

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

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kbve.ky.gov • vet@ky.gov**Meeting Minutes****March 20, 2025****Meeting Location: KBVE Offices, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511**

Hybrid Public Zoom Option Provided

KBVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Grievance Committee – 9:00 am EDT (Minutes Attached)

Applications Committee – 10:00 am EDT (Minutes Attached)

Other Committee Meetings held between full Board Meetings (Minutes Attached)

Lunch – 12:00 pm EDT

KBVE Regular Board Meeting**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

All Board Members, Staff, and Others present in person unless otherwise noted.

- John C. Park, DVM – Chairman
- Gene Smith, DVM – Vice Chair
- Dianne J. Dawes, DVM
- Tom M. Dorman, Citizen-at-Large
- Tim R. Gardner, DVM
- Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM
- Philip E. Prater, DVM
- Jennifer K. Quammen, DVM
- Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT
- Steve Velasco, DVM, Kentucky State Veterinarian -- Proxy for the Commissioner of Agriculture

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Vacant seat (AAHP permittee)

KBVE STAFF AND CONTRACTORS PRESENT

- Michelle Shane, KBVE Executive Director
- Amanda Briggs, KBVE Administrative Assistant
- Carmine G. Iaccarino, Esq., KBVE Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

- Ashton Broman, DVM, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital
- K. Jack Easley, DVM, Equine Dentist, Kentucky Equine Veterinary Dental Specialists
- L. Dena Fitzpatrick, DVM, KBVE Investigator
- Debra Hamelback, Executive Director, Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)
- Jessica Oille, LVT (A)

- Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director, Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME)
- William “Bo” Rainbow, Jr., DVM, Kentucky Equine Veterinary Dental Specialists
- Coy St. Clair, DVM, KBVE Investigator
- Sheldon Steinmetz, DVM
- R. Brad Tanner, DVM, Dipl. AVDC-EQ, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital
- Q. Miller Thornbury, DVM, Kentucky Equine Veterinary Dental Specialists
- Jim Weber, DVM, KVMA (A)
- J.T. Williams, DVM
- Steve Wills, DVM (A)
- Rachel Witt, DVM (A)
- Scott Young (A)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Chair John C. Park, DVM, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT. Chairman Dr. Park welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms. Michelle Shane read the roll call. Per [KRS 321.240\(3\)](#), a quorum of the Board was achieved.

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Ms. Shane confirmed the public notice for this meeting was sent in the KBVE March newsletter on March 7, 2025, and also posted on the KBVE website meetings page on Monday, March 17.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Gene Smith, DVM, Vice Chair read aloud the KBVE mission statement.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Meeting Agenda for March 20, 2025
- Board Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2025
- Committee Meetings:
 - Applications Committee Minutes – January 30 and February 18, 2025
 - Education and Outreach Committee Minutes – February 4 and March 4, 2025
 - Grievance Committee Minutes – January 30, February 21, and March 7, 2025
- Budget Summary Report
- Licensure Status Report
- Applications Committee Report on New Applications
- Applications Committee Report on New CE Requests
- Special Permittee Monitoring Reports
 - Dr. Emery Clark (special permit # 290507 - expired)
 - Dr. Jennifer A. Hendricks (special permit # 294014 – prior permit)

- ACA Inspection Reports:
 - Bell County Animal Shelter (certificate # 149520)
 - Boyd County Animal Shelter (certificate # 149493)
 - Bullitt County Animal Shelter (certificate # 149459 – expired, closure)
 - Campbell County (certificate # 149496)
 - Harlan County Animal Shelter (certificate # 149524)
 - Kenton County Animal Shelter (certificate # 147149)
 - Lewis County Animal Shelter (certificate # 147230)
 - Pike County Animal Shelter (certificate # 146871)
 - Tri-County Animal Shelter – Albany (certificate # 149521)
- Equine Sales Reports
 - Fasig-Tipton Winter Mix Sale – February 3, 2025
 - Keeneland Horses of All Ages Sale – January 13-15, 2025
- Letter of Nomination of Dr. Staton to AVMA CAVT™
- KBVE Meeting Space Rental Contract
- Approval of Board Per Diem and Mileage

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Quammen to approve the consent agenda. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, passed unanimously.

Budget

The budget expenditures and revenue approved are summarized for F.Y. 2025 July 1, 2024, through March 13, 2025, as follows:

- Receipts = \$836,295
- Expenditures = \$368,632
- Current Balance = \$1,096,759

Date of Database Report:	03/13/2025	Number credentials on Date of Report		
License Type	This Report	Last Report	1-yr Lookback	
	03/20/2025	01/30/2025	03/28/2024	
Veterinarians				
Active Veterinarians	2,731	2,663	2,571	
Inactive Veterinarians	90	81	82	
Special Permits	11	9	10	
Pending Applications – missing documents	13	28	19	
Pending Applications – pending exam results	18	22	15	
Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)				
Active LVTs	594	582	550	
Inactive LVTs	34	34	26	
Pending Applications – missing documents	6	11	13	

