

KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
KBVE Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 12:00 PM
In Person: Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Boehringer Ingelheim Auditorium
1800 Denison Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas
Microsoft Teams: By Invitation

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) was called to order at 12:20 pm. by board President, Dr. Beth Covington after eating lunch provided by the veterinary school with the students. The meeting was held in person and via Microsoft Teams. Board members participating in addition to Dr. Covington were Dr. Randy Norton, Dr. Stacy Rogers, Dr. Amy Ekerberg, Dr. Larry Snyder, Dr. Leann Flowers, and Mr. Joe Allen. Also present was Kevin Fowler, Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher, Jessica Wrosch, Dr. Mark Olson, and Megan Kilgore from the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association. Mary Berg from the Kansas Veterinary Technicians Association attended via Microsoft Teams. Several veterinary students, faculty, and administrators from the KSU-CVM attended in person.

Dr. Covington welcomed and thanked those in attendance and expressed appreciation for the KSU-CVM for allowing the KBVE to hold this board meeting with the students, faculty and administrators at the veterinary school.

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. Covington welcomed Megan Kilgore with the KVMA, Mary Berg with the KVTA and the KSU-CVM veterinary students, faculty, and administration in attendance. There were no public comments.

Board members Ekerberg, Flowers and Allen shared with the veterinary students, "Key ideas for students to think about from a board members perspective." Following the presentations there was a period for the students to ask questions to the board members.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to approve the board minutes as written from the August 21, 2024, meeting. Dr. Norton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Megan Kilgore reported information from multiple KVMA-KBVE task force meetings and approval language passed by the KVMA board to the modernized practice act statutes which has been sent to the KBVE for consideration. The veterinary technician modernized language was not voted on by the KVMA board as the membership has not reached a consensus. The KVMA had worked with other VMA's in the United States along with the AVMA to oppose Proposition 129 which passed the Colorado general election by a slim majority. This allows the establishment of a Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) in Colorado.

Mary Berg reported information involving the KVTA and that the KVTA was opposed to a midlevel practitioner and Proposition 129 in Colorado. The KVTA is working to increase membership numbers.

Matthew Provencher, Investigator, reported to those in attendance his role and explained the consistent process followed for each public complaint. There have been 80 complaints received for calendar year 2024.

Konrad Coe, Inspector, reported to those in attendance his role and explained the inspection process for all the registered veterinary premises in Kansas. There are 665 veterinary premises currently registered.

Jessica Wrosch, Administrative Specialist, reported to those in attendance the licensing and registration process for veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary premises in Kansas, as well as other responsibilities she provides to the public. There are presently 2,827 licensed Kansas veterinarians and 770 registered Kansas veterinary technicians.

Dr. Olson presented the Executive Director report. The KBVE budget was submitted to the Division of Budget office in September for FY 2025 with no changes, and the new budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 was submitted. The new licensing software program training has begun with the Office of Information Technology. The AAVSB is working with the KBVE to implement API transfer of data more efficiently to the national centralized database. Meetings took place regarding modernizing the Kansas veterinary practice act statutes with the KVMA, KVTA, KDA, KSU-CVM, Kansas veterinarians and veterinarian legislators. The ICVA reported to all veterinary boards that the NAVLE can be taken up to five times which matches the Kansas veterinary practice act. Dr. Flowers, Dr. Covington and Dr. Olson will be speaking to the KSU-CVM third year students in February about the KBVE, the AAVSB and the NAVLE testing application process.

Stephanie Becraft, Executive Director for the Heart of America Professional Network, presented a power point presentation about the HAPN program which works with professionals needing help with impairment issues and this professional organization works with the KBVE presently.

Dr. Covington called for a 15-minute break at 2:00 pm. The meeting reconvened at 2:15 pm

Dr. Erica League attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 2:15 pm and asked the board for a change to her limited veterinary license. She left the meeting at 2:25 pm. Dr. Norton moved, and Dr. Rogers seconded a motion to approve a request to update Dr. League's limited veterinary license. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Allen moved and Dr. Ekerberg seconded a motion to approve the request by Dr. Casey Riegel to change her limited veterinary license to a regular veterinary license. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Olson gave the KBVE budget report to the full board for fiscal years 2025, 2026 and 2027. Dr. Norton moved to ratify the budget presented for the KBVE and Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

The board reviewed the recommendations approved by stakeholders to the entire modernized statute draft language at this meeting. After much discussion from all board members input, Dr. Ekerberg moved to update the modernized veterinary practice act statutes draft reviewed by the board. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. Mr. Allen moved to authorize this updated statute draft dated 11-12-2024 be sent to the Revisor's office to be put into a draft legislative bill. When completed this legislative draft would be sent to the two veterinarian legislators for review and feedback. This legislative draft will be used by board members to take to legislators for education and support at the appropriate time. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Kevin Fowler, legal counsel, reported that our agency has no decision-making authority involving expungement in any capacity in the Kansas veterinary practice act statutes or regulations.

The board will hold the next board meeting on January 22, 2025, in Topeka at the Capitol which will be a day with legislators. The following meetings will be on April 2, 2025, and August 13, 2025, in Wamego at Three Rivers. The October 2025 meeting will be held at the KSU-CVM BI Auditorium in Manhattan, Kansas with the date to be determined.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

Signed:  Date: 1-22-25