

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room  
Open Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2025

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sierra Hagedorn (by telephone), Ms. Sterling Myers, Dr. Yuko Sato, and Dr. Scott Shuey. Also, present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. David Steward, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Absent

None

Guest(s)

Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau  
Ben Nuelle, Iowa Pork Producers (by telephone)  
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyers moved to approve the updated agenda for the March 27, 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 reported the Practice Management Conference has many auxiliary personnel registered for the conference.

Mr. Nuelle reported that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship bill continues to move forward.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Ms. Meyers moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the Board's financial status for FY25 with the current balance of \$225,336.95.

### Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported he did not have an update on the IT issue for the Board Members' access to laptop computers and the Board's computer files.

Dr. Kaisand reported the department is busy with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and finishing with the infected premises.

The USDA is providing \$500 million dollars in biosecurity and cost sharing with 1) Wildlife Services assessment or 2) USDA assessment regarding restocking in controlled areas or in the infected areas.

Ms. Meyers asked Dr. Kaisand if he had any information on the sheep in Europe being infected with H5N2. Dr. Kaisand stated he did not, but it is very concerning that another animal is being added to the list.

### Chairperson Report

No report.

### Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

### Board Member Report

No report.

### Correspondence

Dr. Chad Brown, Executive Director, Lloyd Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Iowa State University College of Medicine submitted an inquiry if a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS, R) would be able to legally perform ultrasound-guided fine needle aspirates (FNAs) in the teaching hospital. The sonographer would work under the supervision of a full-time, board-certified veterinary radiologist as well as other DVMs in the veterinary teaching hospital. The Board Members stated it is an invasive procedure, and the Administrative Rules do not provide for this at this time. Mr. Larson stated there may be a possibility of a petition for a waiver for this specific procedure. A formal request for a Petition for Waiver would have to be submitted to the Board.

Ms. Erin Dahlstrom, Program Director, Kirkwood Community College Veterinary Technology Program inquired if the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine would still require a copy of the official transcript since the American Association of Veterinary State Boards is now only requiring a list of eligible candidates to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine follows the procedure set forth by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. The Board Office will respond to Ms. Dahlstrom with this information.

### Petition for Waiver

No petitions.

### Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

No applications.

### Miscellaneous

The Board Members reviewed the policies created by previous Board Members for whether to have the policy be a frequently asked question or maintain as a policy.

1. Sale and Use of Pseudorabies Vaccine by Veterinarians. Dr. Sato moved to rescind the policy statement. Motion seconded by Dr. Shuey.
2. Computer Generated Rabies Certificates. Dr. Shuey moved to rescind the policy statement. Motion seconded by Dr. Sato.
3. X-Ray Film. Ms. Meyers moved to rescind the policy statement. Motion seconded by Dr. Sato.
4. Veterinary Technician Certification by Endorsement. Dr. Shuey moved to rescind the policy statement. Motion seconded by Dr. Sato.
5. Continuing Education Credits. The Board Members decided to leave the policy statement as is.
6. Embryo Transfer - Is it the practice of Veterinary Medicine? Mr. Larson stated this was a court case the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine won, and it can be now listed as a frequently asked question. Dr. Sato moved to rescind the policy statement. Motion seconded by Ms. Meyers.
7. Implanting of Microchips. The policy statement was rescinded June 24, 2004. This will be listed as a frequently asked question.
8. Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Examination Retake Policy. The International Council for Veterinary Assessment and the American Association of Veterinary State Boards has a policy on the retake of the Veterinary Technician National Examination and Veterinary Technician State Examination. This will be listed as a frequently asked question. Ms. Meyers moved to rescind the policy statement. Motion seconded by Dr. Sato.
9. Proclamation of Emergency Disaster for continuing education and renewal of licenses and telehealth or telemedicine services. Dr. Sato moved to rescind the emergency

proclamation. Motion seconded by Dr. Shuey.

10. Animal Massage Therapy Policy. This will be listed as a frequently asked question. Ms. Meyers moved to rescind the policy statement. Motion seconded by Dr. Sato.

11. Proclamation of Emergency Disaster for continuing education – electronic means. Dr. Sato moved to rescind the emergency proclamation. Motion seconded by Dr. Shuey.

12. Temporary In-state Permit Pending Examination. This will be listed as a frequently asked question. Dr. Shuey moved to rescind the policy statement. Motion seconded by Dr. Sato.

#### Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

HF869 is a bill for an act providing for the conduct of licensed veterinarians when involved in certain legal matters involving the alleged mistreatment of animals, including by providing for immunity from administrative, civil, or criminal liability when acting in good faith; providing for administrative, civil, or criminal liability when not acting in good faith; and making penalties applicable. (Formerly HSB 245.) is being reviewed.

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 was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Hagedon, aye; Ms. Meyers, aye; Dr. Sato, aye, and Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:45 a.m.

#### Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 11:50 a.m.

#### Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close case 24-030, 24-038, 25-001, and 25-005. 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
David Newhouse	Respiratory Distress in the ER (3.4.2025 Zoom)	1		1

David Newhouse	Ocular Emergencies (4.1.2025 Zoom)	1		1
April Blong, DVM	RECOVER 2.0 - the NEW guidelines (3/17/2025 Ankeny, IA)	2		2
Tom Hansen, DVM	Strength Finder - Personality Profile (4.25.2025 Williamsburg, IA)		2.5	2.5
Stephen Poduska, DVM	Practitioner's Spring Clinic (5.6.2025 Cedar Rapids, IA)	6		6
Randy Ackman, DVM	Eastern Iowa Veterinary Association Spring Clinic (5.6.2025 Cedar Rapids, IA)	3		3

#### Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Dr. Sato reported she will not be in attendance for the July 31, 2025, Board Meeting.

#### Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM  
Executive Secretary