

KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
KBVE Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 10:00 AM
In Person: Three Rivers, 504 Miller Drive, Wamego
Microsoft Teams: By Invitation

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Board President, Dr. Flowers. The meeting was held in person and by Microsoft Teams. Board Members participating in addition to Dr. Flowers were Dr. Snyder (arrived at 10:05 AM) and Dr. Ritter. Also present were Randy Forbes, Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher, Jessica Wrosch, and Dr. Mark Olson. Attending by Microsoft Teams were Dr. Dodson, Dr. Covington, Dr. Ekerberg, Joe Allen, Megan Kilgore, and Patty Burris.

Dr. Flowers welcomed and thanked those in attendance.

Dr. Ritter made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of adding unlicensed practice update to the agenda, and Joe Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Flowers offered public members a chance to speak.

Joe Allen made a motion to approve the board minutes as written from the October 5, 2022 meeting. Dr. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Jessica Wrosch presented the licensed veterinarian and registered technician report.

Konrad Coe presented his premise audit report.

Matthew Provencher presented his investigations status report.

Dr. Olson gave his Executive Director report.

Dr. Olson explained the budget that was approved by the board at the last meeting has now been approved by the Division of Budget. Next, it will go to the Governor for her recommendation and then it will go through the formal process during the 2023 legislative session.

The board reviewed and discussed the information received from the stakeholders on the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act draft. Meetings were held with the following stakeholders since the draft was approved for review from the KBVE on October 5, 2022 in person, by phone or via zoom:

1. Oct. 11th with the KVMA Executive Director Megan Kilgore
2. Oct. 12th with KVMA President Dr. Gregg Hanzlicek
3. Oct. 23rd with the KVMA Board
4. Oct. 25th with KSU CVM Dean Bonnie Rush and Associate Dean of Clinical Programs Elizabeth Davis
5. Oct. 31st with the KVTB Board
6. Nov. 2nd with the KVMA President Elect Dr. Patty Burris
7. Nov. 8th with the KDA-Animal Health Commissioner Dr. Justin Smith
8. Nov. 9th with the KVMA Legislative Action Committee

The board discussed adding a veterinary technician to the board. Dr. Dodson moved that the board increase the number of board members to 8 allowing the 8th member to be a registered veterinary technician and that the technician will not sit on any probable cause committee unless it deals directly with another registered veterinary technician. Motion failed. Dr. Dodson moved that the board increase the number of board members to 8 to include a registered veterinary technician. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

The board discussed reciprocity by removing statute 47-824 (b) (1) & (2) from the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act. No action taken.

Dr. Olson mentioned that the Kansas Legislative Session 2023 starts January 9, 2023.

Dr. Flowers appointed Dr. Snyder, Dr. Olson, and herself to represent the KBVE at the task force meeting with the KVMA in January 2023. After further discussion, Dr. Flowers appointed Dr. Ritter to the Task Force and she would serve as an alternate.

Dr. Olson mentioned that there was nothing additional to present on rules and regulation during this board meeting.

Dr. Olson reminded the board about the AAVSB annual meeting that will be held September 28-30, 2023 in Kansas City.

The board suggested that Dr. Covington be selected to attend the Board Basics and Beyond in Kansas City on April 14-15, 2023.

Several cases of unlicensed practice are under investigation at this time. Attorney Randy Forbes visited with the board about a case under investigation since 2021 about unlicensed dental teeth floating being done on horses in Kansas. Mr. Forbes believes this person is no longer working in Kansas. The complaint has gone through the investigation process and has been reviewed by the board and appropriate legal processes. The board can send it to the District Court or monitor to see if more complaints come in about unlicensed practice occurring on this person. Mr. Forbes feels the cost to go to District Court may not be necessary as the goal is to stop unlicensed practice. The board considered further investigation, notifying the KVMA about the need to report to the KBVE any unlicensed practice and decided to see if the unlicensed person responds to Mr. Forbes letters and emails.

Board President Dr. Flowers called for a 10-minute break at 12:24 p.m.

The board meeting returned to open session at 12:34 p.m.

Dr. Ritter made the following the motion: In order to protect the privacy of the non-elected personnel involved, I move that the board recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the board. In addition, I move that, Legal Counsel, Randy Forbes, and Executive Director, Dr. Mark Olson be present in the executive session to aid the board in their discussions. The Board will reconvene the open meeting in this same location in 10 minutes at 12:47 p.m. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Ritter moved to return to open session at 12:47 p.m. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Snyder made a motion to add August 2, 2023 and October 4, 2023 to the list of future board meetings. Dr. Ritter seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Ritter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Signed: Leann Flowers Date: 1-25-23