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KBVE Proposes Three Resolutions

Three (3) Resolutions Presented by Kentucky Pass

September 20, 2025 - Cincinnati, OH – At this year's annual meeting of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), three distinct resolutions put forth by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) passed by majority vote of the Assembly. The AAVSB is the national body of state regulators charged with guiding legislation for the veterinary profession in 63 jurisdictions, including all of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the ten Canadian provinces.

Specifically, the KBVE proposed three resolutions on important topics that veterinarians are currently facing. First, the KBVE proposed that the AAVSB endorse the position that the VCPR must be established in person. Second, the KBVE proposed to Member jurisdictions that membership not expand beyond current membership until the organization is better equipped to address member needs. Third, the KBVE put forth that Member Boards adopt a resolution opposing AAVSB Endorsement of the Veterinary Professional Association (VPA) / Mid-Level Practitioner Position. The results of each proposal are below:

- AAVSB Resolution 2025-1 – A Resolution Opposing the AAVSB Proposal to Expand Membership to Jurisdictions Around the Globe
 - PASSED – 26 YAY / 20 NAY / 0 Abstentions
- AAVSB Resolution 2025-2 – A Resolution Opposing AAVSB Endorsement of the Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) / Mid-Level Practitioner Position
 - PASSED – 42 YAY / 4 NAY / 0 Abstentions
- AAVSB Resolution 2025-3 – A Resolution on the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)
 - PASSED - 26 YAY / 19 NAY / 1 Abstention

The adoption of these resolutions is a recognition of Kentucky's leadership in this national association, and demonstrates the Board's commitment to actively engaging on those issues affecting the profession and its regulators.



“AAVSB’s role is to implement the will of its Member Boards on critical regulatory issues,” says Dr. John Park, DVM, Board Chair of the KBVE. “Recent legislative activity in veterinary medicine is poised to compromise public and animal protection. With the passage of Kentucky’s three resolutions, the Member Boards recognize this and have now directed the AAVSB leadership to clearly position the Association against the expansion of VCPR establishment solely by virtual means and against the expansion of VPAs in Member Board jurisdictions.”

In February 2025, the AAVSB put out its annual call for resolutions to Membership. Resolutions are reserved for important or complex issues. Using the resolution process, the Delegate Assembly provides direction for the Association through Member Board participation.

The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners is composed of eleven members and is charged with administering and enforcing the provisions of KRS Chapter 321. In the role, the KBVE has the responsibility of evaluating the qualifications of applicants for licensure and certification, responding to public grievances against licensees of the Board, and may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A and Chapter 321 to carry its responsibilities.

Copies of the resolutions are now available on the KBVE website at <https://kbve.ky.gov/about-kbve/Pages/statements-announcements.aspx>.

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