

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2025

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sierra Hagedon, Ms. Sterling Myers, Dr. Yuko Sato, and Dr. Scott Shuey. 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)

Dr. Charles Abraham, Abraham Equine Clinic
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Dr. Nilson Ribas, Abraham Equine Clinic
Dr. Katherine Tsiakkirou

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the agenda for the April 24, 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. Katherine Tsiakkirou spoke to the Board Members regarding technology, telecommunications, and end-user devices regarding veterinary medicine. The Board Members thanked Dr. Tsiakkirou for her thoughts and will take her comments under advisement.

Dr. Charles Abraham thanked the Board Members for all their assistance with providing guidance regarding the temporary licensing permits that have been issued to Dr. Nilson Ribas these past years. The Abraham Equine Clinic breeds over 600 mares that come from all over the United States. Dr. Ribas specializes in equine reproduction and has been an asset to the growth of the clinic.

Dr. Ribas thanked the Board Members for their approving the temporary licensing permits that allowed him to practice veterinary medicine in equine reproduction in Iowa. Dr. Ribas stated since his last application submitted to Iowa, he has become licensed to practice in Canada limited to equine reproduction. The Canadian license will expire on December 31, 2025. The Board Members, Mr. Larson, and Dr. Kaisand discussed possible pathways for licensing. Dr. Ribas stated he would complete the Endorsement Application and submit all the required documents for the application.

Ms. Gruenhagen stated the legislature is working on taxes and the budget.

The sale of raw milk in stores is a topic of discussion. Raw milk can have health issues for some individuals.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Ms. Hagedon moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of March 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 \$226,563.66.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand was reminded by Ms. Orr the Board Meeting scheduled for June 26th is at the same time as the move from the Wallace Building to the Hoover Building. The Board Meeting could be moved to June 19th if that date works for the majority of the Board Members. Dr. Kaisand thanked Ms. Orr for the great job she is doing with the move and organization of the process.

Chairperson Report

No report.

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

It was reported that a video of an equine veterinarian died while trying to castrate an unbroke mustang.

It was also reported that the suicide rate is high in veterinary medicine. The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and the specialty boards do have referral information for assistance.

Correspondence

None

Petition for Waiver

None

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None

Miscellaneous

The Frequently Asked Questions were presented to the Board Members for final review prior to having the FAQs listed on the Board's website. The Retake Exam Policy should be changed to a paragraph format.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated he did not have any updates on the civil penalty change which is part of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship bill.

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. Hagedorn, aye; Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Sato, aye, and Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:35 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 11:56 a.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close case 25-003 and 25-008. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Sato moved to close case 24-007 Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Sato moved to close case 24-016 Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. 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.
Macenzie Johnson, DVM	A Crash Course for your Crashing Patient: Recover CPR Overview (6.10.2025 Des Moines, Iowa)	1		1
DJ Newhouse	Anesthesia for the C-Section Patient (5.20.2025 Zoom)	1		1
Ashley McGarr	General Anesthesia of Small Animal Dental Patients: Enhancing the Approach for Technicians (5.28.2025 Des Moines, IA)	1		1

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Ms. Meyer stated she would not be available for the Board Meeting if the date is changed to June 19, 2025.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary