

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, First Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2023

Dr. Tom Burkgren called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Dr. Tom Burkgren, Ms. Sterling Meyer, Dr. Yuko Sato, Dr. Scott Shuey, and Mr. Will Yoder. Also present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Absent

Dr. Jeff Kaisand

Guest(s)

Jenny Dorman, Carney & Appleby Law
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Colin Tadlock, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Felicity Johnson, Consultant for Heartland Veterinary Partners
Kim Earley, Heartland Veterinary Partners
Shawna Huston, DVM
Jami Mallen, DVM

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the amended agenda for the August 31, 2023, 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 stated the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting and Field Day is September 28-29, 2023, at Scheman Building, Ames, Iowa.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

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

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Burkgren reported on behalf of Dr. Kaisand the Board's financial status is \$185, 005.06.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren reported he received several calls from complainants regarding the closure of their cases and referred them to Dr. Kaisand. Dr. Burkgren reminded the Board Members to refer the complainant(s) to Dr. Kaisand and not to discuss the case.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson reported that he will be on vacation September 15-25, 2023, and if the Board Members have anything they need, or questions answered to please let him know as soon as possible so he is prepared for the September Board Meeting. s

Board Member Report

Ms. Meyer reported several outbreaks of Seneca Valley Virus at a county fair. Ms. Meyer stated greater biosecurity needs to be in place for swine check-in at exhibition shows. The pigs did not have lesions when they were checked in but were showing the lesions and sloughing at the hooves after they returned home. The pigs were not allowed to continue showing and a few had to be euthanized due to the sluffing of the hooves.

Correspondence

Mr. Larson reported on the correspondence and information received regarding the Governor's office receiving recommendations on reorganizing and eliminating various Boards and Commissions. The Board may submit public comment or submit as an individual. If a Board Member submits as an individual, you must state that you are not representing the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Mr. Tadlock reported the recommended reorganization for the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine is to have a public member with production livestock background or a farmer.

Miscellaneous

Heartland Veterinary Partners presented to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine regarding virtual veterinary appointments. The guests explained that the veterinarian may not be in the office but is on the computer while the veterinary technician is in the office with the client and patient. This type of appointment would be for wellness examinations and lesser invasive appointments such as ear infections, scrapes or minor wounds. For example, the veterinarian would see the inside of the ear with a virtual scope the technician places in the ear canal for the veterinarian.

Heartland Veterinary Partners is proposing waiving the veterinarian in the clinic for five veterinary clinics in Iowa and allowing them to use virtual veterinary appointments. There is an increase in veterinarians leaving the field, either through retirement or having to close their business since they have not been successful in finding another veterinarian to buy their business.

Most of the newer graduating veterinarians want an urban life and not wanting to live in the rural areas. These individuals want more flexibility and mentorship which the rural area does not provide.

The question was asked if the technician will be a registered veterinary technician. The response was that will be up to the veterinarian and depending on the veterinary technician and their experience level. The Board reminded the guests that veterinary technicians cannot diagnose, treat, perform surgery, or prescribe. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine's duty is to protect the public.

Mr. Larson stated the petition for a waiver must meet the requirements in Administrative Rules 811-14. The waiving for a pilot program is novel and would have to be evaluated for the requirements. The formal process needs to be followed for the petition for a waiver.

Ms. Johnson, Ms. Earley, Dr. Huston, and Dr. Mallen thanked the Board Members for their time and listening to their information regarding virtual veterinary appointments. They excused themselves from the meeting.

Jennifer Knutson, DVM – Verification of Licensure/Registration – Other Jurisdiction. The verifying state provided the necessary information on page 1 of the application. Dr. Shuey moved to approve Dr. Knutson's Verification of Licensure/Registration – Other Jurisdiction application. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Joan Tunnard, DVM – Verification of Licensure/Registration – Other Jurisdiction. The verifying state provided the necessary information on page 1 of the application. Dr. Shuey moved to approve Dr. Tunnard's Verification of Licensure/Registration – Other Jurisdiction application. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson explained the process of rulemaking and submitting in October for the regulations of analysis, and November/December for pre-clearance from the Governor's office.

Mr. Larson presented the Regulatory Analysis to the Board Members for comments and changes.

Chapter 4 – a minor edit was made; Chapter 6 – several edits were made; Chapters 10 is now the new Chapter 15, and several edits were made; Chapter 11 – edits were made; Chapter 12 – Standards of Practice, several edits were made; Chapters 13 and 14 have been updated. The analysis is now complete. Ms. Orr will make the edits and forward them to Mr. Larson and Dr. Kaisand for their review.

The ARC 7029C, 7030C, 7031C did not receive any public comments. Dr. Sato moved to adopt ARC 7029C; ARC 7030C, and ARC 7031C. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Burkgren will not be available to attend the September Board Meeting. An election of an Interim Chair for September 28, 2023, Board Meeting is necessary. Dr. Shuey nominated Dr. Sato as Interim Chair for the September 28, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

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 seconded by Ms. Meyer.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Sato, aye; Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Shuey, aye; Mr. Yoder, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:46 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 11:53 a.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close cases 23-011; 23-012, and 23-014. Motion seconded by Dr. Shuey. 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.
David Brown	Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) (8.7-8.8.2023 (Ames, IA)		7.75	7.75
Rachael Rail	AVAP Annual Conference (7.12-14/2023 Denver, CO)		9	9
Amelia Dohlman	Interpretation of Blood Gases in the peri-anesthesiologist)	1		1
Anika Moje	Iowa CARES: AN Animal Cruelty Investigation Workshop (10.3-4.2023 Des Moines, IA)	5		5
Michael Todd, DVM	Modalities, Research, and Benefits of Utilizing Rehabilitation with Chiropractic Care (10.3.2023 Mt. Pleasant, IA)	1		1
Tim Smith, DVM	Foreign Animal Disease Investigation Refresher Training (8.22-25.2023 Ames, IA)	20		20

Jeff Kaisand, DVM - Steve Hulsizer	IowaFADefense - Veterinary Training for Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) Response (7.14.2023 St. Peter, MN)	3		3
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Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine