

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via WebEx meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. William Wright, DVM, Chair
Ms. Jessica Sewell, LVT, Vice Chair
Dr. Larry Corry, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Board Member

Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

Dr. Becky Malphus, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Matthew Bradley, DVM, Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Michelle Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

David McDaniel
Michelle Barton, DVM, Assistant Dean for Clinical Academic Affairs, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Doris Miller, DVM, PhD, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, Assistant Director of Government Relations
Keri Riddick, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Nicole Northrup, DVM, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Interim Hospital Director, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Spencer Johnston, DVM, Department Head of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
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Staff Members Absent

Arin Holder, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Call to Order: Dr. Wright established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Board Minutes – April 3, 2024 Open Session Board WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the April 3, 2024 Board WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 700-7-.03(d)7 Chelsea Warren – CE Provider

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 700-7-.03(d)7 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petitions for Rule Variance

1. BR 700-2-.02(2)(b), Justine Brown

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 700-2-.02(2)(b) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

2. BR 700-7-.03(d)7, Becky Roller – CE Provider – Lameness Program

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 700-7-.03(d)7 based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

3. BR 700-7-.03(d)7, Becky Roller – CE Provider – GI Surgery Program

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 700-7-.03(d)7 based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

4. BR 700-7-.03(d)7 & BR 700-7-.04(d)7 Ralph Lee, Jr. – CE Provider

Dr. Cuevas motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 700-7-.03(d)7 & BR 700-7-.04(d)7 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Correspondence – CVM letter to GSBVM – Doris Miller, DVM, PhD, Assistant Director of Government Relations

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Dr. Miller regarding licensing delays. Ms. Price reported reiterated points that were made within previous verbal and written responses and discussions during past Board meetings, to include but not limited to noting that the GOALS system is set up in such a way that individuals cannot apply for licensure and pay the fee for a license until they have graduated. If a person begins their application in GOALS and does not submit the application and pay the fee within 30 days of starting the application, the system will purge it. The system is not designed to hold information that is not ready for processing. In other words, all applicants should not apply until they are certain that they meet all the requirements and are able to submit all the required documents in and around the same time of application.

Ms. Price continued that the agency’s processing time is currently running upwards of 35 business days and will impact the upcoming graduates and applicants. There is currently no way around it. We are doing the best we can with the staff that we have to work through the issues that have been created by GOALS. Our IT Team continues to work to address the GOALS issues we have identified so that staff can return to processing more efficiently. Ms. Price stated that the concerns mentioned about document uploading capabilities will be submitted to the Structural Transformation Team.

Any updates relevant to the concerns mentioned will be discussed during the next full Board meeting.

Executive Session Board Minutes – April 3, 2024 Executive Session Board WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the April 3, 2024 Executive Session Board WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Adjournment No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director & Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Minutes approved on: June 26, 2024

WILLIAM WRIGHT, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR