

## **KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

### **KBVE Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 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. Flowers. The meeting was held in person and by Microsoft Teams. Board Members participating in addition to Dr. Flowers were Dr. Norton (attended by Microsoft Teams), Joe Allen (attended by Microsoft Teams) at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Covington, Dr. Ekerberg, Dr. Rogers and Dr. Snyder. Also present were Kevin Fowler, Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher, Jessica Wrosch, and Dr. Mark Olson. Attending by Microsoft Teams were Megan Kilgore at 10:07 a.m. from the KVMA, and Dr. Amber Andrews arrived at 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Flowers welcomed and thanked those in attendance. Dr. Flowers welcomed members attending from the KVMA.

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

There were no guests at the beginning of the meeting and Dr. Flowers reported to the board that if others joined the meeting later that she would go back to introduction of guests and public comments in item C of the agenda.

Dr. Ekerberg moved to approve the board minutes as written from the January 24, 2024, meeting. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes. Dr. Olson reminded the KBVE board members of the approved motion from the prior board meeting as follows: Dr. Ritter moved to give the KVMA a timeline of December 1, 2024, to get the statute draft language determined and in written form from the KVMA membership and KBVE would support. This would include regular meetings of the KVMA-KBVE task force and expand the task force to include practitioners and veterinarian legislators. On December 1, 2024, the updated language would be submitted to the Revisor of Statutes to be written as a legislative bill for the 2025 legislative session that all stakeholders will support. Dr. Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. Dr. Olson announced that the next KVMA-KBVE task force meeting would be on April 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Jessica Wrosch presented the licensed veterinarian and registered veterinary technician office report. There are 2,830 licensed veterinarians and 747 registered veterinary technicians presently active with the KBVE. Dr. Olson and Jessica proctored the jurisprudence exam at the KSU-CVM on March 9, 2024.

Konrad Coe presented his premise audit report. There are 642 active veterinary premises in Kansas.

Matthew Provencher presented his investigations status report. There have been 23 complaints filed with the KBVE from the public in the first quarter of 2024 at the time of this meeting.

Dr. Olson gave his executive director report. Since the last meeting Dr. Flowers and Dr. Olson spoke to the KSU-CVM junior veterinary students about the role of the KBVE, the AAVSB, and the NAVLE process on March 1, 2024. An update was given to the board on practice ownership by Dr. Olson and attorney Kevin Fowler reported current information about Kansas law prohibiting non-professionals from influencing the scope of practice by professionals which has been in place for over 100 years.

Dr. Flowers asked Megan Kilgore from the KVMA to give her report. Megan reported that eight additional members have joined the KVMA-KBVE task force for a total of fifteen members. The task force met on February 29 and will meet again on April 2. An in-person meeting will be scheduled in June and the final meeting will be at the Kansas State Fair in September. The KVMA will bring final recommendations to the KBVE in September to allow the KBVE to have a 60-day public comment period on the modernized language to go out to all stakeholders from October 1 to December 1, 2024. The two areas that will need addressed involve veterinary technician language and the proposed KLA resolution involving technician utilization in rural practice areas of Kansas. Megan reported to the KBVE information of the recent KVMA survey involving veterinary shortages in Kansas. The KBVE asked for more information on the results showing no shortages vs. shortages in the report. Updated information from the Kansas Rural Veterinary Workforce group was shared with the KBVE.

KBVE listened to a report about the KVMA-KBVE task force from task force members Dr. Snyder, Dr. Olson, and Megan Kilgore. The KBVE asked for the sticking points of veterinary technician language to be resolved in the task force meetings and that veterinary technician language be included in the modernized statutes.

Dr. Olson gave updated veterinary license application information report to the board. Dr. Ekerberg moved to approve the updated changes presented to the license application and Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed 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. Motion for each was made by Dr. Ekerberg and seconded by Dr. Rogers. Motions were passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Olson gave an updated report on the complaint investigation process to all board members and reviewed comments from board members. The timeline to keep the process moving efficiently was reviewed.

Dr. Ekerberg moved for Dr. Covington to be the AAVSB delegate and Dr. Rogers to be the AAVSB alternate delegate to the AAVSB Annual meeting in San Diego, CA from September 26-28, 2024. Motion was seconded by Dr. Norton. Motion was passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Rogers gave a report from the Board Basics and Beyond she attended with the AAVSB in Kansas City on April 12-13, 2024.

Dr. Olson gave a report of the Executive Directors/Registrars meeting he was able to attend in Kansas City on April 10-11, 2024.

Dr. Amber Andrews came before the board at 12:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams to give updated information about her Kansas veterinary license application. She left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Dr. Snyder 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 12:28 p.m. Dr. Ekerberg seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

The meeting reconvened at 12:28 p.m. Dr. Ekerberg moved to grant Dr. Amber Andrews a conditional, restricted license to mirror the same requirements of the HAPN for a period of one year at the Lenexa, Kansas veterinary clinic. Dr. Norton seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Flowers called for a recess for board members to eat lunch at 12:29 pm and the meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. Flowers announced the next board meeting will be in Manhattan at the Hilton Garden Inn board room at 10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2024, in Wamego on August 21, 2024, at 10:00 am, in Manhattan on November 12, 2024, beginning at noon, and at the Topeka-Capital building on January 22, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

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