofessional conduct in advertising.
<b>VET220019</b>	Close the case due to lack of information.
<b>VET220022</b>	Close the case due to lack of information.
<b>VET220037</b>	Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding client communication and professionalism.
<b>VET220039</b>	Close the case due to no jurisdiction.
<b>VET220053</b>	Close the case due to lack of information.
<b>VET220078</b>	Schedule Investigative Interview.
<b>VET220135</b>	Close the case due to no jurisdiction.

**Executive Discussion – VET200041**

Mr. Culpepper motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to release the requested information.

**Applications for Board Review**

**Arrests**

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

<b>Applicant 3025527</b>	Issue license with Letter of concern regarding criminal history.
<b>Applicant 3022193</b>	Issue license with Letter of concern regarding criminal history.

**Renewals**

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

**Applicant 2717204**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 for failure to meet renewal requirements. Fine to be paid in full within 90 days of the docket date. Must provide documentation if not U.S. citizen and NOI immediately or a hearing for revocation of licensure. Report to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy for failing to comply with the reporting requirements relevant to dispensing drugs as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16.

**Applicant 2611737**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 for failure to meet renewal requirements. Fine to be paid in full within 90 days of the docket date. Must submit NOI immediately or a hearing for revocation of licensure. Report to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy for failing to comply with the reporting requirements relevant to dispensing drugs as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16.

**Applicant 2828329**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$250 and completion of five (5) Continuing Education hours which must include one (1) LEAP CE hour. 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.

**Applicant 31785**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 for failure to meet renewal requirements. Fine to be paid in full within 90 days of the docket date. Must submit NOI immediately or a hearing for revocation of licensure. Report to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy for failing to comply with the reporting requirements relevant to dispensing drugs as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16.

**Applicant 950154**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$250 and completion of ten (10) Continuing Education hours which must include one (1) LEAP CE hour. 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.

**Applicant 861199**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 and completion of ten (30) Continuing Education hours which must include one (1) LEAP CE hour. 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.

**Applicant 2591288**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 for failure to meet renewal requirements. Fine to be paid in full within 90 days of the docket date. Must submit NOI immediately or a

hearing for revocation of licensure. Report to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy for failing to comply with the reporting requirements relevant to dispensing drugs as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16.

**Applicant 33711**

Grant Licensee's request to Inactive status [B.R. 700-11-.01] on 12/31/2020.

**Applicant 34725**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 and the completion of thirty (30) Continuing Education hours which must include two (2) LEAP CE hour. 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 11:58 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed by:** Adrienne Price, Executive Director & Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor

**Minutes approved on:** August 24, 2022

WENDY CUEVAS, DACVPVM  
**BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**