Veterinary Facility Registrations			
Active Registered Veterinary Facilities	0	-	-
Pending Applications – missing documents	23	7	-
Allied Animal Health Professional (AAHP) Permits			
Active AAHP Animal Chiropractors	0	0	-
Pending Applications – missing documents	1	1	-
AAHP Facility Registrations			
Active Registered AAHP Facilities	0	0	-
Pending Applications – missing documents	0	0	-
Animal Euthanasia Specialists (AESs)			
Active AESs	157	141	155
Inactive AESs	93	94	64
Pending Applications – missing documents	4	9	10
Animal Control Agencies (ACAs)			
Active ACAs	50	49	49
Pending Applications – missing documents	0	0	1

Applications Committee Reports

- Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification
- Table 2: Approved CE Requests

The Board approved the following applications:

- 16 veterinarians,
- 12 special permits,
- 18 veterinary technicians, and
- 4 animal euthanasia specialists.
- CE requests for:
 - 33 CE hours for veterinarians, and
 - 28 CE hours for veterinary technicians.

Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification				
Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Melissa A.	Aceto	Veterinarian	Endorsement
2	Megan E.	Austin	Veterinarian	Endorsement
3	Alexandra L.	Curtiss	Veterinarian	Endorsement
4	Alexandre	Nascimento Rocha Filho	Veterinarian	Endorsement
5	David L.	Day	Veterinarian	Reinstatement

Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
6	Thomas A.	Gaydos Jr.	Veterinarian	Endorsement
7	Marie L.	Noel	Veterinarian	Endorsement
8	Amy L.	Pajcic	Veterinarian	Endorsement
9	Megan V.	Shipe	Veterinarian	Endorsement
10	Andrew L.	Skidmore	Veterinarian	Endorsement
11	William K.	Heite	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
12	Lauren M.	Huggins	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
13	Phillip A.	Topham	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
14	Madison M.	Davis	Veterinarian	Special Permit
15	Jennifer A.	Hendricks	Veterinarian	Special Permit
16	Harun A.	Khan	Veterinarian	Special Permit
17	Lacey C.	Moore	Veterinarian	Special Permit
18	Vivian D.	Salyer	Veterinarian	Special Permit
19	Taylor R.	Sharp	Veterinarian	Special Permit
20	Bryan C.	Stallings	Veterinarian	Endorsement
21	Cole W.	Taylor	Veterinarian	Endorsement
22	Emily M.	Tolle	Veterinarian	Endorsement
23	Mason C.	Sherman	Veterinarian	Special Permit
24	Anna M.	Beckett	Veterinary Technician	New
25	Destiny L.	Bennett	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
26	Marie C.	Bischel	Veterinary Technician	New
27	Jennifer L.	Foster	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement
28	Rebekah	Garza-Delgado	Veterinary Technician	New
29	Stephanie N.	Geary	Veterinary Technician	New
30	Karis R.	McAllister	Veterinary Technician	New
31	Haley D.	Milam	Veterinary Technician	New
32	Bryce R.	Morgan	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
33	Kaley D.	Naylor	Veterinary Technician	New
34	Paige E.	Reid	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement
35	Cheyenne N.	Ritter	Veterinary Technician	New
36	Jada B.	Ruey	Veterinary Technician	New
37	Madison H.	Sandford	Veterinary Technician	New
38	Tessa M.	Sutherland	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement
39	Hannah M.	Thornton	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
40	Lauren M.	Tolles	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
41	Amber L.	Webb	Veterinary Technician	New
42	Cassidy B.	Hill	Euthanasia Specialist	New
43	Sarah J.	Jones	Euthanasia Specialist	New
44	Traci P.	Kamber	Euthanasia Specialist	New
45	Savanna L.	Sarnak	Euthanasia Specialist	New

Table 2: Approved CE Requests

Course Title	Sponsor / Provider	CE Hours Requested		Date of Program(s)
		Vet	Vet Techs	
What's On the Horizon: Foaling Season 2025 Panel Discussion	KAEP	1	–	1/21/2025
Blood Cell Morphology, Why Should I Care? and What?! Cytology without a Microscope?	Cincinnati VMA	2	–	5/27/2025
2024 Ralph Lee's Great Smokies Veterinary Conference	Veterinary Association Management	20	12	11/6-10/24
Innovation Spotlight: A Review of Elanco's Next Wave of Game-Changing Products	GLVMA	2	2	3/18/2025
Overcoming Barriers to Healthcare: Humans and Animals	KY One Health / KDA / OSV	8	8	3/5/2025
KVTA Spring Fling	KVTA	–	6	4/5/2025
TOTAL HOURS APPROVED		33	28	

BUSINESS AGENDA**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Chair Dr. Park welcomed and introduced guest speaker Ms. Jennifer Pedigo, EMBA, Executive Director, Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME).

Ms. Pedigo presented on Nevada's allied animal health professional licenses.

- First encountered in 1999 – animal chiropractic
- Gave authority to NBVME to promulgate regulations related to subsets of practice:
 - Animal chiropractic
 - Animal physical therapists
 - Equine dental providers (EDPs)
- Supervision required
- Limitations on scope of practice for each type
- Animal Chiropractors –
 - Must hold an active human chiropractic license for one (1) year
 - Must hold current license with Nevada Chiropractic Board
 - Must maintain certification with the AVCA or other board-approved training provider
 - 30 hours CE every two years

- Must have referral from a veterinarian with an established VCPR
 - 48 hours to send medical records to referring veterinarian
- Animal Physical Therapists (APT)
 - Must hold an active human PT license for one (1) year
 - Must hold current license with Nevada Physical Therapy Board
 - 100 hours of animal course work required
 - 125 hours veterinarian supervised clinical work required
 - 10 hours of CE every two years
- EDPs – Since inception in 2018, only one license issued
 - Prior to the development of the license, there were two complaints received on unlicensed practice: one person moved out of the jurisdiction, and another become licensed as a veterinarian technician
 - Direct supervision is required
 - 16 hours of CE every two years
 - Removal of points and maintenance of teeth only; no oral surgery or extractions
 - 48 hours to send records to referring veterinarian

Members of the Board discussed details of licensure offered by the NBVME, asking some clarifying questions of Ms. Pedigo. Questions included:

- Was unlicensed practice an issue prior to development of the licensee class? Did the board receive many grievances?
 - Yes, to some extent. It improved following implementation of registration.
- How many inspectors does the Nevada board employ? What are the enforcement mechanisms?
 - Ms. Pedigo reviewed a handout from Nevada that detailed disciplinary action options.
 - Enforcement is responsive, through reporting (not through pro-active investigations)
- What does the regulation mean by direct supervision?
 - Nevada defines: offsite = indirect; direct = same as KY
- Are EDPs permitted to administer medications?
 - No, medications / sedatives must be administered by the veterinarian.
- What is the definition of referral in Nevada? Has there been pushback from the veterinary community about the use of this term due to the connotation of referrals involving a specialist?
 - No, it has not come up in Nevada that she recalls.

Members of the audience asked for clarification of the scope of practice for EDPs.

- Extraction of teeth that are palpably loose and can be extracted without cutting gum or bone tissue is permitted in NV.

Chair Dr. Park thanked Ms. Pedigo for her presentation to the Board.

Chair Dr. Park welcomed and introduced several guest speakers in the audience to address the Members of the Board regarding their position on [SB 69](#) and layperson equine dental teeth floaters:

- K. Jack Easley, DVM, Equine Dentist, Kentucky Equine Veterinary Dental Specialists
- William “Bo” Rainbow, Jr., DVM, Kentucky Equine Veterinary Dental Specialists
- R. Brad Tanner, DVM, Dipl. AVDC-EQ, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital
- Q. Miller Thornbury, DVM, Kentucky Equine Veterinary Dental Specialists

Chair Dr. Park noted that Sen. Webb’s equine dental provider (EDP) bill 25 RS SB 69 passed through Senate and House and was sent to Governor for signature on 3/14/2025.

Members of the Board listened to speakers and discussed the subject of equine teeth floaters / layperson equine dental providers (EDPs)

- Dr. Easley addressed the Board and thanked them for their work. Dr. Easley cited that SB 69 was built off the framework of legislation established in Texas. Equine dentistry is an issue in multiple states, and enforcement of the law is imperative to ensure that those operating outside the law cease unlicensed practice. The law in Texas is not enforced, and many people still practice without a license. He stressed that we all need to remember as we work on regulations that protection of the animals needs to be at the forefront of our goal. Dr. Easley urged the Board to consider how to implement a strong enforcement program. This includes following up with those who are licensed and then drop their license and keep working – the Board needs to ensure that providers maintain the licensure and comply with all requirements. The complaints process may not fully reflect those who are doing the work as people are less likely to complain about their friends and family, farrier, etc.
- Dr. Tanner thanked the Board for its responsiveness and communication regarding SB 69, noting a recent meeting where a group met to walk through the bill line-by-line and discuss concerns about the bill and the future of licensure for these equine dental providers. He expressed that he would like to see clear public education about what an EDP is and what they can do, as well as clearly defined enforcement mechanisms. This is part of the Board’s mission – to protect and educate the public so they access services by only qualified providers. He expressed his willingness to join any group working on these efforts.
- Dr. Rainbow expressed a wish to avoid deregulation of the veterinary profession. He is working to educate young graduates that any veterinarian can perform equine dental work – they do not have to specialize to do the work. He would like to see EDPs inspected, and penalty provided against EDPs with inappropriate tools or drugs for practicing outside their scope. He spoke about searching online for an equine dentist in Kentucky, and of the top ten results, four (4) were not licensed veterinarians.

- Dr. Park encouraged licensees and members of the public to report unlicensed practice so that KBVE can investigate and take appropriate enforcement action. The Board will be responsive to reports received but does not have the staffing to actively seek out violators.
- Members of the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners have made clear that they do not support the carveout for EDPs or any other carveouts from veterinary medicine.
- Dr. Prater discussed issues with other special interest groups seeking other carveouts, such as ultrasonography and bovine reproductive physiology.
- KBVE Investigators Dr. St. Clair and Dr. Fitzpatrick discussed the need for sedation in equine dental work, and the current provision in the law for indirect supervision of EDPs. They spoke about tracking these sedation drugs once they become scheduled by the federal government.
- Dr. Easley stressed that the EDPs are not providing oral exams; they are only floating teeth. The animals not only need appropriate sedation for these services, but they need to make clear to clients the scope of their practice. He asked about liability if something goes wrong or is missed when services are provided.
- Dr. Rainbow suggests an exam to ensure competency of these practitioners. The EDPs should not have more license to practice than an LVT because their training is not standardized or complete for this type of work.
- Participants talked through the legislative process with Mr. Iaccarino and Ms. Shane. SB 69 has 90-days until effective. Regulations should be ready to file, given the grandfather provision included in the bill to start this “legacy” application window as soon as possible.
- A discussion was held about historical cease and desists sent to lay providers in Kentucky, and the overall lack of follow up and lack of enforcement, bringing us to the situation we are in today.
- Veterinarians in the room were in agreement that an equine dental provider is not an equine dentist.
- Veterinarians recognize that there are holes in coverage in rural areas, and times when the client just can’t haul in. Ms. Hamelback provided an example of a client in Shelbyville that was not able to get an equine veterinarian to visit their farm, so the issue is not just in rural areas. However, it was noted that veterinarians cannot go out to every farm; there is just not enough time and not enough licensees.
- Dr. Tanner reiterated concerns with EDP scope of practice, noting removal of teeth without radiographs is a huge concern. He asked, will these EDPs be held to the same standard as a veterinarian? The Board confirmed, yes.

The Board took a respite break, 2:22 pm – 2:32 pm.

Chair Dr. Park directed Ms. Shane to invite these licensees and other interested stakeholders to a working group meeting in April to begin drafting the required administrative regulations.

Board Member volunteers for developing regulations: Drs. Velasco, Prater, Quammen, Park.



BUDGET AND CONTRACT MATTERS

- **Conferences, Exhibits, and Sponsorships**

- Buffalo Trace – Morehead Clinic Days - June 7-8, 2025

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Smith to approve cost for an exhibit table at Morehead Clinic days not to exceed \$375. The motion, seconded by Dr. Quammen, passed unanimously.

- **RFPs**

- Investigative Services RFP

This Board-approved RFP is now closed. Chair Dr. Park and Ms. Shane worked with budget liaison from the PPC to rank and review two proposals. A new Investigator was selected and offered a contract. Dr. J.T. Williams signed a contract today. The contract will now be submitted for processing to PPC and navigate through all final approvals of the Finance Cabinet and the General Assembly Government Contract Review Committee (GCRC), with an estimated start date of April 16.

- **Other Budget Requests**

- Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) National Certified Investigator and Inspector Training (NCIT) Basic Program for new Investigators
 - OPTION #1 – May training – Austin, Texas
 - OPTION #2 – November training – Louisville, KY

Ms. Shane presented training options for investigators through CLEAR. She would like to send Dr. Williams to either May or November meeting, and also send Members of the Grievance Committee in November.

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Velasco to approve costs not to exceed \$2,000 to send Dr. Williams to CLEAR training in May. The motion, seconded by Dr. Smith, passed unanimously.

- **Budget Review and Projections**

- Fee regulations went through ARRS Hearing on March 10 without any questions.
- Because the fee regulations have gone through, the new employee position, approved by the Board in April 2024, shall finally be advertised soon. The position has been approved by PPC and by the Personnel Cabinet. Ms. Shane is working with the HR liaison to complete final paperwork and trainings in next few weeks. A link for the position will be sent to the Board for distribution and an announcement made through Constant Contact once the position is posted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- **AAVSB Updates**

- **Calendar Items:**

- Summit - March 26-27, 2025 – Ms. Shane attending



- Board Basics and Beyond - March 28-29, 2025 – Dr. Velasco & Ms. Shane attending
- 2025 Annual Meeting & Conference – Sept 18-20, 2025
Dr. Park, Dr. Quammen, Dr. Dawes, and Dr. Staton indicated their intent to travel. Dr. Velasco will check his schedule to confirm.

○ **Announcements and Requests:**

▪ **Call for Nominations – Due May 22, 2025**

Dr. Staton reviewed the AAVSB Call for Nominations and open positions:

- President Elect
- 3 Directors
- Nominating Committee Representative
- ICVA Representative, DVM

▪ **Call for Resolutions – Due April 22, 2025**

Of note, the announcement states that “The Delegate Assembly uses resolutions to shape the direction of the AAVSB.” Given this, the Members of the Board directed the development of resolutions for submission to the AAVSB.

• #1 – A Resolution Against the VPA

The newly created CO Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) reduces public protection, reduces the integrity of the veterinary profession, dilutes and unnecessarily carves up the veterinary profession, sidelines veterinary technicians, etc., all under the guise of shortages as presented by the animal rescue and special interest groups. This is misleading and wrong. New colleges of veterinary medicine are going to graduate a large influx of new veterinarians in the coming years, and shortages will not be an issue in small animal medicine well before the VPA is established with appropriate guardrails.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes directing Ms. Shane and Mr. Iaccarino to develop a proposed resolution for submission to AAVSB which demonstrates that Kentucky and other Member Boards are against the mid-level practitioner position in Colorado called the VPA, and to send the proposed resolution to the full board for feedback, with approval for submission to be provided from the KBVE Chair, and, if approved, for timely filing to the AAVSB by Ms. Shane. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, passed unanimously.

