

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Hoover State Office Building
Borlaug Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2025

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sierra Hagedorn (virtual), Ms. Sterling Meyer, and Dr. Yuko Sato. Also, present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Jeff Kaisand, Executive Secretary (virtual), Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, Ginny Eason, and staff.

Absent

Dr. Scott Shuey

Guest(s)

Thomas Beall, DVM, Iowa Lakes Community College (virtual)
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Dr. Beth Venit, Chief Veterinary Officer AAVSB

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the agenda for the updated September 22, 2025, Board Meeting with the clarification the next Board Meeting is October 30, 2025. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Ms. Gruenhagen, representing the Iowa Farm Bureau, spoke to the Board Members asking for their consideration regarding the Veterinary/Client/Patient/Relationship during the disease outbreak two years ago for the flexibility for telehealth to continue the Veterinary/Client/Patient/Relationship. Now that the EO10 and the Veterinary Technician Administrative Rules have been completed, the stakeholders are asking for consideration and flexibility for telehealth. Ms. Gruenhagen is asking how the Board would like to pursue the discussion. Would the Board like discussions during the meetings, a subcommittee, or liaisons to work through issues. Ms. Gruenhagen presented a starting draft for discussion with the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. Ms. Gruenhagen worked with Iowa Veterinary Medical Association on the initial draft. The Iowa Cattlemen's Association and Iowa Pork Producers have seen the draft. Ms. Gruenhagen has reached out to the Iowa Poultry Association but has not heard from them as of now. The second yellow highlighted paragraph is what the stakeholders would like to discuss with the Board Members. Ms. Gruenhagen mentioned what will be important is what would trigger a disease outbreak, is it by the Governor's office or by the State Veterinarian? What would be the cut off dates when the outbreak is under control? What geographic areas would be covered so it is clear and does not go beyond those areas that are not affected. How would this apply to health papers in the event of an outbreak. The intent is to limit

exposure and traveling from farm to farm, and to help with shortages during outbreaks. Thank you for bringing this to the Board for discussion.

Dr. Sato mentioned a poultry veterinarian would like to know if the controlled area and or similar language can be done through rule making. Dr. Sato agreed to assist with either Dr. Burkgren or Dr. Shuey with this task.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Board's financial status for end of the year FY25 balance is \$ 234,302.02, and the FY26 beginning balance is \$2,074.79.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand gave an overview of the veterinary technician examination discussion, The cost of the Veterinary Technician State Examination for the in-person examination is \$175 through American Association of Veterinary State Boards. The American Association of Veterinary State Boards charges \$90 for a remote proctored examination. The question was asked does the Board want to continue with a state examination for the veterinary technicians since the veterinarians do not have a state examination. Does the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association have a position on this topic?

Dr. Thomas Beall, Veterinary Technician Program Coordinator, Iowa Lakes Community College stated that with the shortages of veterinary technicians in the clinics and veterinary hospitals it makes it difficult for new graduates to pay the examination fees of \$225 total for the Veterinary Technician State Examination and \$365 for the Veterinary Technician National Examination. Dr. Beall will discuss this with the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Veterinary Technician Committee for recommendations.

Mr. Larson stated he would review Iowa Code 169 and see if this must change. Perhaps a hybrid approach may work for some individuals to take the examination in person.

Thank you, Dr. Beall, for your input and discussion.

Chairperson Report

No report.

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

Dr. Sato as the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine if a product being prescribed for a client but it is not approved in the United States could the veterinarian obtain this same product from Canada? The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine referred Dr. Sato to the Iowa Board of Pharmacy.

Correspondence

None

Petition for Waiver

The submitted petition for waiver by Dr. Miguel Saucedo-Gonzalez was reviewed and discussed by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Kaisand stated Dr. Saucedo-Gonzalez did not qualify for any licensing pathways on the Board's website. Dr. Saucedo-Gonzalez' professional college is not American Veterinary Medical Association accredited or a listed college. Dr. Saucedo-Gonzalez stated in his cover letter that he started at Iowa State University Field Services on September 15, 2025. Dr. Saucedo-Gonzalez should be reminded that he cannot practice veterinary medicine without a license. Dr. Saucedo-Gonzalez did not provide the information required for a petition for waiver per Iowa Administrative Rule 811-14.6. The Board office will provide this information to him again, so he has an opportunity to petition the Board again. Will be asked to provide this information by October 10, 2025.

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None

Miscellaneous

American Association of Veterinary State Boards Proctor Service MOU was briefly discussed. This will be brought forward later depending on discussion with the veterinary technician programs and testing.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson notified Mr. Collin Tadlock to initiate rulemaking regarding the civil penalty, increasing from \$1,000 civil penalty to \$10,000 civil penalty.

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. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Hagedorn, aye, and Ms. Meyer, aye, Dr. Sato aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:39 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 12:33 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close case 25-023 and 25-027. The 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.
Maya Weiss	Analgesia of the Spine (8.20.2025 Zoom)	1		1
Bill Williams, DVM	No Ruff Stuff: Dental Extractions in Companion Animals (10.18.2025 Altoona, IA)	8		8
Phillip Jardon DVM	Professional Development for Iowa Dairy Industry Consultants (11.21.2025 Ames, Iowa)	3		3
Sinisa Grozdanic, DVM	Management of ophthalmic Infectious Diseases (11.2.2025 Cedar Rapids, IA)	4		4
Sinisa Grozdanic, DVM	Integration of Systemic Health Problems and Eye Diseases (11.23-26.20225)	16		16
Stephen Poduska DVM	EIVA Fall Meeting (10/15-16/205 Riverside, Iowa)	12		12
Ashley McGarr	Large Animal CPR (9.24.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Maya Weiss	CPR Guidelines and Updates (9.23.2025 Zoom Webinar)	1		1
DJ Newhouse	SeroRepair (10.9.2025 Zoom Webinar)	1		1
Sarah Williamson	Client Service - Hospital Culture (10.13.2025 Ames, IA)		1	1

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Borlaug Conference Room, Hoover State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM