

KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
KBVE Board Meeting
Sunday, June 2, 2024, 10:00 AM
In Person: Hilton Garden Inn Board Room, Manhattan
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. Elizabeth Covington. The meeting was held in person and via Microsoft Teams. Board Members participating in addition to Dr. Covington, were Dr. Randy Norton, Dr. Leann Flowers, Dr. Amy Ekerberg, Dr. Larry Snyder, Dr. Stacy Rogers, and Mr. Joe Allen. Also present were Kevin Fowler, Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher, Jessica Wrosch, Dr. Mark Olson, and Megan Kilgore from the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Patti Burris attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams. Stephanie Pedry joined the meeting in person at 11:45 am.

Dr. Covington welcomed and thanked those in attendance.

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

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the board minutes as written from the March 20, 2024, meeting. Dr. Norton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Jessica Wrosch, Administrative Specialist, presented the licensed veterinarian and registered veterinary technician report. There are presently 2,895 licensed veterinarians and 732 registered veterinary technicians. There were 41 new graduates from the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2024 that received a new Kansas veterinary license out of the 120 graduates in this class.

Konrad Coe, Inspector, presented the current premise audit report. There are 659 veterinary premises currently registered. The board asked Konrad to ask for CE files on all veterinarians when inspecting premises.

Matthew Provencher, Investigator, presented the current investigations status report. He reported that over the last two years there has been a steady increase in the number of complaints the office is receiving from the public.

Dr. Olson presented the Executive Director report where he reported Dr. Covington appointing Dr. Norton, Dr. Ritter, and Dr. Olson to the Rural Veterinary Workforce meeting on May 14 at the KSU-CVM Dean's conference room. The invitation had come from the Rural Veterinary Workforce for members from the KBVE to be involved in discussions that could involve modernized statute language considerations to the Kansas veterinary practice act involving credentialed veterinary technicians. Dr.

Olson updated the board on veterinary premises being influenced by non-professionals and that Kansas law prevented the scope of practice from being influenced by non-professionals. Dr. Olson shared with the board information involving ancillary veterinary services, continuity of operations planning, abandonment of animals, unlicensed practice and the updated laws going into effect on July 1 this year involving no licensing fees for all Kansas professionals that are military or military spouse. He also reported the updated progress of the new veterinary licensing software that will go into effect later this year.

KVMA Executive Director, Megan Kilgore, reported to the KBVE information about license reciprocity, the VTPRK (Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas), and Dr. Norton shared with the board information about the VMLRP (Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program).

There was no one present to give a report from the KVTA.

Megan Kilgore from the KVMA updated the board regarding the KVMA-KBVE Task Force involving discussions involving the VCPR, telemedicine and reported the next Task Force meeting would be held in McPherson on June 13th and the topic of discussion would be veterinary technicians. The KVTA would be invited to this meeting. Megan reported it is the goal of the KVMA to have approved supported language to the KBVE in September this year.

Dr. Olson reported to the board that the KVMA-KBVE modernized statute draft being used by the KVMA-KBVE task force is the full draft from the December 6, 2023, agenda before any changes were considered at that meeting.

Information was reported to the KBVE board members from Megan Kilgore, Dr. Norton and Dr. Olson about the May 14th Rural Veterinary Workforce meeting and discussions about credentialed veterinary technicians working under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. The next Workforce meeting will be held on June 18th at 1:00 p.m.

The board reviewed one veterinary registration application and met with the applicant to determine eligibility in Kansas. Joe Allen moved and Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion to approve a Kansas veterinary registration for Stephanie Pedry. The motion was approved on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Covington recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 12:15 p.m.

The board meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

Legal counsel, Kevin Fowler, shared information with the full board about physician extenders used in human medicine and how that language was used in underserved areas of rural practice in the practice act for humans as a model for the KBVE to consider for veterinary extenders used in underserved areas of rural practice.

Dr. Rogers gave a report from her attendance at the AAVSB Board, Basics and Beyond conference held in Kansas City on April 12-13, 2024, which focused on new board member training, education about being a board member and interaction with other board members from other jurisdictions in North America. The AAVSB annual meeting will be held in San Diego on September 26-28, 2024, and all AAVSB committee members, Kansas delegate and alternate delegates were reminded to register.

Dr. Norton made the following 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, Kevin Fowler, Executive Director, Dr. Mark Olson, Investigator, Matthew Provencher, Inspector, Konrad Coe, and Administrative Specialist Jessica Wrosch 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 1:06 pm. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to return to regular session at 1:06 pm. Mr. Joe Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

The board will hold the next board meeting in Wamego on August 21, 2024, beginning at 10:00 am. On November 12, 2024, the board meeting will be held at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine beginning at 12:00 pm at the Boehringer Ingelheim Auditorium. The first meeting in 2025 will be held on January 22, 2025, at the Topeka Capitol beginning at 10:00 am.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Joe Allen seconded the motion. Motion was approved on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

Signed:  Date: 8/21/2024