• #2 – A Resolution Against Global Expansion for the Association

While Kentucky recognizes the need to appropriately reflect the AAVSB is an association which includes Canadian partners, before any expansion of AAVSB would occur over international waters, Kentucky believes the Association needs to focus on programs

offered to current Member Boards and ensure that these programs work correctly and well, including RACE, CE Broker, VTNE development and efficacy, etc.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Prater directing Ms. Shane and Mr. Iaccarino to develop a proposed resolution for submission to AAVSB which demonstrates that Kentucky and other Member Boards are against the global expansion of AAVSB across international waters, and to send the proposed resolution to the full board for feedback, with approval for submission to be provided from the KBVE Chair, and, if approved, for timely filing to the AAVSB by Ms. Shane. The motion, seconded by Mr. Dorman, passed unanimously.

▪ **Discontinuation of PAVE for Vet Techs program**

AAVSB announced the discontinuation of this program. Ms. Shane is not aware of any outreach to Member Boards regarding the possible discontinuation of this program. Further, it is unclear if anyone completed the PAVE for Vet Techs program. If there were no successful graduates of the program, an administrative regulation will be required to remove this pathway from Kentucky's laws. If there were program graduates, a provision should be left in the law accepting PAVE for Vet Techs during the years of operation for the program. Ms. Shane will follow up with AAVSB.

▪ **Resolution on LVTs –Member Boards Survey**

Members of the Board directed that Ms. Shane submit feedback for this survey to AAVSB on behalf of KBVE.

○ **API Program**

Ms. Shane secured a quote of \$3,100 from PPC/DOI database IT staff to implement the API with AAVSB to ensure current licensure and disciplinary data is daily transferred to the Association for communication to other Member Boards. The AAVSB has a grant program to assist Member Boards with costs. Ms. Shane is currently working with AAVSB to move this initiative forward.

○ **RACE and RACEtrack**

Following issues noted during Kentucky's 2024 audit of veterinarian renewals, Ms. Shane proposed a review of blanket acceptance of RACE and RACEtrack programs. AAVSB does not appear to be enforcing their own program standards, and some CE offered does not appear appropriate for veterinarians. Members of the Board discussed this issue. Dr. Kennedy volunteered to work with Ms. Shane to evaluate these programs.

○ **VetBoard Connect**

Feb 4 on Medical Recordkeeping

- **Bylaws Update**

There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with AAVSB Bylaws Committee – Drs. Park, Dawes, Quammen, Staton, Mr. Iaccarino, and Ms. Shane to attend. The Board is hopeful the Bylaws Committee has content questions and a proposal for how the submission should be broken into parts for voting by the Delegate Assembly.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - AAVSB Regulatory Policy Task Force
Dr. Dianne Dawes reported that she remains busy with multiple subcommittees and that they have an extensive workload.
- **KVMA / AVMA Updates**
 - **KVMA Board**

In February, members of the KVMA board held over 50 meetings with legislators. [25 RS SB 77](#) was the compromise legislation to allow all the higher education bills to move. SB 77 sets metrics and parameters for a university to qualify for and comprehensively plan for a doctoral program. The legislation requires universities to seek approval from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.
 - [HB 527](#) - Rabies administration bill passed the House, but will not move in Senate. More outreach needs conducted with legislators to move this bill forward next session.
 - **AAVMC Hill Day**

Dr. Redmon and Ms. Hamelback are flying in for AAVMC Hill Day on April 9, and will be meeting with six (6) federal legislators.
- **KBVE**
 - **New File sharing**

Ms. Shane announced that KBVE will be moving to a new file sharing platform due to changes in the Dropbox pricing structure, making the cost prohibitive for the agency. There are two optional platforms that KBVE can use that are already inclusive in the fees paid to COT.

 - MOVEit
 - MS Teams

Ms. Shane will send out additional instructions in April for how to set up accounts and use the new system(s).
 - **Board Policy – Executive Director Responsibilities and Authorizations, Annual review process**

In November, the Board assigned Ms. Shane to work with Dr. Dawes and Dr. Velasco on the development of executive director. Chair Dr. Park directed that this be made a priority so that a review can be conducted in July.

- **OSV**

Dr. Velasco provided an update from the Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian.

- Dairy Cattle primarily have HPAI H5N1 2.3.4 genotype B3.13
- There has now been an incursion of the wildtype B1.1 in some herds, although limited, in Arizona and Nevada.
- There is still no detection of the spread of the B3.13 genotype back to the wild birds, but this strain has been exquisitely devastating to domestic poultry, which may be related to the genetic homogeneity of the poultry population in the U.S.
- Mississippi had a detection in a flock showing H7N9, which was supposed to be extinct in the U.S. This strain can be a problem with horses.
- There was another traceback on Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) on an animal in Kentucky, likely infected by sheath cleaning. There has been no epidemiological spreading.
- Cervid depopulation is on hold while a cooperative agreement is established with the new federal administration.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Questions pending from the Board's Office**

- **Potential loophole in law related to “owner’s agent” designation**

The questioner wanted to know if they could have a contract with clients designating them an “owner’s agent” so they could avoid licensure. Carmine conducted a legal review of this question and discussed his findings with Board, indicating that while [KRS 321.200\(1\)\(b\)1.](#) allows an owner’s agent to provide services, (1)(b)2. Specifically prohibits temporary contracts or transfer of ownership to bypass the requirements of KRS Chapter 321.

- **LVT scope of duties**

An LVT reached out to the Board for guidance on the following scenarios.

1. Is a licensed veterinary technician legally allowed to administer a rabies vaccination if the practicing veterinarian is not on the premises?
2. Is a licensed veterinary technician legally allowed collect appropriate samples to run diagnostics (i.e. annual bloodwork, urinalysis, cytologies, etc.) if the veterinarian is not on the premises?
3. Is a licensed veterinary technician allowed legally to administer ProHeart (6 or 12) when the veterinarian is not on premises? The technician would be ProHeart certified through Zoetis. Would these same rules apply for an unlicensed veterinary assistant?
4. Is a licensed technician legally allowed to administer injections such as Librela, Cytopoint, Solenisa when the veterinarian is not on the premises?

Members of the Board discussed there queries and indicated that all items in the list were at the discretion of supervising veterinarian for LVTs. However, it should be noted that the rules are different for veterinary assistants under [201 KAR 16:750](#).

- **Add addresses for drug deliveries**

Ms. Shane introduced this issue for consideration by the Board. Pharmacy distributor representatives are telling licensees to add any address they like to their KBVE license file, and then the distributor can deliver to that address, even if it is the address of a client. This mainly involves wholesale distribution. Ms. Shane has proposed to bring guest pharmaceutical representatives before the Board in May to discuss their activities, roadblocks to access, and generally develop a better understanding of the issues. Then, an invite will be extended to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to appear before the KBVE in July for a broader discussion of the legalities around this issue. Some issues for consideration:

- Animal shelter or rescue group addresses added to the licensee's file can lead to unknown or unsupervised ordering of drugs, which are then in turn dispensed by shelter staff to the public.
- Deliveries at the racetrack or large horse farm operations where a veterinarian may or may not have a physical office and the drugs are used on patients without veterinarian input.

This issue will be revisited by the Board this summer. KBVE seeks to understand what is legal and illegal under pharmacy law so that KBVE can appropriately educate licensees regarding clarifications in the law. KBVE may also consider adding clarification

- **Other Items for Discussion**

- **ICVA Nominations**

FYI only – an announcement from ICVA seeking nominations to their board of directors; interested parties should apply directly to ICVA.

- **Summary of Student Loan Proposed Borrowing Changes & Repayment Confusion**

Dr. Rebecca Mears, with the Veterinary Information Network (VIN) attended the last KBVE Education and Outreach Committee meeting. Dr. Quammen discussed the information she shared, which was also provided in written format to the Board. Members of the Board and Ms. Hamelback acknowledged that this information is concerning, however this is not a topic for the Board. KVMA is going to take the lead on this.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Member Dr. Gardner provided the Applications Committee Report.

- **Facility Registration Applications**

KBVE has currently received 22 facility applications, with four (4) still missing information or newly received and not yet reviewed.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to ratify 18 facility applications as reviewed and approved by the Committee. The motion, second Dr. Dawes, passed unanimously.

Row #	Facility Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Bluegrass Animal Healthcare	Veterinary Facility	New
2	Bluegrass Veterinary Vision	Veterinary Facility	New
3	Central Kentucky Veterinary Services	Veterinary Facility	New
4	Cleveland Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
5	EquiPoint Veterinary Services	Veterinary Facility	New
6	Fleming County Veterinary Services	Veterinary Facility	New
7	Harlan Animal Hospital / DA Mickey PSC	Veterinary Facility	New
8	Humane Society of Nelson County	Veterinary Facility	New
9	Johnson Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
10	Licking Valley Veterinary Hospital DBA Licking Valley Veterinary Service	Veterinary Facility	New
11	Louisville Veterinary Urgent Care	Veterinary Facility	New
12	Lyon County Animal Hospital, PSC	Veterinary Facility	New
13	Mayfield Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
14	Premier Animal Wellness and Surgery Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
15	Ridgeview Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
16	Scottsville Animal Hospital, Inc	Veterinary Facility	New
17	Tri-State Animal Clinic, Inc	Veterinary Facility	New
18	Veterinary Care Center, LLC	Veterinary Facility	New

- **LVT applicant with work study**

Members of the Board discussed an applicant for a veterinary technician license that is licensed in Wisconsin, but was awarded the license through the on-the-job training pathway. Both precedent and the law in Kentucky does not allow this pathway to licensure. In accordance with [KRS 321.221](#), paragraph (1)(c) specifically states that the credentialing requirements for an endorsement applicant from another jurisdiction must meet or exceed Kentucky's own requirements. The lack of formal education does not meet the standards of KRS Chapter 321 to qualify for an LVT credential.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to deny the application for licensure as an LVT from Kaitlyn G. Butler because the applicant had not graduated from a board-approved LVT program, pursuant to [201 KAR 16:520](#) and [KRS 321.221\(1\)\(c\)](#). The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, passed unanimously.

- **New Graduate Licensure Program**

The New Graduate Licensure Program shall be open to all AVMA COE-accredited colleges this year, rather than only Auburn and LMU. Members of the Committee provided authority to staff to set a deadline for applications and application materials for students to participate in the program based on their scheduled graduate date.

Dr. Park informed the Board that Ms. Shane and he attended a virtual meeting with the Auburn CVM Auburn Class of 2025 on February 20 and spoke to them about the licensure application process and the role of the licensing board. At that time, it was reiterated to the class that they have 90 days to submit their official final transcripts or a copy of their diploma.

- **AAHP Jurisprudence Exam for Animal Chiropractic Providers (ACPs)**

The Committee is planning to make the final version of the exam available to the Board for approval by Board at the next meeting.

- **State Jurisprudence Exam for Veterinarians**

Members of the Board discussed the final version of the updated state jurisprudence exam. Copies of the exam were distributed between board meetings for Members to review and test.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to approve version 2 of the Kentucky State Jurisprudence Exam for Veterinarians. The motion, seconded by Dr. Smith, passed unanimously.

- **Applications for Licensure – Revisions to form required for LRC filing**

Dr. Gardner discussed the work of the Committee related to updating the application forms for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. They would like to be able to clearly identify applicants are Board certified. The Committee also asked to incorporate a field to capture the start date for work in Kentucky so the office can more easily and timely determine those applicants that require expedited handling.

- **Request Letter from Licensee to reduce the reinstatement fee**

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to deny the request for a lower fee for reinstatement as proposed by Dr. Bernadette Smith. The motion, seconded by Dr. Smith, passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, if needed

The Board did not have cause to enter into executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

No reports pulled from consent agenda for discussion.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Shane reviewed the Wellness Report from January 30, previously laid on the desk, and the Wellness Report from March 20.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen provided an update to the Board regarding recent KBVE newsletters. Board Chair Dr. Park thanked the Committee for their work on the newsletters and described multiple instances of positive feedback

- Constant Contact Email Campaign – continue to have open rates in the high 60%
- Survey responses – only a few licensees responded to the veterinary facility survey, but KBVE has already received 32 responses to the LVT utilization survey.
- Future topic suggestions from meeting participants:
 - Rules about rabies vaccine clinics

STRATEGIC PARTNERS UPDATE

- **Kentucky Board of Pharmacy (KBOP)**
 - Chair Dr. Park requested that Board Members send any questions to KBOP to Ms. Shane by mid-June so she may forward those to her counterpart and the KBOP can be prepared to answer the Board's concerns.
- **Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (KBLMT)**
 - Ms. Shane has been trying to coordinate a meeting with KBLMT Vice Chair Ms. Frazier. They are waiting to hear back from KBVE on survey results regarding expansion of the AAHP permit.
- **Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR)**
 - KDFWR Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Christine Casey recently contacted the Board regarding advance feedback on proposed filing for 301 KAR 4:120 - Wildlife disease reporting. Ms. Shane sent the draft with proposed markup to the Board for comments on March 8, but no additional comments were received. Comments were submitted as included in the March email. KBVE will have another opportunity to comment when the regulation is filed.

- Dr. Velasco indicated that at a recent Poultry Federation Meeting there was some confusion regarding reporting for HPAI. The regulation should clearly state that the reporting requirements are only for wildlife and not for domestic animals or poultry.
- **Kentucky Livestock Coalition (KLC)**
 - Ms. Hamelback has been attending and most talks focused on Murray State
 - Commodity groups are supportive and understanding of KVMA's position.
 - Kentucky Cattlemen's has been a strong supporter of the veterinarian community, and does not believe
- **PILLS**
 - Intergovernmental agency meeting that discusses diversion issues and active investigations.
 - DEA is coordinating an investigation into drug diversion ring involving veterinarians in Louisville. This has been reported to the Board Grievance Committee and they are tracking this situation.
- **APTA-KY**
 - APTA-KY representatives met with Dr. Park, Mr. Iaccarino and Ms. Shane on February 14. The meeting notes and the APTA-KY letter is in the Board packet. They are seeking to be added to the AAHP permit.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes provided a written report to the Board for their review, copied into the table below. Dr. Park thanked the Committee for their extra meetings held to move cases forward, and to Mr. Iaccarino for his efforts to help clear the KBVE grievance backlog.

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Ordered Appearance - Before the Full Board	● n/a		
Emergency Order for Temporary Suspension	● n/a		
Dismissed	● 2021-55(A) ● 2022-21(B) ● 2022-21(C) ● 2022-46(B)	● 2024-13 ● 2024-14 ● 2024-15 ● 2024-45	● 2024-47 ● 2024-50 ● 2024-57 ● 2024-64

Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-33 • 2024-34 • 2024-35 • 2024-37 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-38 • 2024-40 • 2024-44 • 2024-49(A) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-49(B) 2024-54 • 2024-58
With Legal Counsel for Negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-14 • 2024-07 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-24 • 2024-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-51 • 2024-41
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In Franklin Circuit Court	• n/a		
Administrative Hearing Procedures	• 2023-17		
Cease & Desist Demand Letter	• 2024-42	• 2024-43	
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Closed following KBVE Disciplinary Action and fulfillment of terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-34 • 2023-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-45 	2023-51
Open Pending Committee Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-53 • 2024-09 • 2024-12(A) • 2024-26 • 2024-27 • 2024-48 • 2024-51 • 2024-52 • 2024-53 • 2024-55 • 2024-59 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-60 • 2024-61 • 2024-62 • 2024-63 • 2024-65 • 2024-66 • 2024-67 • 2024-68 • 2024-69 • 2024-70 • 2024-71 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-74 • 2024-75 • 2024-76 • 2024-77 • 2024-78 • 2024-79 • 2024-80 • 2024-81 • 2024-82 • 2024-83 • 2025-01
New Cases	• 2025-02	through	• 2025-13
Cases Laid on the Desk	• 2024-01	• 2024-72	• 2024-73

