**KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

**KBVE Board Meeting**
**Wednesday, August 12, 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 via Microsoft Teams. Board members participating in addition to Dr. Covington were Dr. Amy Ekerberg, Dr. Larry Snyder, Dr. Sue Nelson, Dr. Randy Norton (attended via Microsoft Teams), Dr. Stacy Rogers (attended via Microsoft Teams) and Dr. John Sturgeon (attended via Microsoft Teams). Dr. Leann Flowers was absent. Also, present were legal counsel Kevin Fowler, and staff members Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher (attended via Microsoft Teams), Jessica Wrosch, and Dr. Mark Olson. Others attending via Microsoft Teams were Mary Berg from the Kansas Veterinary Technician's Association, Dr. Sheila Dodson from the AAVSB board of directors, Dr. Beth Venit, Chief Veterinary Officer from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards, Dr. Saba Morsali at 11:30 a.m., Dr. Brooke Vandekar at 11:45 a.m., Dr. Richard McKown at 12:00 pm, and Dr. Benjamin Hada at 12:15 p.m.

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. Covington welcomed new KBVE board member Dr. Sue Nelson, Mary Berg with the KVTA, Dr. Beth Venit with the AAVSB and Dr. Sheila Dodson from the AAVSB board of directors.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to approve the board minutes as written from the April 15, 2026, meeting. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Mary Berg with the KVTA informed the KBVE board that a RVT survey was recently sent to the KBVE office for distribution to all the Kansas registered veterinary technicians via email. The KVTA will be holding a virtual CE program for RVTs on October 24, 2026, and the KVTA continues to grow in membership.

Dr. Sheila Dodson, President-Elect of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards presented information involving the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference delegate voting which included by-law amendments and resolution proposals that will take place during the business session in Providence, Rhode Island on September 26, 2026. Dr. Beth Venit, CVO, for the AAVSB, gave updated information involving the AAVSB's updated practice act model and model regulations public comment deadline by member boards.

Matthew Provencher presented the investigations status report. There have been 53 new complaints received to date in 2026. The KBVE investigates public complaints involving the licensed and unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine in Kansas.

Jessica Wrosch, Administrative Specialist, presented the licensed veterinarian and registered veterinary technician report from the KBVE office. There are 2,867 licensed veterinarians and 854 registered veterinary technicians presently active with the KBVE.

Konrad Coe, Inspector, presented the current premise audit report. There are 670 veterinary premises currently registered in Kansas. There are 479 full service, 152 mobile/ambulatory, and 39 AAHA registered veterinary premises with the KBVE.

Dr. Olson presented the Executive Director report. Dr. Olson reported information technology security training requirements for board members and staff, updated information on the new licensing software system, updated information on the continuity of operations plan for the KBVE, a federal law allowing veterinarian student debt forgiveness employed in animal shelters, and the importance of the practice act in protecting the public regarding the licensed and unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine in Kansas.

Dr. Covington recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 11:13 a.m.

Dr. Covington reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Dr. Olson updated the board on the KBVE budget and the new licensing system since it went live on April 15th for the veterinarian renewal and veterinary premise renewal period.

Dr. Saba Morsali joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams to discuss her Kansas veterinary license application. She left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Brooke Vandekar joined the meeting at 11:45 a.m. via Microsoft Teams to discuss her Kansas veterinary license application. She left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Richard McGown joined the meeting at 12:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams to discuss his Kansas veterinary license application. He left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Benjamin Hada joined the meeting at 12:15 p.m. via Microsoft Teams to discuss his Kansas veterinary license application. He left the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Dr. Covington recessed the meeting at 12:23 p.m. for lunch.

Dr. Covington reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. Ekerberg 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 15 minutes at 1:03 p.m. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to return to regular session at 1:03 p.m. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Snyder moved to approve a regular Kansas veterinary license for Dr. Saba Morsali. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Snyder moved to approve a regular Kansas veterinary license for Dr. Brooke Vandekar. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Snyder moved to approve a regular Kansas veterinary license for Dr. Richard McKown. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes. Dr. McKown needs to be reminded that he will also need to apply for a registered veterinary premise once he receives his Kansas veterinary license.

Dr. Snyder moved to approve a regular Kansas veterinary license for Dr. Benjamin Hada. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

The board will review the draft proposed AAVSB Practice Act Model and the four draft AAVSB Model Regulations: Appropriate Prescribing and Use of Controlled Substances, Scope of Practice for Veterinary Technicians, Delegation of Tasks to Unlicensed Staff, and Standards of Practice and Facility and report back to the Executive Director on any recommended changes.

The board members listened to a presentation from the Executive Director and legal counsel on the steps involved to modernize statutes and promulgate rules and regulations under present Kansas law.

Dr. Larry Snyder was presented an appreciation plaque for his 10 years serving as a board member on the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners by President Beth Covington.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to have the board members attending the AAVSB business session at the Annual Meeting and Conference in September determine the voting by the Kansas delegate once all the information was reviewed the day prior to the voting. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed 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 28, 2026, beginning with lunch at 12:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 12:15 p.m.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Signed: C, DVM Date: Oct. 28, 2026