

**KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**  
**KBVE Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 10:00 AM**  
**In Person: Classroom (3-N) State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas**  
**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. Dodson, Dr. Ekerberg, Joe Allen, Dr. Covington, Dr. Ritter, and Dr. Snyder. New board members in attendance were Dr. Stacy Rogers and Dr. Randy Norton. Also present were Kevin Fowler, Konrad Coe, Jessica Wrosch, and Dr. Mark Olson. Mary Berg from the KVTA attended in person, Matthew Hubbel from the KVTA attending via Microsoft Teams, and President-Elect Dr. Patty Burris from the KVMA attended via Microsoft Teams.

Dr. Flowers welcomed and thanked those in attendance. Dr. Flowers welcomed members attending from the KVMA and the KVTA. Dr. Flowers had all present board members, new KBVE board members and staff introduce themselves to welcome new board members Dr. Rogers and Dr. Norton to the appointment position on the KBVE.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to adopt the agenda and Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Mary Berg from the Kansas Veterinary Technician Association gave an updated report which included new board members, growing the membership, and working with Kansas stakeholders to modernize the veterinary practice act to include current language for veterinary technicians.

Dr. Covington moved to approve the board minutes as written from the December 6, 2023, meeting. Dr. Dodson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Olson presented a summary to all board members of the history, timeline, updates, successes, and challenges of modernizing the Kansas veterinary practice act statutes with stakeholders to prepare board members about the talking points document to share in the Capitol with legislators during scheduled meetings today. This included reporting information from the KVMA-KBVE task force meetings since the inception of this committee in January 2023.

Jessica Wrosch presented the licensed veterinarian and registered technician office report. There are 2,822 licensed veterinarians and 740 registered veterinary technicians presently active in Kansas.

Konrad Coe presented his premise audit report. There are 642 active veterinary premises in Kansas.

Matthew Provencher presented his investigations status report to the board prior to the meeting. There have been 86 complaints filed with the KBVE from the public in 2023.

Dr. Olson gave his executive director report. He has spent considerable time in discussions with stakeholders on updated language in the modernized statutes of the practice act and has brought updated information for the board to discuss and consider at this meeting. The KVMA asked the KBVE to send a survey out to all licensed Kansas veterinarians on January 19, 2024, to get information and data from licensees about possible shortages in veterinary services across the state of Kansas. The

survey will be completed and analyzed with results after it closes on February 2, 2024. The board reviewed the map of the number of veterinarians residing in each county with active Kansas veterinary licenses.

Dr. Olson gave an update on the KBVE budget and reviewed with the board the process for approval through the legislature.

The board reviewed the practice act statutes draft updated information and learned that the KVMA had changed their position at the January 22, 2024, KVMA board meeting and will not be a proponent of a legislative bill. The KVMA membership is divided on language involving credentialed veterinary technician language in the modernized statute draft and needs some time to sort this out with their membership. The KVMA is also concerned about a recent KLA resolution which could introduce technicians providing veterinary services in Kansas.

Dr. Ritter presided over the meeting while Dr. Flowers went to visit with her legislators. Dr. Ritter called for a 20-minute recess at 12:00 pm while board members met for lunch in an adjoining room.

Dr. Flowers reconvened the meeting at 12:20 pm. Dr. Ritter moved to give the KVMA a timeline of December 1, 2024, to get the statute draft language determined and in written form that the KVMA membership and KBVE would support. This would include regular meetings of the KVMA-KBVE task force and expand the task force to include practitioners and veterinarian legislators. On December 1, 2024, the updated language would be submitted to the Revisor of Statutes to be written as a legislative bill for the 2025 legislative session that all stakeholders will support. Dr. Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. Dr. Olson announced that the next KVMA-KBVE task force meeting will be held virtually on February 29, 2024, at 7:00 am via Zoom.

Dr. Sheila Dodson, now serving on the AAVSB board of directors, gave an updated report about activities going on at the AAVSB which includes changes to the application process for students to take the NAVLE and looking at all services to support and help all the 63 member boards.

Dr. Stacy Rogers will be attending the AAVSB Board Basics and Beyond in Kansas City on April 12-13, 2024, for new board member training.

Dr. Olson announced to board members that the AAVSB Annual Conference will be held in San Diego, California on September 25-28, 2024.

Dr. Flowers announced the next board meeting will be in Wamego on March 20, then at June Conference in Manhattan on June 2, in Wamego on August 21, and the board approved a November 12 meeting at the KSU-CVM in Manhattan with faculty and staff of the veterinary school.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm

Signed: Leann Flowers Date: 3-20-24