

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Hoover State Office Building
Borlaug Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2026

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

Absent

None.

Guest(s)

Tyler Meyer
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the agenda for the March 26, 2026, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Sterling Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Burkgren stated that edits to the Open Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2026, were needed in the following sections:

Dr. Burkgren believed he received this for signature and will confirm.

Sterling Meyer moved to approve the agenda for the March 26, 2026, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Board's financial status as of February 28, 2026, is \$230,005.43. Dr. Kaisand noted 2026 is a licensing year.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand noted that there are no current cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Iowa, and recent detections have been in backyard flocks.

Dr. Kaisand spoke to the Board Members regarding the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) Government Relations Committee (GRC) Meeting in Washington DC, which he recently attended. Presentations were made by several agencies, and discussions included the a vaccine pilot request from the poultry industry and Theileria research and drug availability. Dr. Kaisand

also provided a brief update from the meeting on New World Screwworm, what is understood about the cases in Mexico, sterile fly release, and possible treatment.

Dr. Kaisand noted that the Program Planner II staff position which supports the Board has been posted. In the interim, staff have been working to capture protocols and standardize processes for work on behalf of the Board to support the onboarding process when a candidate is hired.

Dr. Kaisand spoke to the Board regarding a presentation at the USDA GRC Meeting by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), noting that they only have one veterinarian on their staff, which administers the program for veterinary loan repayment. At a recent Iowa Pork Producers meeting which he attended, Dr. Locke Karriker presented a program to help support new swine veterinarian graduates in Iowa.

The Board discussed recent legislation requiring 80% of applicants admitted to the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine be from Iowa. This bill did not move forward this legislative session; however the Board noted shortage concerns the profession is facing and how this may affect cases the Board reviews. Chris Gruenhagen noted that Iowa Farm Bureau loan repayment program applications are due soon, and they have been working on supporting tax exemption for several loan repayment programs.

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

The Board discussed working with the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association to post a reminder regarding CE reminders and draft language to for a possible FAQ page. Renewal forms for veterinary licenses will be mailed the last week in April/beginning of May, and staff are receiving many inquiries regarding renewal, carry over hours, and address changes.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

None.

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 the contents of a licensing examination or whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings. The motion was seconded by Sterling Meyer. Motion approved unanimously. Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Shuey, aye; Dr. Burkgren, aye; Sterling Meyer, aye; Sierra Hagedon, aye; Dr. Sato, aye. nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:15 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 11:47 a.m.

Dr. Kaisand noted that the next meeting will be Dr. Burkgren's last meeting and the Board will need to elect a temporary chair to start the May 2026 meeting.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close case 25-028, 25-034, and 26-008. The motion was seconded by Sterling Meyer. None opposed. Motion approved unanimously.

Continuing Education

The continuing education applications were reviewed by the Board Members for approval.

Requester	Meeting	Scientific	Mgmt.	Total Hrs.
Teresa Farrell	A Zoo-nique CE Experience Featuring Blank Park Zoo Brew (6.24.2026 – Des Moines, IA)	4		4
Sinisa Grozdanic	Integrative approach toward management of ophthalmology patients (4.4.2026 – Hiawatha, IA)	4		4
Breck Hunt	2026 Iowa Poultry Blood Testing School (5.9.2026 – Ames, IA)	4 2.5 requested	0 1.5 requested	4
		The Board noted that the hours requested appeared to be scientific and approved accordingly. Dr. Sato recused from the review.		
Ashley McGarr	Active Listening & Navigating Difficult Conversations (3.25.2026 – Des Moines, IA)		1	1
Tim Smith	Animal Handling and Sampling (5.19 to 5.21.2026, 5.24.2026 – Ames, IA)	22		22
Tim Smith	Program Disease Field Skills Course (4.21 to 4.23.2026 – Ames, IA)	26		26
Chelsea Underwood	BluePearl Des Moines Technician CE (5.2.2026 – Des Moines, IA)	2		2

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Borlaug Conference Room, Hoover State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM