

KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
KBVE Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 11:00 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 11:00 a.m. by board Vice President, Dr. Randy Norton. The meeting was held in person and via Microsoft Teams. Board members participating in addition to Dr. Norton were Dr. Amy Ekerberg, Dr. Larry Snyder, Dr. Leann Flowers, and Dr. Stacy Rogers. Dr. Beth Covington attended via Microsoft Teams. Also, present were legal counsel Kevin Fowler, and KBVE staff members Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher, Jessica Wrosch, and Dr. Mark Olson. Mary Berg from the Kansas Veterinary Technician's Association and Dr. Sheila Dodson from the AAVSB board of directors attended in person and Megan Kilgore from the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association and Dr. Beth Venit, Chief Veterinary Officer from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards, attended via Microsoft Teams.

Dr. Norton welcomed and thanked those in attendance.

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

Dr. Norton welcomed Mary Berg with the KVTA, Megan Kilgore with the KVMA, Dr. Beth Venit with the AAVSB and Dr. Sheila Dodson from the AAVSB board of directors.

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the board minutes as written from the April 2, 2025, meeting. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Dodson gave an updated report from the AAVSB on the Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) that recently passed in Colorado. She also gave an update on the Federation Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) conference she recently attended and the upcoming AAVSB conference in Cincinnati, Ohio which will be taking place from September 17-20, 2025.

Matthew Provencher, Investigator, presented the current investigations status report. There have been 26 complaints received for calendar year 2025 to date.

Jessica Wrosch, Administrative Specialist, presented the licensed veterinarian and registered veterinary technician report from the KBVE office. There are presently 2851 licensed veterinarians and 804 registered veterinary technicians.

Konrad Coe, Inspector, presented the current veterinary premise audit report. There are 668 veterinary premises currently registered.

Dr. Olson presented the Executive Director report. Dr. Olson spoke at the Kansas Pet Professional Conference in Topeka on April 11. The five-year required Kansas veterinary rules and regulations review for the KBVE practice act has been completed. Training for the new licensing software continues for staff and it will be implemented in 2026. Dr. Olson will be speaking at the Topeka Veterinary Medical Association on August 19 about the practice act proposed updates. Animal chiropractic care is the practice of veterinary medicine in the state of Kansas as defined in the Kansas veterinary practice act. Unlicensed practice of equine dental teeth floating has been stopped on a recent complaint by the KBVE since the last meeting. Dr. Olson was invited to speak at the Production Animal Consultants conference about the past, present, and proposed modernized language in the veterinary practice act on July 25 and 26. Practice ownership in Kansas needs to be by professionals and is unable to be owned by non-professionals.

Dr. Amy Highbarger joined the meeting at 12:00 pm via Microsoft Teams to discuss her Kansas veterinary license application. She left the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Megan Kilgore, Executive Director for the KVMA, reported the KVMA will be having a membership meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm and gave her KVMA report to the KBVE board members. She reported that the AVMA is supporting license portability and states are being asked to support license portability, including VCPR language to deal with telemedicine and telehealth. The KVMA Legislative committee will be meeting to consider establishing direct policies with the KVMA board of directors stating they do not support mid-level veterinary practitioners, and they do not support unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine by non-professionals in the state of Kansas.

KVTA member Mary Berg presented the KBVE with an update on actions taken to increase membership of the KVTA, continually working on a KVTA survey to send out this year, and they continue to advocate for title protection and increasing the number of hours of continuing education requirements for registration of veterinary technicians in Kansas.

Dr. Olson gave the updated budget and financial report to the KBVE board members.

Dr. Norton recessed the meeting for 15 minutes at 12:30 pm.

The board meeting reconvened at 12:45 pm.

Board members discussed the modernized practice act next steps with everyone in attendance.

Dr. Flowers moved to have the delegate, Dr. Covington, and alternate delegate, Dr. Randy Norton determine the delegate voting decisions for the KBVE at the AAVSB Annual Conference business session and Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Snyder made the following motion: In order to protect a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege and the public interest, I move that the Board recess into executive session for consultation with our legal counsel, Kevin Fowler, to seek legal advice on the attorney-client privilege and non-elected personnel. In addition, I move that Executive Director, Dr. Mark Olson, Investigator, Matthew Provencher, Inspector, Konrad Coe, Administrative Specialist, Jessica Wrosch, and the Board, who are part of the client circle, 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 20 minutes at 2:30 pm. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to return to regular session at 2:30 pm. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

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Dr. Ekerberg moved to return to regular session at 2:41 pm. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes

Dr. Covington moved to approve a regular Kansas veterinary license for Dr. Amy Highbarger and requested that she provides her continuing education hours to the board office and that her employer give a written report to the KBVE board once employed at her 6-month and 12-month veterinary performance review. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The next KBVE board meeting will be held at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine BI Auditorium on October 30, 2025, beginning at 12:00 pm

Dr. Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm

Signed: _____



Date: _____

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