



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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### Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

#### E&O COMMITTEE MEETING

##### Attendees:

- Jennifer K. Quammen, DVM, KBVE Board Member, E&O Committee Chair
- Tim Gardner, DVM, KBVE Board Member, E&O Committee Member
- Amy Staton, EdD, LVT KBVE Board Member, E&O Committee Member
- Michelle M. Shane, KBVE Executive Director

##### Absent Committee Members:

- n/a

##### Guest Attendees:

- Rebecca Mears, DVM, Veterinary Information Network (VIN)

#### PROCEEDINGS

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm EST.

Legislative update.

- [HB 527 \(BR-1669\)](#) – Reps. [Witten](#) and [Grossberg](#) – Rabies vaccine administration bill. To be heard tomorrow before the House Agriculture Committee.
- [SB 69 \(BR-426\)](#) – Sens. [Webb](#) and [Howell](#) – AAHP Equine Dental provider bill. Passed the Senate. Reportedly to be heard before the House Agriculture Committee next week.

Dr. Quammen asked for the February Meeting Minutes to be screenshared. Following review, **A MOTION** was made by Dr. Staton to approve the Committee meeting minutes from February 4, 2025. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, passed unanimously.

Members of the Committee reviewed a screenshare of the published February 2025 newsletter that was sent to all KBVE licensees.

Members of the Committee reviewed and discussed:

- Chair's letter – Intent to have this feature remain with encouragement.
- Statistics from Constant Contact
  - February 2025 Newsletter
    - 3,958 recipients
    - 69.9% open rate (93.6% on a desktop)
    - 3.3% click rate
    - 89 bounces
  - AAHP Provider Types Survey
    - 131 Total Responses
    - Ms. Shane to complete further analysis on the responses for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Members of the Committee discussed ideas for the March KBVE newsletter:

- Need to share survey results
  - Sharing of the results is critical to keeping constituents engaged, and the nearer to the close of the survey, the better
  - Members agreed to share the AAHP survey results in the March edition in conjunction with the equine dental bill update to show association of these items
- New Survey – Focus re LVT duties and responsibilities
  - What do you work on? small animal / large animals / mixed practice
  - Do you allow your LVTs to do these tasks (list to be provided by Dr. Staton following this meeting). Answers: Yes / No / I didn't know I could
  - Are there any LVTs employed at their facility?
  - If they do not, what is the biggest hurdle?
    - Location
    - Salary
    - ?
- Legislative Update
  - Here are the things we're tracking
  - These are the ones that appear to have paused for the 2025 short session
  - Highlight ones that have passed from one Chamber and are pending in the other.
- Legislative Activities from the Board
  - Statements of Consideration (SOCs) filed for 15 regulations filed in October – SOCs available on website for review of Board responses
  - ARRS Committee– Monday, March 10 at 1 pm
- Grievance Case Highlight
  - Cases should be focused on small or large animal – last case was small animal, and most grievance cases are small animal
  - Including the timeline in this section is a critical component to the education of licensees
- Did you know?
  - LVTs now have title protection
- Next Board Meeting date
  - March 20

Members of the Committee generated ideas for future newsletters:

- Future newsletters:
  - Regulations –
    - Code of Ethical Conduct revisions
    - LVT and veterinary assistant scope of practice revisions
  - Did you know?
    - Duty to Report / reporting requirements
  - Agency Budget/ Financial information – save for April post ARRS meeting and intro of new fees
  - Future survey:
    - LVT and assistant duties – Levels of supervision
    - Veterinary Facility Registrations
    - Other topics?

Members of the Committee selected future meeting dates (all meetings virtual):

- March 24 – 1 PM EDT
- April 29 – 2 pm EDT

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen opened the floor for other discussion.

Dr. Mears, public attendee, asked to address the Committee and was granted permission. Dr. Mears works with VIN. Her work focuses on student loan borrowing and repayment. There are some major changes coming, including capping the amount of loans, and the possible elimination of Grad Plus Loans. She expressed concerns related to current and future veterinarian students' ability to obtain loans to complete their schooling. She quoted a statistic from AVMA saying that 80% of veterinarian graduates have debt upon graduation.

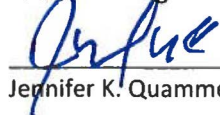
The Committee discussed this topic, noting that this may be a more appropriate topic for the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) and the KVMA newsletter. However, Members of the Committee noted that this is a very important topic and of importance to the future of the profession and its ability to meet public demand for services.

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen asked Dr. Mears to provide a written summary to Ms. Shane for review by the full Board. Ms. Shane indicated she could include this in the full Board packet for the March 20 meeting if the narrative was submitted no later than March 12, preferably March 11.

## ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no other items for discussion, Chair Dr. Quammen adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm EST.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Board on March 20, 2025.



Jennifer K. Quammen, DVM, KBVE E&O Committee Chair

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jennifer K. Quammen, DVM, KBVE E&O Committee Chair  
Minutes Recorded by: Michelle M. Shane, KBVE Executive Director

