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KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS Tuesday, January 26, 2016 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas Board Meeting

10 This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 10:06 A.M. by
11 Board President Dr. Bogue. Board Members in attendance in addition to Dr. Bogue were Drs. Bentz,
12 Dodson, Kobuszewski, Layton; participating via conference call were Board Members Dr. Ritter,
13 Mr. Allen, and Executive Director of the KVMA-Kansas Veterinary Medical Association -Megan
14 Kilgore. Also present in Manhattan were Dr. William Brown, Dr. Dirk Hanson, Konrad Coe, Cheryl
15 Mermis, Dr. Justin Smith, KDA legal counsel Robert Large, KDA Secretary Jackie McClaskey,
16 Dr. Marty Vanier and Dr. Kenneth Burton.

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18 Dr. Bogue welcomed and thanked those in attendance. Dr. Dodson moved to adopt the meeting
19 agenda as proposed. Dr. Kobuszewski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote
20 with no dissenting votes.

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22 Dr. Layton made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Dr. Bentz seconded the
23 motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

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25 Dr. Brown informed the board that staff is making preparations for the implementation of accepting
26 on-line renewal processing, available for both veterinary technicians and veterinarians intended for
27 this upcoming renewal period[s] which closes by fiscal year-end: June 30. Dr. Brown relayed more
28 information will be provided to the board at the February 2, 2016 meeting in Topeka.

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30 Initial discussion centered around the introduction of an equine dentistry bill to the legislature.
31 Secretary McClaskey led the discussion, relaying that after her presentation to House Agriculture and
32 National Resources Committee on 1/25/2016, she had a discussion with Representative Troy
33 Waymaster whereby he informed her of the House Bill that has been introduced. Secretary
34 McClaskey obtained a copy of the language late in the evening, handouts of that proposed language
35 change specific to the veterinary practice act was provided to board members with the Secretary
36 recommending that the board review the document and discuss with the KVMA, formalizing a united
37 position with prepared talking points; to have readily available should Legislators query board
38 members during their visit to the Capitol on February 3, 2016.

39 Drs. Bentz, Ritter, and Kobuszewski agreed to be a part of the combined [KVMA and KBVE] working
40 group. Megan agreed to rallying a KVMA work group to address the proposed legislation.

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43 Dr. Bogue mentioned that email exchanges between board members and Secretary McClaskey have
44 occurred following the previous meeting of the board [12/30/2015]; board members had voiced some
45 concerns pertaining to the proposed legislation language for permanent merging of the KBVE into the
46 KDA that was provided to the board at the 12/4/2015 meeting. Revised language was presented to
47 the board today. Secretary McClaskey informed the board this revised language is to address the
48 concerns that board members voiced during the 12/30/2015 conference call meeting.

49 After some lengthy discussion, Dr. Dodson asked Secretary McClaskey about potential stalemate on
50 rules and regulation changes and/or the executive director position. In response Jackie McClaskey
51 stated the final decision would be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

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53 Dr. Bogue asked for a motion to conduct a roll call vote on the merger it was at this time Secretary
54 McClaskey interjected, reminding the board of the two potential language additions that was discussed
55 on this date; pertaining to adding a couple of sentences "**the executive director would serve at the**
56 **pleasure of the Secretary and the Board**" and "**the Board shall advise the Secretary of all**
57 **statutory changes or legislative action**"; asking for some clarity as to if the Board expects that added
58 language to be included in this new revision to the proposed legislation for a permanent merge.

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60 Dr. Dodson made the following motion*"In regards to the discussed changes today but still due*
61 *to major concerns about the ability of the board to function in its duty to promote public health, safety*
62 *and welfare, I move that we oppose a permanent merger of the Kansas Board of Veterinary*
63 *Examiners with the Kansas Department of Agriculture".* Dr. Layton seconded the motion.

64 It was at this point Dr. Bogue began polling the board members; a YES response would equate to
65 opposing the merge:

66 Kobuszewski – yes

67 Layton 2nd the motion – yes

68 Bentz – no

69 Allen – no

70 Ritter – no

71 Bogue – yes

72 Dodson made motion – yes

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74 With a 4 to 3 vote to oppose the merge, Dr. Bogue acknowledged that he was unsure of what
75 happens now in respect to legislative action.

76 Secretary McClaskey announced that she was asked for merger language by the Budget Chair which
77 may or may not be introduced; she is aware that there are Legislators that want the merge to occur
78 with KDA and if not at KDA, KBVE will be merged with another agency. Additionally, if there is a
79 hearing, KDA will support the proposed language that at least three board members support. The
80 Secretary advised the board to be prepared with a clear message should it wish for the KBVE to be a
81 stand-alone agency.

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83 The next meeting of the Board will be February 2, 2016, in Topeka.

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85 Dr. Layton moved that the meeting be adjourned, Dr. Kobuszewski seconded. Motion passed.

86 Having no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:13am.

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