

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Hoover State Office Building  
Borlaug Conference Room  
Open Meeting Minutes  
December 18, 2025

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

Absent

Dr. Yuko Sato

Guest(s)

Jenny Dorman, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association  
Amy Fertig, DVM, Des Moines Area Community College  
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the agenda for the December 18, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Hagedon. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Wheeler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Ms. Hagedon moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Board's financial status as of November 30, 2025, is \$230,101.54.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand spoke to the Board Members regarding the Board's finances covering half the salary of the individual that will fill the vacant position. Discussion was held among the Board Members regarding the licensing fee of \$60 for a triennial license. Iowa has one of the lowest licensing fees compared to the surrounding states. This would require a rule change after the upcoming renewal period in 2026.

Dr. Kaisand reported there have been some wild birds dying in other states from High Pathogenetic Avian Influenza (HPAI). Several dairies in Wisconsin have detected HPAI and California had a positive as well.

Dr. Kaisand stated that Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) is a reportable disease to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and no report has been made from any of the horses that were at the Texas and Oklahoma shows.

#### Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren thanked Ms. Eason for her services to the Board and congratulated her on her retirement.

Dr. Kaisand stated lunch is being provided today for anyone that would like to attend.

#### Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

#### Board Member Report

Dr. Shuey reported that health certificate requirements for other states have changed regarding horses traveling. Dr. Shuey asked if the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association would include this new information in the member newsletter.

Dr. Kaisand reported the changes have come about due to the EHV and that many states have cancelled the extended equine agreement where you could have your horse inspected, agree to turn in movement records, and you did not have to get a health certificate for a period of time for a horse. Most states now require the horses to be examined within 5 to 7 days and some of the states also require EHV testing of the horses before traveling to their state, and temperature monitoring is also being required in some states. The National Final Rodeo has implemented increased requirements for horses traveling to the show.

Dr. Wheeler stated the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Winter Conference has an invited speaker who is an expert in this field and will present on EHV.

#### Correspondence

None

#### Petition for Waiver

None

#### Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None

#### Iowa Veterinary Technician State Examination

Dr. Wheeler spoke to the Board regarding the feedback from the survey the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association sent to the membership. The Legislative and Veterinary Technician Committees want to continue the jurisprudence examination for veterinary technicians, and the committees would also like to see new graduates from Iowa State University have some type of course taken through Iowa State University that the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association could provide. The Legislative and Veterinary Technician Committees would also like to see an accreditation type of module, and that all licensed

DVM's undergo something similar. Dr. Wheeler suggested a task force to try and determine what would be needed.

Dr. Fertig stated more than 50% were in favor of a test or quiz so they knew what Iowa Code says. This would be the minimum for veterinarians even for the licensed veterinarians. The last question was about continuing education hours and that was explained.

Dr. Fertig stated that the IDALS Pesticide's Bureau is using a testing platform for instructions and testing. The community colleges that have the veterinary technician programs surveyed are already administering this type of testing and platform. The fee is \$299 per year and provides the opportunity to create modules and the registration on the platform to sit for the exam. Dr. Fertig is going to meet with the Pesticide's Bureau today after the meeting.

Other options for the test are access to a learning management system such as Canvas, Blackboard or Noodle. Other aspects of state government do have this currently in place. Kirkwood Community College uses a different platform and has a lower testing fee than Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). DMACC would need more information on the type of platform that Kirkwood Community College uses. All the colleges prefer to have 24-hour notice prior to an individual coming to sit for the exam. Some of the larger colleges with satellite campuses and can accommodate walk-in testing candidates. Proctored exams do need appointments to sit for the exam. The American Association of Veterinary State Boards will not review any transcripts or information on the student until the eligibility rosters in the form of a CSV file has all the identifiable information for each student, and that they are eligible to sit for the exam. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine would have to determine eligibility, and the Program Coordinators could send the same CSV file with all the identifiable information for each student eligible to sit for the exam. The transcripts, applications, and the fees would be sent to the Program Coordinator and in turn would then be mailed to the Board office. The Board office would have to determine eligibility for those individuals that are coming from a different state.

Dr. Kaisand reported that anyone can sit for the Iowa Veterinary Technician State Examination there are no requirements to sit for the jurisprudence exam. Iowa is the only state that has a proctored exam, and the other states have open-book exams per American Association of Veterinary State Boards. The lowest cost would be \$90 on a secured website to sit for the proctored exam. The American Association of Veterinary State Boards does have a \$50 exam fee and that is an open book type of exam and not proctored. What level of exam do you want? The \$175 exam fee, \$90 exam fee, \$50 exam fee. The Board could go with a QUIA.com type of testing platform, and the continuing education hours modules could be administered on the same website even for veterinarian continuing education hours. The testing centers will use the QUIA.com platform. There is no cost for the students who are enrolled at the college. An out-of-state student would be charged \$20. The testing centers could charge everyone a fee of \$20, and this would still be a proctored exam and is closed book.

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards state exam contract will expire in February 2026. How would the test scores be obtained and many other questions must be answered. It is suggested to stay with American Association of Veterinary State Boards for one more year and no changes for the extension of one year contract. The consensus is to stay with American Association of Veterinary State Boards for one more year in order to have the new type of examination process be ironed out completely before any change is made.

Veterinarians having a test on jurisprudence is enlightening. This would take a rule change and have a task force to assist. Further discussion will be needed on the parameters and type of exam.

Miscellaneous

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated the Administrative Bulletin was published on November 26, 2025, regarding the civil penalty rule change. A hearing was scheduled for December 17, 2025, for any comments. Mr. Larson will have more information for the January Board Meeting.

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is including a provision in this year's Department bill that will make the grants awarded through the Rural Iowa Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program exempt from Iowa income taxes.

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 Ms. Hagedon. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Hagedon, aye, and Ms. Meyer, aye, Dr. Shuey, aye    nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:53 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 12:05 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close cases 25-015, 25-029, 25-033, and 25-040. 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.
Cait Dozark	Point of Care Bloodwork & Blood Gas Interpretation (12.17.2025 virtual)	1		1
Sarah Williamson	How To Do It: Development Tools for How to Guides (11.28.2025 Ames, IA)		1	1
Sarah Williamson	No Foaling Around: A Dystocia Review (12.11.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Rebeka Lauridsen	Mediation Training (10.29; 10.31; 11.5; 11.12; 11.14.2025 Ames, IA)		25	25
Olivia Stricklin, DVM	Hoofbeats and Handshakes (1.23.2026 Ames, Iowa)	2		2

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Borlaug Conference Room, Hoover State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM