

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024

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

Absent

Ms. Sierra Hagedon

Guest(s)

Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Dr. Randy Wheeler, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyers moved to approve the updated agenda for the November 21, 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 thanked Dr. Burkgren for speaking to the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Power of 10 Leadership group.

Ms. Gruenhagen reported that Iowa Farm Bureau has been discussing the Veterinary / Client / Patient / Relationship regarding Foreign Animal Disease outbreaks. The discussion was about in-person to treat animals and to maintain biosecurity as well as expanding the availability of the veterinarian.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2024, as amended. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the Board's financial status for the current FY25 balance is \$224,269.47. The question was asked about what the Board would be able to spend the money on. Mr. Larson stated the Board can spend the money with no restrictions, however the Board should use discretion when spending. Examples would be expert witness, peer review cases, technology, hiring more staff, etc.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren reported Colorado 129 Midlevel Practitioners legislation did pass and the state of Colorado is working on a program. Dr. Wheeler reported over 200 organizations were against the legislation and this was led by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Burkgren reported that the Veterinary/Client/Patient/Relationship was challenged in Texas. A federal appeals court recently ruled that the clinical advice provided by a veterinarian that he emailed to pet owners is constitutionally protected speech under the First Amendment.

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

It was reported that a Canadian child became infected with a new genotype of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The child is in critical condition. A California child became infected with bird flu and had mild symptoms, was treated and is recovering. Both children did not have contact with any animal or bird.

Correspondence

Veterinary Technician National Examination Memorandum of Understanding March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2028. The Board does not send a list of individuals eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination. Dr. Sato moved to approve the Veterinary Technician National Examination Memorandum of Understanding. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Petition for Waiver

None

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

None

Miscellaneous

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

None

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 whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Sato, aye, and Dr. Shuey, aye (by phone) nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:21 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 11:41 a.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close case 24-010, 24-018, 24-020, 24-023, 024-027, 24-028, and 24-035. Motion was seconded by Dr. Shuey. 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.
Tim Smith, DVM	Fundamental Skills for Program Diseases (9.3-5.2024 and 10.8-10.2024 Virtual)	6		6
Chelsea Underwood	Recognition and emergency management of arrhythmias in dogs and cats (10.29.2024 Swisher, IA)	1		1
Sarah Williamson	Everything you need to know about colic...sort of (1.9.2025 Ames, IA)	1		1
Jennifer Mathis, DVM	Do More Dentistry (1.15.2025 Des Moines, IA)	1		1
Yuko Sato, DVM	Iowa Egg Industry Symposium (11.14.2024 Ames, Iowa)	5.25		5.25

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary