

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Hoover State Office Building
Borlaug Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2026

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Dr. Scott Shuey and Dr. Yuko Sato. Also present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary, and Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant.

Absent

Ms. Sierra Hagedon and Ms. Sterling Meyer.

Guest(s)

Katherine Tsiakkirou, DVM (VL 9025)

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the agenda for the February 26, 2026, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment (Public comment period is open and limited to two minutes)

Dr. Katherine Tsiakkirou spoke regarding her recently renewed license. She did not expect the renewed license to expire on June 30, 2026, and would like the license to be active from February 2026 to June 2029. Dr. Burkgren noted that the triennial license period is set by Iowa Code, so the current license would be active until June 30, 2026, but then could be renewed by submitting 60 hours of continuing education (CE) with the renewal form and payment. Dr. Tsiakkirou expressed concern with obtaining the CE hours needed for renewal. Dr. Burkgren stated that all Iowa veterinarians who renew their license complete this requirement, and the Board is bound by what is outlined in Iowa Code. Dr. Burkgren discussed what the current CE requirements were, including submission of CE events for approval, that 20 hours could be carried over into the next triennium, and that individual licensees are responsible for finding CE event offerings. Dr. Shuey noted that 30 of the CE hours could be completed online. Dr. Tsiakkirou indicated that she was not able to complete online CE due to internet and computer problems. Dr. Kaisand noted that Dr. Tsiakkirou should submit 60 hours of CE within the last 3 years to renew her license before June 30, 2026.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Sato stated that edits to the Open Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2026, were needed in the following sections:

Dr. Shuey moved to close case-~~s~~ 25-036. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Shuey moved to close case-~~s~~ 25-038. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved (Dr. Shuey, Dr. Sato, Dr. Burkgren, and Ms. Hagedon); None opposed; 1 abstain (Ms. Meyer).

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Open Session Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2026, as corrected. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Board's financial status as of January 29, 2026, is \$230,515.99.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand noted two cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) were detected in backyard flocks since the last month.

Dr. Shuey inquired about the use of metal calfhood tags at a sale barn. Dr. Kaisand noted that he could review the USDA EID rule with Dr. Shuey following the meeting.

Chairperson Report

No report.

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

No report.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Miranda Robertson, RVT (AT-1396) requesting review of her CE requirements for renewal. The Board discussed Ms. Robertson's request, including initial qualifications for registration and current living situation as the spouse of a military member. It was noted that while there is a process for veterinarians to move their license to inactive status in Iowa Code, this does not exist for veterinary technicians. The Board approved a response to Ms. Robertson, indicating she could request a waiver of the CE requirements 2026 veterinary technician registration renewal, should include proof of military status with the request.

Correspondence was received from Dr. Maddie Geisler (VL 9074) requesting a review of her CE requirements for renewal. The Board discussed Dr. Geisler's request, including submission of a Record of Continuing Education form with CE hours from 1/25/2023 to 6/28/2023, which was not submitted at the time of 2023 renewal. The Board noted that new graduates should report any CE hours obtained, even if they are not required to submit CE hours for their renewal, to allow them to be included as carry-over hours. Dr. Kaisand reminded the Board that capturing all these requirements on the renewal forms is difficult, given the current stipulations for CE requirements. The Board discussed items which could be submitted for possible inclusion in an upcoming IVMA publication to help remind veterinarians, including new graduates, of licensing requirements. The Board will respond declining Dr. Geisler's request, as carryover hours for the next triennium must be recorded and submitted during renewal.

Petition for Waiver

None

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None

Miscellaneous

The Board viewed the letter sent to the American Association of Veterinary State Board's (AAVSB) renewing the Veterinary Technician State Exam MOU, which was approved at the January 29, 2026 meeting. Dr. Burkgren believed he received this for signature will confirm.

The Board viewed the request for payment to AAVSB for 2026 Member Board Dues, which was approved at the January 29, 2026 meeting.

Ms. Orr noted for discussion the current process for receiving documents verifying graduation. Currently, copies of diplomas are accepted but the official transcripts must be sent directly from the college to be considered official. The Board discussed and approved accepting copies of both diplomas and transcripts for applications for licensure and registration.

Ms. Orr noted for discussion recent requests by veterinarians and veterinary technicians for previously submitted Record of Continuing Education forms. The Board discussed that these forms could be requested through the open records request process with applicable fees; however, it was noted veterinarians and veterinary technicians should be responsible for maintaining these records. The Board noted the currently long timeframe for records retention and also expressed an interest in exploring an electronic CE process in the future.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated that the Civil Penalty rulemaking would be published in the next month. Depending on the comments received, the Board could review at the April meeting and then vote to adopt it as a final rule.

Dr. Sato moved to go into the Closed Meeting Session pursuant to Iowa code section 21.5(1)(a) to review complaint files where investigative information required by section 272C.6(4) to be kept confidential and 21.5(1)(d) to discuss the contents of a licensing examination or whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Shuey, aye; Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Sato, aye. nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:44 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 11:42 a.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close case 25-041, 25-042, and 26-006. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. None opposed. Motion approved unanimously.

Continuing Education

The continuing education applications were reviewed by the Board Members for approval. Item 12 on the application is a requirement that must be completed for each application.

Requester	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hrs.
Cait Dozark	2026 ISU-IVS Partner in Progress CE Event (4.10.2026 – Altoona, IA)	13		13
Lori Martindale	Preventing Injury (2.12.26 – Des Moines, IA)	1		1
Ashley McGarr	ECG Interpretation Refresher (4.29.2026 – Des Moines, IA)	1		1
Dr. Vijaya Nareddy	USAHA (6.12 to 6.16.2026 – Nashville, TN)	19		0
		The Board requested additional information, including sessions attended by the requester, prior to approval.		
Sarah Williamson	Examination of the Equine Neonate – What are we looking for and what does it mean? (3.2.2026 – Ames, IA)	1		1
Cheryl Zimmerman	EIVA Spring Meeting (5.11.2026 – Cedar Rapids, IA)	6		6

Correspondence was received from Brittany Schwasinger (AT-0957) regarding Application for Continuing Education Approval submissions. The Board discussed the process for reviewing approvals and noted that applications would be reviewed as written and are not automatically approved. The Board noted they would consider requests for in-person events or recorded events, as they are submitted, and any requests for blanket approval would not be indefinite and should be specific in the timeframe requested.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Borlaug Conference Room, Hoover State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM