

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Hoover State Office Building
Borlaug Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2025

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Ms. Sierra Hagedorn, 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

None

Guest(s)

Amy Fertig, DVM, Des Moines Area Community College
Seth Jones, Carney & Appleby Law
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the agenda for the November 20, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Fertig is in the process of obtaining the information that each testing center would be able to provide for individuals to sit for the examinations. The community colleges that have the Veterinary Technician Programs are willing to provide the testing service. Further investigation is being carried out to see what services can be offered.

Dr. Kaisand reached out to the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association regarding a template agreement with the testing centers. Currently the American Association of Veterinary State Boards verifies the transcripts and administers the Veterinary Technician National Examination. Individuals sitting for the exams may have to go to other testing centers for another exam.

Dr. Fertig stated most individuals do not sit for the Veterinary Technician State Examination and the Veterinary Technician National Examination at the same time and may have to go to two different centers for the exams.

Dr. Wheeler reported on the survey the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association sent to their membership about a jurisprudence exam. The early inquiries do not appear that the veterinarians are excited about taking a jurisprudence exam. Would it be possible to grandfather the currently licensed veterinarians and have the newly graduated or those coming in from out of state sit for the exam? More discussion will be held regarding this matter.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Sato moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

The virtual conference meeting ~~was held in~~ originated from the Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Special Virtual Open Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2025, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Board's financial status as of October 30, 2025, is \$230,585.97.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported on the outbreak of Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy in Texas. Several horses went to a show in Oklahoma and started to exhibit signs of the virus. The show was cancelled and the horses returned home. Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy is a condition caused by the EHV-1 virus in which the horses become neurologic with muscle tremors, weakness, difficulty swallowing, urinary incontinence. The mortality rate is high. Several horses have come to Iowa. A letter was sent to the owners and if the horses show clinical signs this needs to be reported to the department.

Dr. Kaisand stated Avian Influenza has been detected in other states but so far none in Iowa.

Dr. Kaisand reported Ginny Eason is retiring at the end of the year. There will be staffing changes and there could be a gap in the current processing and filling the position.

Chairperson Report

No report.

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

No report.

Correspondence

None

Petition for Waiver

None

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None

Miscellaneous

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated the Administrative Bulletin will be published soon regarding the civil penalty rule and that will start the process for regulatory analysis feedback.

Iowa Veterinary Medical Association did not have anything to report on legislative action.

Dr. Wheeler did speak to the EHV-1 outbreak and that the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences had contacted him about the outbreak. Dr. Wheeler stated that Boehringer Ingelheim is developing a new vaccine for this virus. The ISU Equine Department and the College of Agriculture are recommending to clients to vaccinate twice a year for this virus.

Dr. Wheeler mentioned the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association is working on permissive reporting and would like to see that Devan Woods' revitalization grant program which would allow up to \$30,000 for food animal and existing qualified practices in the rural areas. It is very similar to the Veterinary Repayment Program.

Dr. Shuey 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 Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Hagedon, aye, and Ms. Meyer, aye, Dr. Sato, aye, Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:18 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 11:39 a.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close cases 25-021, 25-024, 25-025, 25-026, and 25-032. 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.
Sandra Allweiler, DVM (Pending for more information)	World Congress of Veterinary Anesthesia (9.15-19.2025 Paris, France)			22.66
Meredith 't Hoen, DVM	ECC Updates: Giving and Receiving Feedback in the Clinic		1	1
Sarah Williamson	Digital Accessibility RoadMap		1	1
Rebekha Lauridsen	ISU CVM Anesthesia Technician Book Club 2026-2027 12.1.2025	1		1
Rebekha Lauridsen	ISU CVM Anesthesia Technician Book Club 2026-2027 2.25.2026	1		1
Rebekha Lauridsen	ISU CVM Anesthesia Technician Book Club 2026-2027 4.29.2026	1		1

Rebekha Lauridsen	ISU CVM Anesthesia Technician Book Club 2026-2027 6.24.2026	1		1
Rebekha Lauridsen	ISU CVM Anesthesia Technician Book Club 2026-2027 8.26.2026	1		1
Rebekha Lauridsen	ISU CVM Anesthesia Technician Book Club 2026-2027 10.28.2026	1		1
Rebekha Lauridsen	ISU CVM Anesthesia Technician Book Club 2026-2027 2.24.2027	1		1

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, December 18, 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 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM