

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2025

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sierra Hagedon, 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, Ginny Eason, staff, and Kamal Lakisic, Assistant Attorney General intern.

Absent

Ms. Sterling Meyer

Guest(s)

None

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Sato moved to approve the agenda for the June 19, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Hagedon. Motion approved unanimously.

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

None

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

It was stated several changes to the Open Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2025 were needed in the following section:

Executive Secretary Report: Panama is releasing sterile male screwworm flies to mate with females which is a common practice to help eradicate the disease.

Board Member Report: Dr. Sato reported on the HPAI ~~grant challenge~~ Grand Challenge was due last week. There were over 400 applications submitted.

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the corrected Open Meeting Minutes of May 29, 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 \$231,798.36. Dr. Kaisand reported that IT is looking at different computer options for the

Board Members and providing remote access to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine computer drive.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship posted a memo on the website about the Asian Longhorn Tick that was found in Iowa. The symptoms are very similar to anaplasmosis. The Asian Longhorn Tick is a reportable disease, and a PCR test is used to diagnose the disease. Dr. Shuey reported his clinic had a farm deer case last year that Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab diagnosed as an Asian Longhorn Tick.

The Tuberculosis/Brucellosis eradication vaccination fund was not funded by the Governor's office. This fund will reimburse the veterinarian until June 30, 2025, after that the producer will have to pay for the vaccinations.

The department has a Tuberculosis trace investigation from cattle moved to Iowa with animal exposure.

The USDA is rolling out plans to try and prevent the Screwworm from entering the United States by inspecting all cattle, bison, and equine at all border crossings and building a dispersal facility in Texas to breed and release sterile male flies. There are a few other plans the USDA is developing.

Dr. Kaisand presented to the Board Members a slide show of the Veterinary Technician State Examination that was given prior to the new format.

Chairperson Report

No report.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson introduced Mr. Kamal Laticic as his new summer intern.

Board Member Report

No report.

Correspondence

Dr. Amy Fertig, Program Coordinator, Veterinary Technology, Des Moines Area Community College inquired at the May Board Meeting about the Iowa Veterinary Technician State Examination being proctored at the community colleges. The Board made an inquiry to American Association of Veterinary State Boards regarding the names of the community colleges in Iowa proctoring the Veterinary Technician National Examination. The Board asked Dr. Kaisand to contact Dr. Fertig to find out more information.

Petition for Waiver

None

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None

Miscellaneous

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

No report.

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; Dr. Sato, aye, and Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:29 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 12:00 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close case 25-007, 25-009, 25-011, 25-014, and 25-017. 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	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hrs.
Jessica Merk, DVM Not approved by Board	Group Shinrin-yoku for stress reduction (6.19.2025 Des Moines, IA)		1	1
Sarah Williamson	Back to Basics: FA Handling (7.20.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Maya Weiss	Anesthesia for the Hemoabdomen (7.10.2025 Des Moines, IA)	1		1

The Board Members discussed the continuing education application submitted by Dr. Merk. The Board determined the subject is not within the veterinary medicine management guidelines.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Conference Room, Hoover State Office Building.

Dr. Sato reported she would not be available for the Board Meeting on July 31, 2025.

Dr. Kaisand stated he would not be available for the Board Meeting on July 31, 2025.

Dr. Shuey stated he would not be available for the Board Meeting on August 28, 2025.

Adjournment

Dr. Sato moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. Hagedorn. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary