

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Hoover State Office Building
Borlaug Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2025

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sterling Meyer, 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, and Ginny Eason, staff.

Absent

Sierra Hagedorn

Guest(s)

Thomas Beall, DVM, Iowa Lakes Community College (virtual)
Jenny Dorman, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Amy Fertig, DVM, Des Moines Area Community College
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the agenda for the October 30, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Fertig spoke to the Board Members regarding the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Veterinary Technician Committee meeting to discuss the fees charged for the Iowa Veterinary Technician State Examination. The goal of the committee is to help reduce the fees to \$100 or less. There are six American Veterinary Medical Association accredited Veterinary Technology Programs in Iowa. These programs all have testing centers that proctor examinations and several are PSI certified testing centers. The approximate cost is a \$20 fee per person charged by the testing center. The exam would be electronic, closed book, and proctored. The agreement with American Association of Veterinary State Boards will be coming up for renewal soon. The Vet Tech Programs provide a list of individuals who are eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. The Board would confirm eligibility for the in-state and out-of-state students. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine would have to determine the cost involved with the additional work staff will undertake to verify eligibility, especially for those who are from out-of-state. The Board will review the steps to determine the fee. The Vet Tech Programs are requesting the testing windows be the same as the Veterinary Technician National Examination. There are currently four testing windows, which the programs would like to continue.

The question was asked why there is no jurisprudence exam for veterinarians and would there be consideration from the Board to entertain this idea. Discussion was held among the Board Members and guests with no action taken at this time. Dr. Wheeler stated he will speak with the Legislative Committee and send a survey to the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association membership regarding a jurisprudence exam for veterinarians.

Ms. Gruenhagen spoke to the Board Members regarding a follow-up to the Chapter 12 discussion during the September Board Meeting. A subcommittee could create a limited section for livestock declared outbreak for telemedicine and control over who makes the declaration. Dr. Kaisand stated it is by county, and the Governor's orders do expire. Dr. Sato and Dr. Shuey volunteered to be on the committee. Ms. Gruenhagen stated the meetings can be held by video conference. Dr. Burkgren and Dr. Kaisand will be notified as well of the date and time of the video conference.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

It was stated that several changes to the Open Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2025, were needed in the following section:

Public Comment

Ms. Gruenhagen is asking how the ~~Board~~ Board would like to pursue the discussion?

~~Is it~~ Would the declaration be by the Governor's office or by the State Veterinarian?

What would be the cut off dates when the outbreak is under control?

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 moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2025, as edited. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Sato moved to approve the Special Virtual Open Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Board's financial status for end of the year FY26 balance as of September 30, 2025, is \$229,832.32.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand spoke about the laptops for the Board Members. Discussion was held regarding whether the Board Members would have a separate domain or under Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship domain. Email addresses were discussed as well as Teams access.

Dr. Sato moved to have the email address for each Board Member as name.name@iowaboardofveterinarymedicine.gov and purchase Microsoft 365. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Kaisand stated the Board will continue to receive electronic files, mentioned staffing changes and a part-time Executive Secretary, challenges with the budget, licensing, and files being electronic and storage of the files.

Chairperson Report

No report.

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

No report.

Correspondence

None

Petition for Waiver

Dr. Miguel Saucedo-Gonzalez officially withdrew the Petition for Waiver. Dr. Saucedo-Gonzalez received the diplomate status and is making application for licensure by Endorsement by Board Specialty to Practice Veterinary Medicine.

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None

Miscellaneous

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated the regulatory analysis for the proposed rule to increase the civil penalty should be received around Thanksgiving.

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, Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:48 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 12:47 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close case 25-016, 25-030, and 25-031. 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.
Sarah Williamson	Biological Risk Management at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (10.22.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Sarah Williamson	CPR: A Practical Review (10.30.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Sarah Williamson	Improving Working Relationships: Conflict and Stress Management 11.7.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Sarah Williamson	Stallion Collection: Basic Processing and best Practices (10/6/2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Kristin Plauche	VETS - Veterinary Entrepreneurial Training System: Using a System to Run Your Business (10.4-5.2026 Arnolds Park, IA)		13	13
Nicole McFarland	Abraham's Equine Summit (10.24-25.2026 Cedar Rapids, IA)	11.5	1.5	13
Maya Weiss	Ocular Ulcers and Blood Products (Online 10.30.2025)	1		1
Emily Baker	Canine OA Pain: Practitioner Point of View - Tails from the Trenches (10.28.2025 Dubuque, IA)	1		1
Cait Dozark	Stabilization of Fractures in the ER Setting (11.12.2025 Des Moines, IA)	1		1
Maya Weiss	Management of Glaucoma in the ER (10.8.2025 Zoom)	1		1
Chelsea Underwood	Approach and management of the Polytrauma Patient (11.15.2025 Cedar Rapids, IA)	2		2

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Borlaug Conference Room, Hoover State Office Building.

Dr. Sato stated she will not be in attendance for the December 18, 2025, Board Meeting.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM