

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 23, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via WebEx meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Arin Megginson, Licensing Analyst

Attorney General's Office

Mary Brannen, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Board Member

Administrative Staff Absent

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Visitors Present

Keri Riddick, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Jill Lancaster, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, PhD, DACVP, University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine (UGACVM),
Associate Director of State Government Relations

Call to Order: Dr. Bradley established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Board Minutes

- 1. June 21, 2023 Open Session Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**
- 2. August 22, 2023 Open Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Sewell motioned, Mr. Culpepper seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the June 21, 2023 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes, and the August 22, 2023 Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: June 14, 2023 – August 16, 2023

Dr. Corry motioned, Ms. Sewell 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 – GVMA (Georgia Veterinary Medical Association) Correspondence Combating Illicit Xylazine, Dr. Elizabeth Mackey, DVM, GVMA President

Dr. Bradley reached out to Mike Brinson, Georgia Board of Pharmacy (GBP) Board Member, who understands the concerns of the veterinary profession. He indicated that Xylazine is a controlled substance not commonly used in human medicine. Mr. Brinson responded to the query by stating that the Pharmacy Board will heavily weigh the concerns of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine (GSBVM) and Georgia Veterinary Medical

Association (GVMA) when considering how to move forward on the subject. He continued that the GPB had mixed opinions on the subject during their last meeting and the topic was tabled. Dr. Bradley shared that he would continue to follow-up with the GPB. Dr. Riddick stated that she would relay the information to Dr. Mackey.

Correspondence – Columbus, GA After-hours Emergency Veterinary Clinic, Doris L. Burleson

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to thank the writer for their correspondence, but to notify them that the Board has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Correspondence – Letter to Secretary Raffensperger and the Board – Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA) Leadership

Dr. Riddick stated that GVMA appreciate being heard as well as the open lines of communication with the Board. They look forward to continuing positive relationships going forward. Additionally, Dr. Miller thanked the Board and staff for our efforts on behalf of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send correspondence to the GVMA expressing appreciation for their continued support and advocacy on behalf of the GSBVM and the profession of veterinary medicine in general. The Board values their contributions to include but not limited to the provision of LEAP continuing education courses for licensees and looks forward to continuing to maintain the collaborative relationship which has been established.

Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

- 1. Survey to Veterinary Professionals**
- 2. Annual Meeting Conference Delegate Funding Program**
- 3. E-Newsletter - Mid-August Bulletin**
- 4. Nominating Committee Report and Nominee Information**

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

Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) – DEI-P Taskforce First Steps

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

Discussion – Rules Committee Report – W. Wright

(See Attachment 1)

- 1. Rule 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure for Veterinarians_05102023**
- 2. Rule 700-2-.04. Licensure by Endorsement_05102023**
- 3. Rule 700-4-.01. Temporary License_Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members_05102023**
- 4. Rule 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct_05102023**
- 5. Rule 700-12-.02. Facility Standards_05102023**
- 6. Rule 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards_05102023**
- 7. Rule 700-12-.09. Examination Area_05102023**
- 8. Rule 700-12-.11. Patient Care_05102023**

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the following statutes for possible amendments include referencing veterinarians and veterinary technicians as healthcare professionals: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-35(a)(2), O.C.G.A. §§ 43-50-3(28); 43-50-3(25)(D); 43-50-3(26) & (33), and O.C.G.A. § 43-1-33(b)(1), (c)(6) & (d.1)(3)(B). The Board recognizes that since the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act does not call licensees practicing under that statute, healthcare providers or practitioners, it may be a difficult sell to get it changed in the last statute that is referenced below.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Committee amendments and rationales for proposed amendments and refer BR 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure

for Veterinarians, BR 700-2-.04. Licensure by Endorsement, BR 700-4-.01. Temporary License_Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members, BR 700-8-.01. Unprofessional Conduct, BR 700-12-.02. Facility Standards, BR 700-12-.08. Surgical Standards, BR 700-12-.09. Examination Area, and BR 700-12-.11. Patient Care, to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority. If no objections, vote to post the rules for hearing and refer to the Governor's Office along with the memorandum of authority.

Open Records Request – Claire Marie Rice, VET008741

Mr. Culpepper motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant release of requested records.

2024 VET WebEx Meeting Dates

All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.

Board Meetings

Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Wednesday, August 21, 2024
Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Investigative Committee Meetings

Tuesday, February 5, 2024
Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Tuesday, August 20, 2024
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Dr. Wright motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the 2024 Board meetings dates as resented.

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:

- Radiology Rules and Inspections

Dr. Wright motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer a request to GVMA to attempt to contact Georgia Department of Community Health and radiology personnel to gain clarification regarding radiology requirements for veterinary medicine for the purpose of developing educational guidelines, resources and a LEAP course for licensees and investigators on the subject and then provide feedback to the Board. Ms. Brannen stated she will reach out to the medical board attorney to see if they have any recommendations.

- Rules Hearing
- PLB Updates

Dr. Corry motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director's report as presented.

Board Chair's Report – M. Bradley, DVM

No formal report was presented; however, Dr. Bradley expressed his appreciation to the Board Members, staff, and meeting visitors for their personal time commitment, participation, and expertise.

Ms. Sewell 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. Wright, Dr. Malphus, Dr. Corry, Ms. Sewell, and Mr. Culpepper.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Dr. Bradley 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

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Attorney General's Report – M. Brannen

AG MEMO – VET240005

Dr. Wright made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion, close the case, and reinstate the license.

Dr. Bradley 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

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:

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| VET230047 | Close the case. The standard of care was met. |
| VET230057 | Reschedule the Investigative Interview. |
| VET230081 | Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding record keeping. |
| VET230106 | Close the case. The standard of care was met. |
| VET230146 | Reschedule Investigative Interview. Respondent must submit five (5) random records before interview date. |
| VET220071 | Close the case due to insufficient evidence. |
| VET230027 | Close the case due to insufficient evidence. |
| VET230043 | Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding client communication. |
| VET230065 | Close the case. The standard of care was met. |
| VET230068 | Close the case. The standard of care was met. |
| VET230070 | Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding medical equipment. |
| VET230076 | Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding medication administration to include the five rights (the right patient, the right drug, the right time, the right dose, and the right route). |
| VET230105 | Close the case. The standard of care was met. |

VET230122 Schedule an Investigative Interview.
VET230138 Close the case. The standard of care was met.
VET230156 Close the case.
VET230161 Close the case. The standard of care was met.
VET230168 Close the case. The standard of care was met.
VET230173 Close the case. The standard of care was met.
VET230175 Close the case. The standard of care was met.
VET230181 Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
VET230182 Close the case. The standard of care was met.
VET230183 Schedule an Investigative Interview.
VET190106 Terminate the Private Consent Order.
VET240001 Close the case due to no jurisdiction.
VET240010 Close the case.

Mr. Culpepper left the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with a quorum of the Board still present.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 3105944 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a reprimand and fine of \$500 for failure to disclose arrest on application for licensure. Fine must be paid in full 90 days for order docket date. Flag for CE Audit.

Adjournment No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director

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

Minutes approved on: October 11, 2023

MATTHEW BRADLEY, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR