

Of t Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building, Third Floor Conference Room
Open Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023

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

Absent

None

Guest(s)

Megan Carlson, Carney & Appleby (Iowa Veterinary Medical Association)
Jenny Dorman, Carney & Appleby (Iowa Veterinary Medical Association)
Cora Fox, Iowa Cattlemen's Association
Kim Gemeinhardt, DVM, President, American Association of Veterinary State Boards
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Ben Nuelle, Iowa Pork Producers
Jim Penrod, CEO, American Association of Veterinary State Boards
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the agenda for the October 26, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Mrs. Gruenhagen stated Dr. Wheeler, herself, and other stakeholders are planning a meeting to discuss the Veterinary Technician Administrative Rules. Dr. Burkgren stated he would like to attend the meeting and to please notify him of the date, time, and location for the meeting.

Mr. Penrod and Dr. Gemeinhardt introduced themselves to the Board Members and guests. They expressed their thanks for being invited to present in person to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

Ms. Meyer moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported the Board's financial status as of year ending June 30, 2023, was \$184,995.46 and the current FY24 balance is \$207,063.81.

Dr. Kaisand reported there are several Avian Influenza cases that have infected several flocks. The Incident Command Center is up and running.

Dr. Kaisand reported Abigail Martens has sought employment elsewhere. The Board Members expressed their sincere thanks to Ms. Martens for her time and effort in the complaint cases received by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Chairperson Report

No report

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report.

Board Member Report

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Governor's office of a Public Board Member should be from agriculture. The Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the Iowa Pork Producers would like someone with animal or livestock knowledge and experience. There currently is no definition from the Governor's office for "from agriculture." The Governor's office used the term "farmer" and the Board asked who would this encompass? Would it be a livestock producer, crop farmer, or a combination of both areas?

Mr. Larson stated that perhaps staff from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship could reach out to the Governor's office to find out if they have a definition of farmer for the Public Member.

Dr. Shuey made the motion to have a Public Board Member or Veterinarian Board Member be primarily involved in animal agriculture. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Correspondence

Mr. Penrod and Dr. Gemeinhardt presented to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine and guests regarding the services the American Association of Veterinary State Boards has to offer their member boards. They both expressed the invitation of the Board Members to attend the annual meeting, which the American Association of Veterinary State Boards pays the expenses for one board member and one delegate. The Basic and Beyond Conference for New Board Members is held in Kansas City. The New Executive Director Meeting is also very well attended and is held in Kansas City. Dr. Gemeinhardt stated there are various volunteer positions available to Board Members if they would like to be involved with the American Association of Veterinary State Boards committees.

The letter to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards agreement extension for Veterinary Technician National Examination was reviewed. Dr. Shuey moved to approve the

extension letter for the Veterinary Technician National Examination agreement for one year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion approved unanimously.

American Association of Veterinary State Boards SPA Program Vendor Update. Mr. Penrod reiterated as soon as a vendor is identified the Member Boards will be notified. Mr. Penrod stated the Board could consider going from a proctored exam to an online examination which is an open book, and most jurisdictions use this method for testing.

Petition for Waiver

Heartland Veterinary Partners submitted a petition for a waiver regarding Iowa Administrative Code 811-8.5 Supervision and telehealth with veterinary technician's supervision. The Board has 120 days total to act on this petition. Mr. Larson reminded the Board Members they have another 60 days to act on the petition for a waiver. If the Board waives these rules, the rules may potentially not exist in another 60 days.

Dr. Shuey expressed concern with the petition and that the members of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Executive Board should be able to provide their thoughts and opinions regarding telehealth and the supervision of veterinary technicians. It was asked if the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine Board Members would be able to attend that meeting. The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association could also send out a survey to their members. There are ethical issues for granting a waiver to one organization. The current regulatory environment is in flux and we're not sure what is going to be allowed with the new rules. The rural areas are in jeopardy now and cannot hire any veterinary technicians to staff the clinics and work in the rural areas. Dr. Sato, Mr. Yoder, and Ms. Meyer echoed Dr. Shuey's statements and concerns. Dr. Shuey did state there are some positives to this waiver.

