

KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

KBVE Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 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 via Microsoft Teams), Dr. Amy Ekerberg, Dr. Stacy Rogers (attended via Microsoft Teams), Dr. Leann Flowers, Dr. Larry Snyder, and Dr. John Sturgeon (attended via Microsoft Teams). Also present were legal counsel Kevin Fowler, and staff members Konrad Coe (attended via Microsoft Teams), Matthew Provencher, Jessica Wrosch (attended via Microsoft Teams), and Dr. Mark Olson. Others attending were Mary Berg with the KVTa, Dr. Beth Venit with the AAVSB (attended via Microsoft Teams) and Morgan Wells at 11:30 am and Dr. Allison Mettler at 11:45 am (both attended via Microsoft Teams).

Dr. Covington welcomed and thanked those in attendance.

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

Dr. Covington introduced Mary Berg from the KVTa and Dr. Beth Venit from the AAVSB. Dr. Covington welcomed new non-veterinarian public member, Dr. John Sturgeon, to the KBVE board.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to approve the board minutes as written from the January 20, 2026, board meeting. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Mary Berg with the KVTa informed the KBVE board that the KVTa has some new board members and are presently working to update the KVTa bylaws.

Matthew Provencher presented his investigations status report. There have been 24 new complaints filed with the KBVE from the public in the first quarter of 2026. The KBVE investigates public 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 2,931 licensed veterinarians and 845 registered veterinary technicians presently active with the KBVE. Dr. Olson and Jessica proctored the jurisprudence exam at the KSU-CVM on March 7, 2026, to the upcoming K-State new graduates. Veterinary license and premise registrations expire on June 30, 2026, and the new online Accela licensing system opened on April 15, 2026, for veterinarian and veterinary premise renewals. Registration for veterinary technicians expires on April 30, 2026, and that online portal opened on February 15, 2026. RVTs are renewing under the current ACT licensing system.

Konrad Coe presented his premise audit report. There are 687 active veterinary premises in Kansas. There are 486 full service, 163 mobile/ambulatory, and 38 AAHA veterinary premises registered with

the KBVE. Konrad presented to the veterinary students in the BI auditorium on January 22, 2026, about the premise inspection process and properly maintaining controlled drug logs in practice.

Dr. Olson gave the executive director report. The KBVE budget was approved for FY 26 and FY 27 by the Division of Budget, the Kansas legislature and the Governor with no changes. All board members and staff were reminded they are responsible for completing security training modules. Board members were informed and reminded that practice ownership under Kansas law for all health professions needs to be by professionals to prevent nonprofessionals from influencing the scope of practice on professionals. Nonprofessionals can own the land and buildings and professionals under Kansas law are to determine the scope of practice at each premise.

An update on the new Accela licensing system which went live today for veterinarian and veterinary premise applications, renewals, and reinstatements was presented by Dr. Olson.

Dr. Flowers moved to elect Dr. Covington as President and to elect Dr. Norton as the Vice President of the KBVE for the next year. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Morgan Wells came before the board via Microsoft Teams at 11:30 a.m. to give updated information about her registered veterinary technician application. Dr. Allison Mettler came before the board via Microsoft Teams at 11:45 a.m. to give updated information about her veterinary license application.

Dr. Covington recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. for a break and lunch. She reconvened the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Legal counsel, Kevin Fowler, updated the board on the amended legislative filing act involving promulgation of rules and regulations.

Dr. Flowers made the following motion at 12:31 p.m. 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 Mark Olson, Investigator Matthew Provencher, Inspector Konrad Coe, be present in the executive session to aid the board in their discussions. The board will reconvene in this same location in 15 minutes at 12:46 p.m. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. At 12:46 p.m., Dr. Flowers moved to reconvene the meeting. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to approve a Kansas veterinarian license for Dr. Allison Mettler upon receiving all required documentation. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Flowers made the following motion at 12:48 p.m. 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 attorney-client privilege. In addition, I move that Executive Director Dr. Mark Olson, Investigator Matthew Provencher and Inspector Konrad Coe, who are part of the client circle, be present in the executive session to aid the board in their discussions. The board will reconvene in this same location in 27 minutes at 1:15 p.m. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no

dissenting votes. At 1:15 p.m., Dr. Ekerberg moved to reconvene the meeting. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

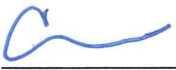
Dr. Covington reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Dr. Ekerberg made the following motion at 1:17 p.m. In order to protect a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege and the public interest, I move that the Board recess into executive session for consultation with our legal counsel, Kevin Fowler, to seek legal advice on attorney-client privilege. In addition, I move that Executive Director Dr. Mark Olson, Investigator Matthew Provencher and Inspector Konrad Coe, who are part of the client circle, be present in the executive session to aid the board in their discussions. The board will reconvene in this same location in 20 minutes at 1:37 p.m. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. At 1:37 p.m., Dr. Ekerberg moved to reconvene the meeting. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Covington reconvened the meeting at 1:37 p.m. Dr. Olson will be attending the AAVSB Executive Directors-/Registrars Summit on April 22-23 in Kansas City. Dr. Sturgeon will be attending AAVSB Board Basics and Beyond in Kansas City on April 24-25 for new board member training. The AAVSB Annual Conference will be in Providence, Rhode Island from September 23-26, 2026.

Dr. Covington announced the next board meeting will be in Wamego on August 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Three Rivers.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Signed:  Date: 8/12/2024