

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room  
Open Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2023

Dr. Tom Burkgren called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with the following Members present: Dr. Tom Burkgren, Ms. Sterling Meyer, 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)

Jenny Dorman, Carney & Appleby Law  
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau  
Ben Nuelle, Iowa Pork Producers Association

The Board Members welcomed Ms. Meyer as the new Public Member to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Election of Board Chairperson

Dr. Shuey moved to nominate Dr. Tom Burkgren as Chair for the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

New Board Member Orientation

Mr. Larson provided a brief overview of the New Board Member Orientation to Ms. Meyer and as a refresher for the current Board Members.

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Sato moved to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Item 7f for the May 25, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

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

None

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Mr. Yoder moved to approve the amended Open Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand welcomed Ms. Meyer to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine as the new Public Member.

Dr. Kaisand reported on the BSE cow (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) that was traced back to a farm using the radio frequency identification tag that was sent to a slaughter plant in South Carolina. The cow was rendered and was reported as an atypical case because of the misshaped prions. The USDA is still working on this case.

Dr. Kaisand reported the Board's current financial balance is \$44,427.11.

### Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren stated he was asked by several veterinarians about corporate ownership of veterinary practices. Dr. Burkgren stated they needed to speak with their attorney.

Dr. Burkgren also reported on the two incidents in Perry, Iowa, the attack rabbit that bit an adult and a child. The adult refused the Rabies protocol, but the child did go through the protocol. The rabbit is a domestic pet that was turned loose. The other incident was a child bit by a dog.

Dr. Burkgren did provide information to the local law enforcement and Animal Control that when there is human exposure from an animal bite, the animal should be euthanized and the animal's head with brain intact be sent to Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for Rabies testing.

### Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson reported he will be on vacation in June.

### Board Member Report

Mr. Larson reported the rules will have to be drafted for Chapter 8 once the Governor signs this into law. Ms. Dorman reported the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association will become engaged once this is law and the Veterinary Technician Task Force will meet with the other stakeholders as soon as possible for a list of job duties.

### Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson reported the rule for Reciprocity for Veterans and the rule changes for Licensing by Verification – Other Jurisdiction have gone through the Legislative Services Agency process and should be published for notice and comment soon.

Executive Order 10 (EO10) was issued by Governor Reynolds in January 2023. All professional licensing agencies in Iowa must review their rules for redundancy in statute and rules. The EO10 is to reduce the size of the rules and become more manageable for the licensing agencies and the public. There are certain requirements that the licensing agencies must go through and identify where the Board can remove restrictive language and less burdensome alternatives for the public.

The Governor's office is being helpful to the licensing boards by providing mark-ups before the Board's having to start the rule making process. The Governor's office staff is trying to get the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine mark-ups to Mr. Larson this week. Dr. Sato and Dr. Shuey have volunteered to assist with this process. The June meeting may have to be arranged for a longer schedule to go through the changes. The changes need to be sent to the Governor's office by August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The changes in the rules must be completed by December 31, 2023. The stakeholders will be incorporated into this process of review and changes to the rules. Mr. Larson will send the mark-ups to the Board Members prior to the Board Meeting packets for the Board Member's review. Mr. Larson stated rules that have "shall" or "required" it is being replaced with something else that is less restrictive.

## Correspondence

Ms. Rebecca Clark, Grooming Instructor, Kirkwood Community College is asking the board for consideration to teach grooming students CPR and Basic First Aid. Ms. Clark wanted to know if there is a certification that she needs to go through to teach these classes. If a groomer does CPR on a dog or cat, does this put the groomer at risk of performing veterinary medicine. Mr. Larson reminded the Board Members; the Board has limited authority over individuals that are not licensed as a veterinarian or registered as a veterinary technician. The Board can identify 1) the Board is not aware of any certification in statute and rule, and 2) please ensure that you are in compliance with the Iowa Veterinary Practice Act, Iowa Code Chapter 169. The Board requested Dr. Kaisand to respond to Ms. Clark.

Dr. Andrew Noel requested consideration of the graduate level courses he took at ~~Loyola University of Chicago~~ Iowa State University for continuing education hours. Dr. Sato moved to approve the maximum of 30 scientific continuing education hours. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards reported the Veterinary Technician National Examination scores for the testing window April 1, 2023 – April 15, 2023. This is informational only and no action required.

Teresa Honeycutt made an application for Licensure/Registration by Verification – Other Jurisdiction to be a Registered Veterinary Technician. The Legislature made changes to the requirements by striking proof of residency and the new rules have been approved but not been adopted yet. The Board will have to review and approve or deny the application based on the current rule which does require proof of residency. Mr. Yoder moved to approve the application Licensure/Registration by Verification – Other Jurisdiction. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Faculty Limited License and what does being on the premise mean? Dr. Kaisand explained that he was asked this question by Dean Grooms, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dean Grooms would like the Board to clarify premises. If the licensee has a Limited Faculty license and there is an educational component then the classroom does not have to be brick and mortar, but there must be students with the faculty member in a teaching capacity, if for instance they were on a farm call for Field Services. If there are no students involved, then the Limited licensed faculty member would not be in the teaching capacity and would not be able to perform any services on the farm call since it would not be considered a classroom setting. The Board requested Dr. Kaisand prepare an official letter to Dean Grooms for the June Board Meeting.

Policy for Permit Pending Examination. Dr. Kaisand explained the Board does not have a policy in place for those individuals that do not pass the NAVLE examination. Dr. Kaisand asked if the Board would like to review each application or review only the applications for those individuals who have failed the examination. In response to Dr. Kaisand's first question, what would the criteria be? There is nothing in rule for those who have not failed NAVLE. Does the Board want to see these applications and the Board's response is "no". In response to Dr. Kaisand's second question, does the Board want to see the applications when the individual failed the NAVLE examination and the Board's response is yes, directing the Board staff to bring forth those applications for the Board's review.

## Petition for Waiver

Dr. Jesus Diaz Bejun petitioned the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine for a waiver of the continuing education requirement for renewal was presented to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Diaz Bejun was issued a Limited Faculty license due to the Visa requirements that was needed in order for

him to practice at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Since the license was issued and active through June 30, 2023, a renewal notice was generated for the licensee to pay and file the requirement of 60 continuing education hours to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine./ The license would then be active through June 30, 2026. Based on the documents provided and the master's and Residency Programs, the Board could waive the requirement of continuing education. Ms. Meyer moved to grant the petition for a waiver waiving the continuing education requirement for the renewal of the 2023 Limited Faculty license. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Maria D. Vegas Comitre petitioned the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine for a waiver of the continuing education requirement for renewal was presented to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Vegas Comitre was issued a Limited Faculty license due to the Visa requirements that was needed in order for her to practice at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Since the license was issued and active through June 30, 2023, a renewal notice was generated for the licensee to pay and file the requirement of 60 continuing education hours to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine./ The license would then be active through June 30, 2026. Based on the documents provided and the master's and Residency Programs, the Board could waive the requirement of continuing education. Dr. Sato moved to grant the petition for waiver waiving the continuing education requirement for the renewal of the 2023 Limited Faculty license. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Shuey excused himself from the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

#### Miscellaneous

Additional clarification was discussed regarding the continuing education requirement for the endorsement applications. The reporting of continuing education would be for the previous three years. The example provided and used was November 1, 2023, back to October 31, 2020, and if needed the licensee would be able to use some of the hours that fall within that timeframe for renewal of the license.

Mr. Yoder moved to go into the Closed Meeting Session (closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession and 21.5(1)(d) to discuss the contents of a licensing examination or whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings if the governmental body is a licensing or examining board). Motion seconded by Dr. Sato.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Sato, aye; Ms. Meyer, aye; Mr. Yoder, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 11:28 a.m.

#### Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:11 p.m.

#### Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close cases 22-025; 23-004; 23-008, and 23-009. Motion seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Continuing Education

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

Requester	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hrs.
Kim Shimkat, DVM Pending more information	NCIVMA Spring Meeting (5.16.2023 Ft. Dodge, IA)	3		3
Elizabeth Bixby, DVM Pending more information	The Essentials of Animal Chiropractic (Wellsville, KS)	60		60
Stacey Williams	USDA Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician Training (Virtual Plum Island, NY)	47.5		47.5
Chris Rademacher, DVM	2023 ISU James D. McKean Swine Disease Conference (6.27-28.2023 Ames, IA)	13.15	0.75	13.9
Stacie Matchan	Iowa Swine Day 2023 (6.29.2023 Ames, IA)	3.4	4.92	8.32
AVMA Annual Meeting	AVMA Convention 2023 (7.14- 18.2023 Denver, CO)	500	159	659

#### Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, June 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

#### Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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