The swine and bovine practitioners feel they must have an in-person exam instead of telehealth exam. The small animal practitioners have a different viewpoint with telehealth and telemedicine.

Based on the Board's discussion Mr. Larson will prepare a document for the November meeting denying the petition for a waiver based on the grounds discussed.

Veterinary License/Veterinary Technician Registration Application(s)

Ms. Caitlin M. Stover made the application by Verification of Licensure/Registration – Other Jurisdiction. The Board Members reviewed the application. Mr. Yoder moved to approve the Veterinary Technician Verification of Licensure/Registration – Other Jurisdiction. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. Motion approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous

None

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated EO10 is an ongoing process. The documents have been submitted to the Governor's office. There will be two public hearings in November and one public hearing in

December. The final rules will be presented at the December Board Meeting to vote on to initiate the rule making process. The legislation amended the vet tech requirements that rules must be submitted to the Administrative Rules Committee by the end of the year. Several stakeholder groups and several board members will work together for a rough draft of language for the November Board Meeting and the December Board Meeting would be a final rough draft for the notice of adoption of the rule making by the end of the 2023. The final adoption of the rules for veterinary technicians would be July 2024.

Ms. Jenny Dorman and Ms. Chris Gruenhagen will schedule a meeting to discuss a rough draft of the veterinary technician rules for the November Board Meeting. Ms. Gruenhagen will notify Dr. Burkgren and Dr. Shuey of the date, time, and location for this stakeholder meeting. Dr. Kaisand stated Dean Dan Grooms reached out and would like to participate in discussions because of the Fourth-Year veterinary students at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Amy Fertig, Program Director, Des Moines Area Community College would like to be involved because of the Veterinary Technology Program.

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. Motion seconded by Dr. Sato.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Sato, aye; Dr. Shuey, aye; Mr. Yoder, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 11:08 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 12:09 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close cases 23-021, and 23-029. 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.
Carrie Schwake	Transfusion Medicine (6.15.2023 Ames, IA)	1		1
Andrew Hennenfent, DVM	A Dog Walks into a Hospital: Infection, Prevention, and Control Best Practices for Animal Visitations (11.8.2023 Webinar)	1		1
Amelia Dohlman	Anesthesia Complications: Identifying & Troubleshooting	1		1

	Cardiac Arrhythmias (10.17.2023 Ames, IA)			
Gretchen Schaefer, DVM	Options for Animals College of Animal Chiropractic (9.23-10.1.2023, Wellsville, KS)	30		30
Nicole McFarland	3rd Annual Abraham's Equine Summit (11.3-4.2023, Cedar Rapids, IA)	9.5	2	11.5
Yuko Sato, DVM	Iowa Egg Industry Symposium 2023 (11.9.2023 Ames, IA)	4	1	5

Dr. Kaisand brought to the Board's attention the continuing education record reporting form does not have a management column and the Administrative Rules 811-11.1 states: A maximum of 20 hours of continuing education during any one triennial license period may be achieved by completion of approved practice management courses.

A column titled "Management" will be added.

Dr. Kaisand asked if the Board Members would like to purchase laptops for Board use with the available funds in the Board's account? The cost of five laptops and the programs needed would be obtained through the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship IT Bureau.

Dr. Kaisand stated a new database for the veterinary and veterinary technician licensing and renewal is in the process of being reviewed and searching for a software package that may be better than what is currently being used.

An envelope will be provided to each Board Member for their flash drives to be maintained and updated each month instead of having different flash drives each month.

Virtual Live Presentations/Conferences. Are these considered face-to-face continuing education hours or distance education continuing education hours limited to 20 hours per triennium? These types of continued educational presentations and conferences are not considered face-to-face and would count towards the online limitation.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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