

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met via WebEx meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Ms. Jessica Sewell, LVT, Chair
Dr. Wendy Cuevas, DACVPM, Vice Chair
Dr. William Wright, DVM, Board Member
Dr. John Tarabula, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Seth Stowers, DVM, Board Member

Staff Present

Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Dr. Matthew Bradley, DVM, Board Member

Administrative Staff Absent

Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Visitors Present

Agda Tamassia, Dogwood Veterinary Specialty
Luis Dos Santos
Jennifer Hobgood, ASPCA
Dr. Beth Venit, DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer, American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)
Call-in User 1
Scott Young, Summit Policy
Bhavin Patel
Dr. Keri Riddick, DVM, Executive Director, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA)
Julie Lemons

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

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Dr. Tarabula motioned, Dr. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agenda as posted.

Open Session Board Minutes

1. October 8, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Wright motioned, Dr. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 8, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

2. December 9, 2025 Open Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Stowers motioned, Dr. Cuevas seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 9, 2025 Open Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: October 6, 2025 – December 3, 2025

Dr. Stowers motioned, Dr. Tarabula 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 – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

1. 2026 Volunteer Opportunity – Global Task Force
2. SPA Services – State & Provincial Assessment
3. Board of Directors Invites Jessica Sewell to the Bylaws Committee

Dr. Wright, who is currently a Committee Member, congratulated Ms. Sewell on her appointment.

4. Call for Bylaws Amendments 2026

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

Discussion – International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)

1. 2024-2025 Annual Report
2. 2024-2025 NAVLE Technical Report

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

Discussion – American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) – Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) Accreditation Actions

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

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:

- PLB Updates
- Changes to Board Portal for GOALS

Dr. Tarabula motioned, Dr. Wright seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director’s report as presented, and to post the report to the Board website.

Board Chair’s Report – J. Sewell, LVT 18.54 rec

No official report was presented. Ms. Sewell offered the floor to Ms. Venit who addressed the SPA email sent to the Board and stated that there was a general email sent to all member jurisdictions regarding the AAVSB SPA which offers the jurisprudence exam. AAVSB is aware that the Georgia Board is not currently enrolled in this service.

Dr. Wright made a motion, Dr. Stowers motioned, Dr. Tarabula seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the 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: Ms. Sewell, Dr. Cuevas, Dr. Wright, Dr. Tarabula, and Dr. Stowers.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, Ms. Sewell 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

Executive Session Board Minutes

- 1. October 8, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**
- 2. December 9, 2025 Executive Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Stowers motioned, Dr. Tarabula seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 8, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the December 9, 2025 Executive Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – E. Simpson

- 1. AG MEMO –Board Rule 700-4-.01, Temporary License; Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members and compliance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34**

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Rules Committee for further revision.

- 2. AG MEMO – Statutory Authorization for Proposed New Rule 700-14-.05 Credentials of Licensed Veterinary Technicians**

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Tarabula seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to vote to post.

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Tarabula seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s Report and advice as presented.

Legal Services MEMO Case for Ratification – VET260225

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the order as received.

Investigative Summary Report – J. Tarabula, DVM

Dr. Cuevas motioned, Dr. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Investigative Summary Report as presented.

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| VET180071 | Close the case due to no jurisdiction. If attempts to reinstate, case will be reevaluated. |
| VET210079 | Close with a Letter of Concern regarding client communication and documentation of such communication. |
| VET220124 | Close the case, no jurisdiction. |
| VET230013 | Close the case. Standard of care was met. |
| VET230129 | Close the case. Standard of care was met. |
| VET230142 | Close with a Letter of Concern regarding client communication and documentation of such communication. |
| VET240054 | Close the case. |
| VET240067 | Refer to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed. |
| VET240081 | Refer for Peer Review by a Small Animal Peer Reviewer. |
| VET240085 | Schedule an Investigative Interview as discussed. |
| VET250074 | Close the case. Standard of care was met. |
| VET260034 | Close the case, no violation. |
| VET260055 | Refer to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed. |
| VET260096 | Refer to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed. |

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

VET250119 Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Cease & Desist Order.
VET250134 Refer for Peer Review by a Surgical Specialist.
VET250140 Close the case. Standard of care was met.
VET260026 Close the case. Standard of care was met.

Applications for Board Review

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

Initial Applications

Arrest – Applicant 4349653 Issue the license.

Discipline – Applicant 4345543 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding disciplinary action in another jurisdiction for expired medications.

Transcript Review

Applicant 4353783 Issue the license.

Applicant 4358367 Issue the license.

Dr. Wright left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Reinstatement – Discipline – Applicant 4338458

Schedule an Applicant Interview as discussed.

Extension Request – Applicant 4226031

Grant extension request until April 30, 2026 with a friendly amendment to change the year from 2025 to 2026.

Notice of Intent Correspondence

Applicant 4179566
Applicant 4177452

Ms. Sewell motioned, Dr. Tarabula seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion for the February 11, 2026 meeting. Notify the submitters that their information has been received, and they will be notified if additional action is required.

Adjournment No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director & Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Minutes approved on: February 11, 2026

JESSICA SEWELL, LVT
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

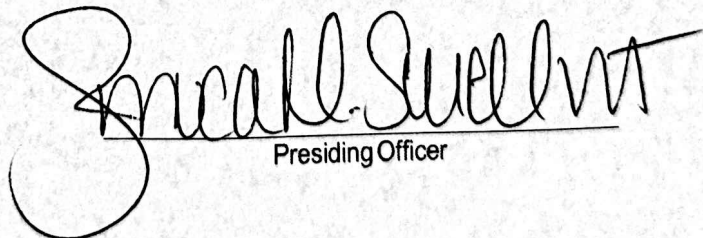
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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.

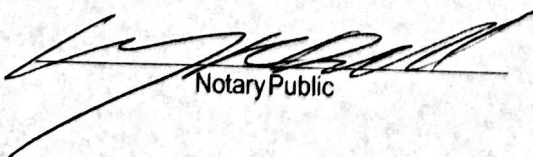
Comes now Jessica M. Sewell LVT the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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, 12/10/2025 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


Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 16 day of December 2025


Notary Public

