

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via WebEx meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 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

Board Members Absent

Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Board Member

Visitors Present

Aaron R López JD, FCLS, Political Capital, LLC
Diana McGovern
Dr. Keri Riddick, DVM, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)

Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Arin Holder, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office

Michelle Sawyer, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff Absent

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Call to Order: Dr. Wright established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Board Minutes – June 26, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the June 26, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: June 13, 2024 – August 16, 2024

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Malphus 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 to the GSBVM Rule 700-14 DRAFT, Keri Riddick, DVM, ED, GVMA

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that a rule amendment could support veterinarians in rural areas with a higher case load; therefore, the Board has referred the letter to the Rules Committee for review.

Correspondence – The use of compounded products to treat feline infection peritonitis (FIP), Aaron Lopez, JD, FCLS

The Board reviewed the correspondence submitted by Aaron Lopez and noted that a common fear among the veterinary community is that medications are not compounded by a legit compounding pharmacy. The Board heard from Mr. Lopez who shared that compounded products were just approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in treating feline infection peritonitis (FIP), but many are getting their product from China and other

sources that have not been legitimized. He underscored that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and FDA did come out and say that the medication is allowed to be compounded, but so far, only one site in New Jersey is currently compounding it. He also commented that as the cat gains weight, the dose needs to be changed.

Dr. Riddick shared that GVMA did have a statement on their website to educate licensees on a legal and safe way to use compounded products to treat feline infection peritonitis (FIP).

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the correspondence to the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA) to continue their education for the veterinary community on the use of compounded products.

Correspondence - Mobile Clinic Inspection Inquiry, Laura Boggs, VET008651

Dr. Malphus motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the writer to the Board Rules regarding facility standards and to the city and county municipalities where she intends to mobilize to ensure that her mobile facility is in compliance with their requirements.

Discussion – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

1. Discussion – Resolution 2021-1

Dr. Malphus motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for the Board Delegate to AAVSB to vote yes on Resolution 2021-1.

- 2. North American Essential Competency Profile - Do We Have The Right Tools to Gauge Competency**
- 3. 2024 Nominee Interview Videos Available**
- 4. RSVP to the Live Voting Demonstration Webinar**

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

Discussion – Procedure for Medical Records In Case of Death or Incapacitation of Licensee

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the discussion of procedures for medical records in the case of death or incapacitation of a licensee to the Rules Committee for further review.

Discussion – American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) – Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) Matters of Accreditation, Scholarships & Opportunities

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to AVMA as information.

Rules Committee Report – W. Wright, DVM, Committee Chair

1. Discussion - Radiology Safety

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Ms. Sewell to contact Gwinnett Technical College for information on starting an online radiology course that would be accessible to all licensees and to post the information on radiology requirements on the Board website.

2. Rule 700-6-.01. Application for Veterinary Technician License_As amended RC 08.05.2024

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the rules and rationales presented in the Rules Committee Meeting minutes to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority, and if granted, post for hearing.

2025 WebEx Board Meeting Dates

Meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays – at 9:30 a.m.

- February 12, 2025
- April 2, 2025
- June 4, 2025
- August 20, 2025
- October 8, 2025
- December 10, 2025

Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Dates

Meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

- February 11, 2025
- April 1, 2025
- June 3, 2025
- August 19, 2025
- October 7, 2025
- December 9, 2025

Dr. Malphus motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the 2025 Board and Investigative Committee Meeting dates as presented.

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:

- Task Force for Establishing a VCPR via Virtual Means
- Rules Hearing
- PLB Updates

Dr. Bradley 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 provided. Dr. Wright did request that if Board members have questions, concerns, or suggestions on how the Board should proceed regarding the radiology information discussed during the Rules Committee Report, to please think about the process presented and reach out to the Rules Committee with feedback.

He also stated that in light of the recent natural disasters and the fact that we are in the midst of hurricane season he wanted to remind everyone that GVMA does have an assistance program whereby veterinarians can apply to for help during natural disasters.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 700-2-.02 and BR 700-2-.03 - Hila Bengner

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 700-2-.02 and BR 700-2-.03 based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Dr. Wright made a motion, Dr. Corry 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, August 21, 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

Scheduled Board Appointments

Applicant Interview 11:30 a.m. Applicant 4008468

Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table pending receipt of additional information as discussed in Executive Session. If satisfactory approve for licensure. If not satisfactory, present back to the Board for consideration.

Executive Session Board Minutes – June 26, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Wright motioned, Ms. Sewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the June 26, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Attorney General's Report – M. Sawyer

1. AG MEMO – VET230166

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

Dr. Malphus 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 – Cases for Ratification – VET250006/VET240008

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the orders as received.

Applications for Board Review

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:

Initial Application – Applicant 4118758 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal history.

Reinstatement – Applicant 4102880 Require that the applicant retake the National Examination.

Adjournment No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director

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

Minutes approved on: October 9, 2024

WILLIAM WRIGHT, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR