

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2025

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Dr. Yuko Sato, and Dr. Scott Shuey. Also, present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Absent

Ms. Sierra Hagedon
Ms. Sterling Meyers
Dr. Jeff Kaisand

Guest(s)

Dr. Randy Wheeler, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the updated agenda for the January 30, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Wheeler reminded the Board Members of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Winter Conference being held in Altoona, Iowa, February 13-14, 2025. Dr. Scott Shuey is one of the presenters at the Winter Conference.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

It was stated several changes to the Open Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2024, were needed in the following section:

Public Comment

Dr. Sierra Phillip spoke to the Board Members regarding the Temporary Permit application submitted by Dr. Nilson Ribas. Dr. Ribas is from Brazil and is specialized in Equine Theriogenology. Dr. Phillip stated if Dr. Ribas is not granted the temporary permit then Abraham Equine Clinic will have to send clients to Missouri for embryo transfer. The clinic is having a difficult time trying to find qualified candidates for this position.

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2024, as amended. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

No report.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren reported the Board's financial status for FY25 the current balance is \$224,591.28.

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

It was reported that the dairy cases testing for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) are in California. It was noted the Canadian Geese carried the virus in December during migration and in January it is noted the Snow Geese are carrying the virus.

In addition, the individual that died from contracting HPAI had an underlying health issue. The individual did bring the sick bird into the home to try and take care of it, which caused additional health issues to the individual.

Correspondence

Veterinary Technician National Examination score report for December 1 – 15, 2024, was reviewed and accepted by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

American Association of Veterinary State Boards 2025 Membership Dues invoice was presented to the Board for consideration of payment. Dr. Shuey moved to approve the invoice and pay the membership dues of \$500. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Petition for Waiver

Mr. Larson prepared an Order on the Petition of Waiver regarding Dr. Nilson Ribas Neto for the Board's review and approval. Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Order on Petition for Waiver for Dr. Nilson Ribas Neto. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

It is noted in the petition that this is the final Petition of Waiver he will be able to obtain from the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

A temporary permit will be issued to Dr. Ribas Neto from February 2, 2025 - August 1, 2025.

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

Mr. Larson reported that the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine does not identify in Chapter 169 or Chapter 811 identifying grounds to deny for conviction. A list of offenses was distributed to the Board Members for their reference and information. Mr. Larson stated there is no restriction on sitting for the Iowa Veterinary Technician State Examination but if the Board determined a particular felony conviction prohibited the individual from being able to register as a veterinary technician, then why would the individual want to spend the money on an exam if the individual is not able to register and work as a Registered Veterinary Technician. The Board Members decided to wait until after the EO10 has been completed to further review this issue.

Miscellaneous

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Dr. Wheeler stated he spoke to the legislature about the development of a Foreign Animal Disease vaccine, the economic losses regarding HPAI, and the Rural Innovation Grant shortages. Dr. Burkgren asked Dr. Wheeler if there has been any development regarding the Midlevel Practitioner. Dr. Wheeler's response was only from the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Shuey 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 whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Sato, aye, and Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:32 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 11:20 a.m.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand joined the meeting during the Closed Session.

Dr. Kaisand reported he attended a Cross the Border Meeting in Canada regarding feral swine and commercial swine with high level foreign animal disease zones.

Dr. Kaisand reported that one commercial flock has not been released from quarantine and was about to be released when another flock tested positive for HPAI.

Dr. Kaisand reported that South Dakota has an infected TB herd traced back to the farm.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close case 24-026, 24-031, 24-032, and 24-033. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. 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 Hrs.	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total
Rebekha Luridsen	Clinical Teaching Workshop (3.17.2025 Ames, IA)		1	1
Brent Henningsen	Emerging Leaders Veterinarian Seminar (1/29-30/2025 Nashville, TN)	5.75	6	11.75
Tracy Grodnitzky	Current Trends in Companion Animal Oncology - Webinar	6	0	6
Tracy Grodnitzky	The Whole Tooth and Nothing but the Tooth from Diagnosis to Extraction to Referral - Webinar	6	0	6
Tracy Grodnitzky	Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Winter Conference (2.13-14.2025 Altoona, IA)	57	3	60
Meredith 't Hoen, DVM	Respiratory Distress in Cats and Dogs (2.4.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Sarah Williamson	Technicians Role in Neonatal Foal Care (3.3.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
David Newhouse	The Acute Spine (2.12.2025 ZOOM)	1		1
Nicole McFarland	Abraham's Equine Summit (11.1-2.2024 Marion, IA)	13		13
Erich Rachwitz, DVM	Some Quality Bonding Time (2.20.2025 Omaha, NE)	1		1
Elycia VanVacter	Iowa Poultry Medicine Training Seminar (2.26.2025 Ames, IA)	3.5	1.5	7

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary