

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Investigative Committee Open Session Meeting Minutes
Conducted by Webex
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Dr. John Tarabula, DVM, IC Chair
Ms. Jessica Sewell, LVT, IC Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Monéssa Cuby, Licensing and
Complaint/Compliance Analyst
Shunyetta Pitts, Temp Licensing Analyst

Attorney General Office:

Elizabeth Simpson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OPEN SESSION

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine met on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, via Webex. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 A.M. Dr. John Tarabula, DVM, made the motion to enter into Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing investigative cases and to conduct investigative interviews as authorized by O.C.G.A. Sections 43-1-2(h) and 43-11-47(h). The motion carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Dr. John Tarabula, DVM, declared the meeting open pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §50-14-1 et seq. and The Investigative Committee entered a unanimous vote to present the recommendations to the Board as indicated below.

Discussion Cases:

VET170059

VET200143

VET230159

VET230160

VET230163

VET240012

VET240015

Recommendations:

Close the case due to insufficient information to initiate an investigation.

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Close the case. No jurisdiction due and insufficient information to proceed with an investigation.

Close the case. Insufficient information to proceed with an investigation.

Table pending additional review.

Refer to Investigations.

VET240042

Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding adequate supervision of assistive personnel [O.C.G.A. § 43-50-3(13) & (17-18); 700-14 & 700-15].

VET240050

Close the case due to insufficient information to initiate investigation.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 A.M.

Minutes Recorded by:

Monessa Cuby, Licensing, Complaints & Compliance Analyst

Minutes Reviewed and edited by:

Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director

Minutes Approved:

August 19, 2026

Dr. John Tarabula, DVM

Investigative Committee Chairman

Adrienne D. Price

Executive Director

Ms. Jessica Sewell, LVT

Board Chairperson

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 John Tarabula DVM 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.

- Investigative Committee of the Georgia State Veterinary Medicine Board.*
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State 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, Aug 18 2026 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 25th day of August 2026

Angel Jones
Notary Public

John Tarabula DVM.
Presiding Officer

ANGEL JONES
NOTARY PUBLIC
Cherokee County
State of Georgia
My Comm. Exp. May 29, 2029