

Of t Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, Third Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2023

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sterling Meyer (by telephone), Dr. Yuko Sato, Dr. Scott Shuey (by telephone), and Mr. Will Yoder. Also, present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Absent

None

Guest(s)

Megan Carlson, Carney & Appleby (Iowa Veterinary Medical Association)
Jenny Dorman, Carney & Appleby (Iowa Veterinary Medical Association)
Amy Fertig, DVM, DMACC Veterinary Technology Program (Iowa Veterinary Medical Association)
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Ben Nuelle, Iowa Pork Producers
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Sato moved to approve the agenda for the November 30, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Nuelle thanked the Board Members, stakeholders, and the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association for working diligently on the new Administrative Rules.

Dr. Wheeler thanked the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa State University, American Veterinary Medical Association, and the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association regarding the mysterious canine respiratory disease preparing protocols, guidelines, and the media coverage. Dr. Kaisand stated Michigan State University Diagnostic Lab is working with the USDA as is Dr. Baldwin from Colorado working on the canine respiratory disease and unexplained diseases. This is not a reportable disease to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship but is encouraging veterinarians and owners to be diligent on trying to keep the pets safe and determining the cause of the disease. The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association has inserted an article in their newsletter to update their members. Dr. Dodds, USDA stated there may be some funding available for this outbreak.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Mr. Yoder moved to approve the amended Open Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2023. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the Board's financial status for the current FY24 balance is \$207,191.95.

Dr. Kaisand reported on backyard flocks infected with Avian Influenza and a 1.6-million-layer facility that was depopulated due to Avian Influenza.

Chairperson Report

No report

Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson stated there were no comments from the public hearing held on the regulatory analysis of the rule's chapters reviewed. The plan is to submit chapters 2-5; 7; 9, and 11-15 in December once the Administrative Bulletin is published. There will be two public meetings for comments and revising any rules as necessary. Chapters 1, 6, 8 and 10 will go through the veterinary technician process. The Board will be going through the EO10 process, and these rules will be on a separate track because they all involve changes from HF670. The Veterinary Technician rules will have as many meetings as needed.

Board Member Report

Dr. Sato reported Iowa State University is working to launch pilot program for an early pre-vet program for production animal medicine pathway for students. This pathway is trying to find a pool of undergraduate students who would be interested in veterinary medicine school. They would have an early acceptance program. The intent is to have production animal internship throughout veterinary school and have a good track getting into the veterinary school. The first group of freshman and sophomores will be selected this year with a wait list for any student that should leave the program.

Correspondence

American Association of Veterinary State Boards provided information regarding TesTrac will continue their services until December 31, 2023. American Association of Veterinary State Boards has replaced TesTrac proctoring the exam to a we-proctored exam delivered through an online secured link. The contract between American Association of Veterinary State Boards and the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine will be breached. Dr. Kaisand was directed to send a letter to American Association of Veterinary State Boards outlining the breach.

Petition for Waiver

The Board has 120 days total to act on this petition. If the Board waives these rules, the rules may potentially not exist in another 60 days. The Board Members reviewed the Denial of Petition for Waiver and did not make any changes to the document. Dr. Sato moved to approve the Denial of Petition for Waiver as set forth in the order. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

Ms. Emily Akers made an application for a Veterinary Technician Registration Application by Endorsement. The Board Members reviewed the application. Dr. Sato moved to approve the Veterinary Technician Registration Application by Endorsement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous

American Association of Veterinary State Boards list serve compilation of Telemedicine and Indirect Supervision was discussed. This is now a public record since it is being reviewed in Open Session.

Mr. Larson recused himself from the Board Meeting.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

The Board Members reviewed and made changes to Chapters 1, 6, 8, and 10. Discussion was held regarding how Iowa State University will determine competency of the Nebraska veterinary students. Competency will have to be defined for many areas of veterinary medicine licensees.

Chapter 8 Veterinary Technicians. There will be two roles of veterinary technicians. Veterinary Technicians prior to July 2024 and Veterinary Technicians after July 2024. Changes in the fees and other sections of the chapter had changes made. The discipline section was moved to Chapter 10.

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 whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings. Motion seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Sato, aye; Dr. Shuey, aye; Mr. Yoder, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 12:41 p.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 2:53 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close cases 23-026, and 23-027. Motion seconded by Mr. Yoder. 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. |
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| Jim Lowe, DVM | Graduate Class taken for PhD Program in Pathobiology 8-2022 to present | 30 | | 30 |
| Stacey Griesbaum, DVM pending additional information | Postgraduate Essentials in Animal Chiropractic Course (10/4-8; 11/8-12; 12/6-10; 1/10-14; 2/14-18 Wellsville, KS) | 21 | | 21 |

Dr. Kaisand reported the continuing education record form for licensees to complete at renewal has been updated to include the management column and that he is drafting language to provide to the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association in their newsletter and will also be posted on the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine website.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary
Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine