

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Hoover State Office Building
Borlaug Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2026

Dr. Tom Burkgren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with the following Board Members present: Dr. Scott Shuey, Sierra Hagedon, Dr. Yuko Sato. Also present were Mr. Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, and Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant.

Absent

Sterling Meyer

Guest(s)

Dr. Randy Wheeler, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association (IVMA)

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Sato moved to approve the agenda for the April 30, 2026, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Sierra Hagedon and Dr. Scott Shuey. None opposed. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Randy Wheeler thanked Dr. Tom Burkgren for his work and congratulated him on his retirement. He also mentioned that IVMA is collaborating with the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine to host several roundtable events this summer to gather feedback from practice employees and industry stakeholders on the veterinary profession and how to better serve rural Iowa. More information can be found in upcoming IVMA newsletters.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Sierra Hagedon moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2026, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. None opposed. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Board's financial status as of March 31, 2026, is \$228,483.46.

Executive Secretary Report

No report. Dr. Kaisand was not in attendance.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren thanked each of the Board members for their work, noting it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve with them. He has appreciated their intelligence and common sense as they serve the citizens of the state of Iowa. Dr. Burkgren also thanked Dr. Jeff Kaisand and Meghan Orr for their assistance.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson thanked Dr. Burkgren for his service as chair of the Board and wished him well in his next endeavors.

Board Member Report

Dr. Sato wished to thank Dr. Burkgren for his leadership on the Board.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from a veterinary ophthalmology clinic inquiring about any requirements for operating a veterinary microbiology/histopathology lab. The Board discussed that there are no regulations associated and staff will draft a response accordingly.

Petition for Waiver

None.

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Orr noted for discussion continuing education (CE) credits for instruction. The Board has a current policy regarding CE credits for presenting continuing education, but faculty are inquiring if this could apply to coursework when instruction is provided to students. The Board discussed the coursework for CE presentations is currently reviewed for approval, and this would not be the case for coursework for student instruction, so if faculty would like to submit coursework for approval on the Board's application form it could be considered for approval.

Dr. Burkgren noted an interim chair would need to be selected to begin the May meeting. Dr. Shuey moved to nominate Dr. Sato as temporary chair for the May Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Sierra Hagedon. Motion approved unanimously.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson provided an update that the civil penalty rule has come back from the public comment period. No comments were received; so it is ready for final adoption and will then go to final publication. Sierra Hagedon moved to adopt the civil penalty rule as approved. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. None opposed. Motion approved unanimously.

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 the contents of a licensing examination or whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously. Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Shuey, aye; Dr. Burkgren, aye; Sierra Hagedon, aye; Dr. Sato, aye. nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:22 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 1:01 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to close case 26-011 and 26-013. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. 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.
Randy Ackman, DVM	Eastern Iowa Veterinary Association Spring Clinic (5.11.2026 – Cedar Rapids, IA)	3	0	3
Macenzie Johnson, DVM	A crash course for your crashing patient: CPR Overview (6.8.2026 – Des Moines, IA)	1.5	0	1.5
Brent Henningsen	Zoetis Spring Cow/Calf Meeting (5.13.2026 – Welton & Epworth, IA)	1.5	1.5	3
Jennifer R. Mathis, DAVDC	Animal Dentistry Referral Services Sunday Seminar (5.31.2026 & 6.1.2026 – Norwalk, IA)	11.25 12 requested	0	11.25 11.25 vet 7.25 tech
		The Board noted the hours requested did not match the event time.		
Vijaya Nareddy, DVM MS	USAHA Annual Meeting (10.12-16.2024 – Nashville, TN)	19	0	19
Joseph Palermo	AVMA Convention 2026 (7.10-14.2026 – Anaheim, CA)	606.5	159.2	765.7
Tim Smith, DVM	FADD In-Person Training (6.23-26.2026 – Ames, IA)	23	0	23
Stacey Williams	FADD Virtual Training (5.4-8.2026 – virtual)	19	0	19
Chelsea Underwood	BluePearl Des Moines Technician CE (5.2.2026 – Des Moines, IA)	0 4 requested		0
		The Board requested additional information, including clarification of ending time and itemization of each hour of CEU.		
Chelsea Underwood	Cedar Rapids Technician CE (6.3.2026 – Des Moines, IA)	0 2.5 requested		0
		The Board requested additional information, including clarification of ending time and itemization of each hour of CEU.		
Sarah Williamson	Biological Risk Management in Action: Applying Biosecurity, Communication, and Critical Thinking in the Veterinary Clinic (4.29.2026 – Ames, IA)	1	0	1

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Borlaug Conference Room, Hoover State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM