

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room  
Open Meeting Minutes  
May 29, 2025

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sierra Hagedon (by phone), Ms. Sterling Meyer, Dr. Yuko Sato, and Dr. Scott Shuey (by phone). 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)

Amy Fertig, DVM, DMACC Veterinary Technology Program  
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau  
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association  
Quincy Wiegand, Iowa Farm Bureau

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the agenda for the May 29, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Hagedon. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Fertig and Dr. Wheeler discussed concerns the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Veterinary Technician Committee has regarding the fee and the proctored exam for the Iowa Veterinary Technician State Examination. It was stated surrounding states do not have a jurisprudence exam and those that do have the exam it is an open book online exam, and the fee is \$50. The proctor agreement between American Association of Veterinary State Boards and the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine established the fee that is charged for proctoring the exam. The statement was made about why proctor the exam when other states have open book exams. Dr. Fertig stated the Veterinary Technician National Examination is being administered at DMACC. Mr. Larson will review the rules during the time when the Veterinary Technology Programs administered the Veterinary Technician State Examination and report back to the Board.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of April 24, 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 \$227,063.36.

## Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the New World Screwworm is moving north from Mexico to the United States. The border is closed to cattle, bison, and horses moving into the United States through Veracruz which is the main passage from Mexico. Panama is releasing sterile male screwworm flies to mate with females is a common practice to help eradicate the disease.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) was discussed. A large layer site tested positive in Arizona and a turkey site in South Dakota tested positive.

The legislature did not provide funding to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to pay veterinarians for Brucellosis vaccinations for cattle after June 30, 2025. The veterinarians need to know this so they can provide the information to producers who will then pay for the vaccinations.

The Power of Ten Committee stated the Iowa Board of Pharmacy (IBOP) is making inspections at veterinary clinics that store controlled substances. The IBOP is not targeting clinics but being more informative about out-of-date drugs and logging that information. The IBOP requires each veterinarian to have their own pharmacy license but only one Drug Enforcement Administration license is required in a clinic.

## Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren reported that JBS is going to build a slaughter plant near Perry. The plant will be the largest sausage maker in the United States and will start employing 250 individuals and increase to 500 employees. The plant should be completed by September 2026.

## Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

## Board Member Report

Dr. Sato reported the HPAI grant challenge was due last week. There were over 400 applications submitted.

Ms. Meyer stated the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) reported the top 10 worst animal breeding facilities are in Iowa.

### Correspondence

Ms. Anne Duffy contacted the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine about partnering with them to present to the students at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine regarding licensing, Administrative Rules, and the Veterinary Practice Act on October 6, 2025. The Board staff will review their availability to partner with Ms. Duffy.

### Petition for Waiver

None

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

Dr. Nilson Ribas Neto submitted the Application for License by Endorsement to Practice Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Ribas has a limited license to practice equine reproduction in Canada. Dr. Ribas has met the requirements by endorsement. Questions were asked of Mr. Larson regarding the Canadian license is limited would the Board be able to limit his scope of practice with a license by endorsement. Mr. Larson stated that the license by endorsement would be a full veterinary license and not limited to a specific area of veterinary medicine. There have been no complaints filed against Dr. Ribas during any of the temporary permit licenses issued to him. Each licensing application is reviewed individually on its own merit.

Dr. Sato moved to approve the application for a License by Endorsement for Dr. Nilson Ribas. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Ribas will have to surrender the temporary permit license when the endorsement license is issued.

### Miscellaneous

The veterinary technician applications do not indicate refunding of fees. The veterinary applications do indicate there is no refund of fees. The Board agreed to not refund fees to veterinary technicians. No refund of fees will be included on all applications for veterinary technicians effective May 29, 2025.

### Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated the legislature passed Senate File 632 which is the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship bill. The civil penalty for the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine will be increased to \$10,000. The Iowa Veterinary Technician State Examination will be reviewed for any changes made in Chapter 169.

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 Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Hagedon, aye (by phone); Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Sato, aye, and Dr. Shuey, aye (by phone) nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:42 a.m.

### Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 11:38 a.m.

### Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close case 25-012. 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.
Joseph Palermo	American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Convention (7.18-22.2025 Washington, DC)	566	153	719
Chris Clark, DVM	ISU McNay Research Farm (6.26.2025 Chariton, IA)	5.5		5.5
Cait Dozark	From Crisis to Cre: Modern Approaches to Diabetic Ketoacidosis in Companion Animals (Zoom Mtg, 6.12.2025)	1		1
Phillip Jarson	A Vaccine xfor Avian Influenza in Dairy Cattle (virtual 5.8.2025)	1		1
Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM	IowaFADefense - Certified Swine Sample Collector Training (5.22.2025 Ames, IA)	3		3
Stacie Matchan	Iowa Swine Day 2025 (6.26.2025 Ames, IA)	2.5	11.25	13.75
Chris Rademacher, DVM	2025 ISU James D McKean Swine Disease Conference (6.24-25.2025 Ames, IA)	17.75		17.75
Elycia VanVacter	2025 Iowa Blood Testing School (5.31.2025 Ames, IA)	2.25	1.5	3.75

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, June 19, 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 on June 19, 2025.

Adjournment

Dr. Sato moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11.42 a.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM  
Executive Secretary