

## **KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

### **KBVE Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 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. Beth Covington. The meeting was held in person and by Microsoft Teams. Board Members participating in addition to Dr. Covington were Dr. Randy Norton (attended by Microsoft Teams), Dr. Amy Ekerberg (attended by Microsoft Teams), Dr. Stacy Rogers, Dr. Leann Flowers and Dr. Larry Snyder. Also present were legal counsel Kevin Fowler, and staff members Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher, Jessica Wrosch, and Dr. Mark Olson. Others attending were Mary Berg with the KVTA and attending at 11:45 am were Dr. Amber Andrews and Dr. Greg Vogrin. Others attending by Microsoft Teams were Megan Kilgore from the KVMA, and veterinary technician Amber Chipman at 11:30 am and Dr. Audrey Wystrach at 12:00 pm.

Dr. Covington welcomed and thanked those in attendance.

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

Dr. Covington introduced Megan Kilgore from the KVMA and Mary Berg from the KVTA.

Dr. Snyder moved to approve the board minutes as written from the January 22, 2025, and January 30, 2025, board meetings. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Matthew Provencher presented his investigations status report. There have been 11 new complaints filed with the KBVE from the public in the first quarter of 2025. The KBVE investigates complaints involving licensed and unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine in Kansas.

Jessica Wrosch presented the licensed veterinarian and registered veterinary technician office report. There are 2,866 licensed veterinarians and 792 registered veterinary technicians presently active with the KBVE. Dr. Olson and Jessica proctored the jurisprudence exam at the KSU-CVM on March 8, 2025, to the upcoming K-State new graduates. Veterinary license and premise registrations expire on June 30, 2025, and the online portal will open on April 15, 2025, for renewals to begin. Registration for veterinary technicians expires on April 30, 2025, and that online portal opened on February 14, 2025.

Konrad Coe presented his premise audit report. There are 668 active veterinary premises in Kansas. There are 482 full service, 147 mobile/ambulatory, and 39 AAHA veterinary premises registered with the KBVE. Konrad presented to the veterinary students in the BI auditorium on January 30, 2025, about the premise inspection process.

Dr. Olson gave his executive director report. Jessica and Dr. Olson have been attending new software training meetings in Topeka in person and via Microsoft Teams for the new software coming in 2026 for the KBVE. Since the last meeting Dr. Covington and Dr. Olson spoke to the KSU-CVM junior veterinary students about the role of the KBVE, the AAVSB, and the NAVLE process on February 6, 2025. The AAVSB, OITS and KBVE met to discuss plans for implementing API data transfer in real time. The International Council for Veterinary Assessments (ICVA) has a new policy allowing NAVLE candidates to take the exam for up to five attempts. This is the same language that is in the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act. Ovariohysterectomy (OVH) surgery taught in veterinary schools today teach the two-ligature tie on spays with three clamps standard of teaching. A report was given by Dr. Olson and Kevin Fowler on what the practice act allows for EMT's wanting proper training for emergency animal care where animals need emergency care until they can get to a licensed veterinarian.

Dr. Covington asked Megan Kilgore from the KVMA to give her report. Megan reported updated information on occupational licensing in this legislative session and the KVMA is working hard to get an exemption for the KBVE like other professional agencies. She reported that the Kansas legislature approved bonding authority for a new modern veterinary diagnostic laboratory at KSU-CVM. She reported that Dr. Chris Cox and Dr. Derek Pridey were recently elected to the KVMA as new board members.

Mary Berg was asked to give a report from the KVTa by Dr Covington. The KVTa asked permission for the KBVE to send out a survey to all Kansas RVT's once the survey is ready to be emailed out and the board agreed. Two conferences for RVT's will be held this year, one at Wichita State University in June and one at Colby Community College in October of this year. The KVTa sent a letter to the KBVE asking the KBVE to register veterinary technicians that have come from an accredited school and to not register those applicants that have been trained on the job.

Dr. Snyder moved and Dr. Flowers seconded a motion for the KBVE to send a letter of recommendation to the AAVSB nominating committee in support of AAVSB board member Dr. Sheila Dodson who is running for AAVSB President-Elect at the upcoming AAVSB Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio in September. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Amber Chipman came before the board via Microsoft Teams at 11:30 a.m. to give updated information about her registered veterinary technician application. Dr. Amber Andrews came with her supervisor Dr. Greg Vogrin before the board to share her story of having her license revoked due to impairment issues and how she successfully completed all requirements of monitoring through the Strategic Professional Solutions, LLC (previously the Heart of America Professional Network-HAPN) and achieved her limited Kansas veterinary license one year ago. Dr. Audrey Wystrach came before the board via Microsoft Teams at 12:00 p.m. to give updated information about her veterinary license application.

Dr. Flowers made the following motion: In order to protect the privacy of the non-elected personnel involved, I move the Board recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the board. In addition, I move that, Legal Counsel Kevin Fowler, Executive Director Mark Olson, Investigator Matthew Provencher and Administrative Specialist Jessica Wrosch be present in the executive session to aid the board in their discussions. The board will reconvene in this same location in 10 minutes at 12:33 p.m. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice

vote with no dissenting votes. At 12:33 p.m., Dr. Flowers made the following motion: In order to protect the privacy of the non-elected personnel involved, I move the Board recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the board. In addition, I move that, Legal Counsel Kevin Fowler, Executive Director Mark Olson, Investigator Matthew Provencher and Administrative Specialist Jessica Wrosch be present in the executive session to aid the board in their discussions. The board will reconvene in this same location in 10 minutes at 12:43 p.m. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

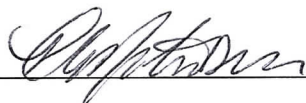
The board reconvened at 12:43 pm. Dr. Flowers moved to approve Dr. Amber Andrews to be reinstated with her regular Kansas veterinary license and Dr. Audrey Wystrach to be licensed as a veterinarian in Kansas. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Election of officers were held. Dr. Covington was elected president and Dr. Norton was elected vice president for the upcoming year. The motion for each was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Dr. Rogers. Motions were passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Covington announced the next board meeting will be in Wamego on August 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 3 Rivers.

Dr. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Dr. Snyder. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Signed: 

Date: 8-13-25