

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Wallace State Office Building, First Floor Conference Room  
Open Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2024 amended April 25 2024

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 (by telephone), 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

Will Yoder

Guest(s)

Charles Abraham, DVM, Abraham's Equine Clinic  
Donna Abraham, Abraham's Equine Clinic  
Jenny Dorman, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association  
Amy Fertig, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association  
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 March 28, 2024, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Wheeler stated an article regarding High Path Avian Influenza will be in the forthcoming IVMA Communique.

Dr. Charles Abraham introduced himself and his wife, Donna Abraham. Dr. Abraham addressed the Board Members regarding the Temporary Permit License Dr. Nilson Ribas Neto made application for in January 2024. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine did not approve the application for a Temporary Permit License. Dr. Ribas Neto submitted a third Petition for Waiver to the Board so he may work at Dr. Abraham's clinic during the equine breeding season. Dr. Abraham stated the veterinarian that was approved for the Temporary Permit License in January 2024 was denied the work Visa by the Brazilian government as it is on a lottery basis. Dr. Abraham stated there is a shortage of reproductive equine veterinarians in the United States and if the Board Members would consider the waiver through June 2024 so he would be able to service his clients. Dr. Abraham is in the process of hiring a Resident from Texas A & M for next year. Dr. Ribas Neto has taken the Boards twice and has not passed. Dr. Abraham thanked the Board for their consideration of the Petition for Waiver and excused himself and his wife from the meeting.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2024. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

### Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the Board's financial status for the current FY24 balance is \$212,270.95 as of February 29, 2024.

Dr. Kaisand reported Mr. John Murray is a fourth-year veterinary student at the University of Missouri, Columbia and has made application for the Student Permit which will expire on the date of his graduation of May 10, 2024. Before the permit is issued a college official or licensed veterinarian must provide a statement that the student is competent to perform veterinary medicine. The information has been provided by the Associate Dean of the veterinary college. Mr. Murray stated in an email that he is going to make an application for a regular license as well.

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the application submitted by Mr. John Murray and issue a Student Permit that will expire May 10, 2024. Motion seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kaisand reported on an emerging situation with High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI) affecting milk producing dairy cattle in Texas and Kansas. The milk turns yellow and thick like colostrum. The milk has been PCR tested by Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and it did test positive for HPAI. There are numerous dairies being affected. After the milk has been pasteurized it can be consumed without any ill effects. Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will work with the herd veterinarian if the disease shows up in Iowa. A biosecurity plan should be in place. There are states banning imports of cattle. Iowa currently is not one of the states banning dairy cattle imports. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is in constant contact with the USDA and making sure industry is aware of recent detections.

### Chairperson Report

No report.

### Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

### Board Member Report

Dr. Sato stated individuals should contact Dr. Pat Gorden and Dr. Philip Jardon regarding HPAI in dairy cattle.

Dr. Sato stated the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab has moved. The new address is 1937 Christensen Drive, Ames, Iowa.

### Correspondence

Dr. Carrie Brown, DVM submitted an inquiry to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine regarding increasing the online continuing education hours now that COVID-19 is past. The current rule is 20 hours of distance education for veterinarians and 10 hours of distance education for veterinary technicians. The Board may want to consider increasing the veterinarian management limit of continuing education hours from 20 to 30 hours and providing the veterinary technician the opportunity to obtain 10 continuing education management hours of the total 30 hours required.

The Administrative Rules are currently being revised. The Board Members increased the distance education hours as follows if approved for the July 1, 2024, effective date: Veterinarians from 20 hours to 30 hours maximum, and veterinary technicians from 10 hours to 15 hours maximum. The Board Members also made a provision for veterinary technicians to obtain 10 hours of management continuing education hours of the total amount of 30 continuing education hour requirement.

#### Petition for Waiver

Dr. Nilson Ribas Neto submitted a Petition for Waiver to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. The petition is to request the Board to consider issuing a Temporary Permit License from April 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024, by waiver so he may work with Dr. Abraham during the equine breeding season. Dr. Ribas Neto has had three Temporary Permit Licenses by application and two Temporary Permit Licenses by waiver.

Dr. Sato stated that sitting for Board Specialization examinations, if you fail the exam three times then it is a requirement of the specialty that you are not allowed to sit for the exam for one year. Potentially, this may be an issue for Dr. Ribas Neto in two years.

The consensus of the Board Members is Dr. Ribas Neto may be issued one more Temporary Permit License and will not be granted any more extensions.

Mr. Larson stated that changes to the rules for foreign graduates will be effective July 1, 2024, and potentially Dr. Ribas Neto may qualify and not have to make application for a Temporary Permit License.

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Petition for Waiver submitted by Dr. Ribas Neto from April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

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

None

#### Miscellaneous

None

#### Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Public comments Administrative Rules Chapters 1-14 + 16 will close on March 29, 2024. The comments received up to the Board Meeting were discussed. The Board Members made changes to these chapters along with the stakeholder's assistance. The changes made will be voted on at the April 25, 2024, Board Meeting.

Dr. Kaisand excused himself from the meeting at 11:50 a.m. for a conference call and will be back as soon as the call is finished.

Dr. Sato excused herself from the meeting at 12:00 p.m. for another meeting and will not rejoin the meeting.

Mr. Larson stated that Iowa Code 272C states civil penalties have a maximum of \$1,000 for this Board. The rules will be updated and brought in line with EO10.

Dr. Kaisand returned to the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Ms. Meyer 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. Motion seconded by Dr. Shuey.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Sato, aye; Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 1:10 p.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:59 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Combined Statement of Charges and Final Order in case 23-019. Motion seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Shuey moved to close cases 23-023; 23-031; 23-035; 23-036; 23-037; 23-040, and 24-001. Motion 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.
April Blong, DVM	Evidence based cardiopulmonary resuscitation in pets (3.26.2024 Boone, IA)	2		2

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM  
Executive Secretary  
Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine