

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via WebEx meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Arin Holder, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Michelle Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Susan Blevins, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Leanne Alworth
Keri Riddick, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Jonathan Bentley

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

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Dr. Malphus 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. **December 13, 2023 Open Session Board WebEx Meeting Minutes**
2. **January 25, 2024 Rules Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**
3. **January 31, 2024 Rules Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**
4. **February 6, 2024 Open Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 13, 2023 Board WebEx Meeting Minutes, the January 25, 2024 Rules Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, the January 31, 2024 Rules Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the December 12, 2023 Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: December 7, 2023 – January 31, 2024

Dr. Malphus 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.

Discussion – CE Broker – E-Newsletter December 2023

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to CE Broker as information.

Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) – North American Veterinary

Licensing Examination (NAVLE) – Fee Update

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

Discussion – Rules Committee – W. Wright

1. **Rule 700-12-.10 Radiology**
2. **Investigators Inspection Form**
3. **Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education_RC 01-31-2024**
4. **Rule 700-7-.04. Veterinary Technician Continuing Education_RC 01-31-2024**

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to request a Memorandum of Advice from the Attorney General's Office as to whether the Board has the authority to perform random veterinary facility inspections without receiving a complaint and if the Board has authority to add a question on the renewal application to require proof of annual inspection and operator radiology safety training based on the licensee's response.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to request that the Georgia Secretary of State Corporations Division require proof of annual radiological equipment inspection and operator radiology safety training at renewal of a veterinary facility license.

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Veterinary Inspection Form and to post the form to the Board website.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the recommendations from the Rules Committee to refer Rule 700-7-.03. Continuing Veterinary Education and Rule 700-7-.04. Veterinary Technician Continuing Education to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority, and if no objections, vote to post.

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:

- Rules Hearing
- PLB Updates
- Annual Ethics Commission Affidavit of Public Officer Filings
- Georgia General Assembly

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer SB 410 to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Advice. And to submit a letter of support for moving the placement of the language in of the proposed Bill to O.C.G.A. § 43-50-42 to the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Malphus 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. Wright, DVM

No formal report was presented.

Dr. Bradley made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded, and the Board voted to enter 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. Wright, Ms. Sewell, Dr. Malphus, Dr. Corry, and Dr. Bradley.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, Dr. Wright 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 the executive session.

OPEN SESSION

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Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 13, 2023 Executive Session Board WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the February 6, 2024 Executive Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – M. Sawyer

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.

Investigative Committee Report – B. Malphus, DVM

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

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| VET240024 | Close the case with a Letter of Concern. |
| VET240028 | Close the case with a Letter of Concern. |
| VET240037 | Close the case. |
| VET240040 | Close the case due to the standard of care was met. |
| VET240022 | Close the case due to the standard of care was met. |

Applications for Board Review

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

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| Applicant 4009530 | Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding maintaining proper patient records and discipline in another jurisdiction. |
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Adjournment No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director & Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Minutes approved on:

WILLIAM WRIGHT, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now William A. Wright the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On February 7th, 2024 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s): I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:
O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
To deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 8th day of February 2024

Patricia Rice
Notary Public
Expires June 04, 2024

William A. Wright
Presiding Officer

