

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Wallace State Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room  
Open Meeting Minutes  
October 31, 2024

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

Absent

Meghan Orr

Guest(s)

Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau  
Haley Hook, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Ben Nuelle, Iowa Pork Producers (by phone)  
Dr. Randy Wheeler, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association  
Clara Wulfsen, Carney & Appleby Law

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Meyers moved to approve the agenda for the October 31, 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 reported the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting held in September 2024 had over 450 members in attendance.

Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes

It was stated several changes to the Open Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2024, were needed in the following section:

Board Members and staff present: Ms. Sterling, Meyers

Chairperson Report: ~~feder~~ slaughter

Dr. Shuey moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2024, as amended. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand reported that the Board's financial status for the current FY25 balance is \$223,344.74.

Dr. Kaisand reported that the state of California has had a large number of dairy farms, turkey and broiler flocks testing positive with High Path Avian Influenza. There are sites in the states of Washington and Utah where layer flocks are testing positive with dairy strains. The state of Oregon had a backyard poultry flock dying with KuneKune hogs on the premises with one pig testing positive.

Dr. Kaisand reported that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has been involved with being awarded the care of a large broiler flock that had been neglected by the owner. The owner was in financial hardship and was unable to feed the flock. The department was not able to secure a new owner. The birds had to be euthanized.

#### Chairperson Report

Dr. Burkgren reported that the state of Colorado proposed the inception of a new midlevel practitioner (MLP) position in veterinary medicine known as a veterinary professional associate (VPA). There are currently no collegiate programs or licensure process for this level.

#### Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson echoed what Dr. Kaisand reported on the department's involvement with the large broiler flock.

#### Board Member Report

No report.

#### Correspondence

Veterinary Technician National Examination Scores August 1-15, 2024 was reviewed by the Board Members.

Veterinary Technician National Examination Memorandum of Understanding March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2028. The Board Members discussed who should be able to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination. Mr. Larson will contact the American Association of Veterinary State Boards regarding this language.

International Council for Veterinary Assessment Cover and Report was reviewed by the Board Members.

IVMA stance on Veterinary/Client/Patient/Relationship and telemedicine 2024 letter that was sent to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Wheeler stated when Dr. David Schmitt attended the Board Meeting on August 29, 2024, that what he stated was his personal opinion and thoughts and not the opinion of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association.

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment sent an email survey regarding changing the NAVLE Retake Policy. The Board's policy is the individual must wait one year between attempts four and five.

#### Petition for Waiver

None

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

None

#### Miscellaneous

None

## Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Mr. Larson stated he prepared this language for the Board's review. He also spoke with different departments regarding their civil penalties, and they ranged from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The Board could establish an internal policy of what the Board could do for veterinary technicians and a civil penalty for those individuals. The veterinary technicians are limited to revocation or suspension, HF670,169.34.

Ms. Hook spoke to Ms. Dorman and Dr. Wheeler regarding the penalty amount and there was no pushback from them regarding the civil penalty amount. Ms. Hook stated this could be included in the Department's bill. The bill will be noticed to the public but the public does not have a comment period.

Dr. Sato moved to approve the amended language to 169.13. Motion seconded by Ms. Meyer. 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 whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Burkgren, aye; Ms. Hagedon (by phone); Ms. Meyer, aye; Dr. Sato, aye, Dr. Shuey, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 10:42 a.m.

## Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened the Open Meeting Session at 12.17 p.m.

## Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Sato moved to close case 24-022. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sato. 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.
Meredith 't Hoen, DVM	Cardiology Part II: ECGs (11.12.2024 Ames, IA)	1		1
Tim Smith, DVM – pending additional information	Fundamental Skills for Program Diseases (Fundamental Skills for Program Diseases - virtual delivery 9.3-5.2024, 10.8-10.2024)	6 ea		6 ea
Jeff Kaisand, DVM	Iowa Foreign Animal Disease Defense Program - EPI Module (on-line course)	0.5		0.5
Tyler Neuharth	Introducing a new treatment option for canine osteoarthritis (Okoboji, IA 8.12.2024)	1		1
Tyler Neuharth	Introducing a new treatment option for canine osteoarthritis (Mason City, IA 8.13.2024)	1		1

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Burkgren adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM  
Executive Secretary