A MOTION was made by Dr. Velasco to approve the case recommendations of the Grievance Committee. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, passed unanimously.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- **LRC Meetings**

March 10 – ARRS – Dr. Park and Ms. Shane represented the Board before the Subcommittee on the 15 regulations filed October 2025, as Amended After Comments (AAC) and with their associated Statements of Consideration (SOCs) as filed on February 14, 2025. No comments were received from the Committee.

- **Legislative Update:**

- KVMA summarized progress on regulations important to veterinary medicine earlier in the meeting.
- Colorado – CO H.B. 1285 – current legislation in CO General Assembly
 - Provides a framework for implementing CO Prop. 129, which created a mid-level practitioner position called the Veterinary Professional Associates (VPAs)
 - Current version imposes strong boundaries on the use of VPAs and their scope of authority

- **Administrative Regulations**

Upcoming review schedule for sunset. Ms. Shane reviewed the KBVE regulations status table listing all KBVE regulations and their pending sunset dates. Members of the Board asked clarifying questions and directed Ms. Shane to bring 2-3 regulations to the May meeting to begin work, including:

- 201 KAR 16:500 – Code of Ethical Conduct for Veterinarians
 - Is a code of ethics needed for other credentials?
 - The statutes allow this.
 - One option may be to repeal the current code of ethics and promulgate a new code of ethics
- 201 KAR 16:530 – Examination requirements for veterinarians and veterinary technicians - to address the VTNE early testing clause
- 201 KAR 16:750 – Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs) -- Veterinary assistants -- Scope of Practice and Supervisory Requirements - to review the scope of duties for LVTs and address veterinary assistant scope of duties regarding laser therapy and similar modalities
- 201 KAR 16:600 – Prescription and dispensation of drugs for animal use

- **Policy Discussion – Recommendations from the LOIC**

[Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee](#) hearing regarding the Kentucky Board of Cosmetology. The hearing included multiple Committee recommendations for Licensing Boards that KBVE should review at <https://www.youtube.com/live/VUvszCYcX2k>. Ms. Shane summarized the recommendations of the hearing, as listed below, and indicated where improvements may be made by the KBVE to ensure there are no inconsistencies in Board procedures

19 recommendations, including the following which apply to all Boards:

- Conflicts between statutes and regulations – these must align
- Board Policies to establish in writing:
 - Policy on what an emergency order is and when it should be used – Emergency Orders must be made based on substantial evidence documented by the board.
 - Policies for administrative appeals for disciplines and fines, and post on the agency website.
 - This includes a process for what to do in the event that a licensee refuses to sign an offered settlement agreement.
 - Policy for timely transfer of signature authority in the event of staff or Chair changes or vacancies.
 - Policy outlining a process for holding and disposing of (Ethics Commission indicated could DONATE to charity) unsolicited compensation to investigators or other staff.
 - Policy for when mass email communications are appropriate and required.
 - Policy on when inspections are required for facilities.
 - Policy on how an Investigator should conduct an investigation.
 - Policy on Investigative uniform documentation to ensure consistent application and oversight of statutes and regulations.
 - Structured checklist required with citations.
 - Policy for inspector training, education, and experience – and frequency of training and ongoing CE requirements.
 - Policy for how to evaluate complaints against Inspectors and the procedures to follow if the complaint is determined to be valid and follow up procedures with the complainant.
 - Policy for tracking issued fines.
 - Policy for digitization of all Board files, licensee files, and complaint files-ability to organize and search fines.
 - Policy for cover letter of settlement agreement offers, including plain language anyone can understand.
 - Policy for ensuring complete grievance files.

- Policies, other:
 - Licensure application holding times (open applications, then closed and new app & fee required).
 - Potential for new KBVE policy to use collected fines to fund the educational awards program authorized in [KRS 321.235\(2\)\(l\)](#).
 - Offer online payment for fines for easier payments and tracking of payments

Ms. Shane recommended that the Board Chair appoint an ad hoc committee to review these policy recommendations, evaluate them as they apply to this board, and assist in writing any necessary policies for KBVE.

Chair Dr. Park asked for volunteers, and he would also be on the committee. Drs. Dawes, Prater, and Smith also volunteered to join the committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Obituary Notifications**

- George Gartly Moore, DVM -
<https://www.morrisandhislope.com/obituaries/george-gartley-moore>

- **Open Discussion**

Chair Dr. Park opened the floor for comments and discussion.

- Dr. Quammen –
 - The Bridge Club is hosting Mark Cushing on the topic of Accreditation Reform May 8 at 7 pm CDT. Register at <https://www.thebridgeclub.com/events/accreditation-reform>
 - Seeking clarification: The KBVE does not have staff that actively searches social media for violations, but does take reports from the public and licensees. This statement is accurate.
 - ICVA nominations. There are two options for working with the ICVA: direct nomination or as a representative of the AAVSB through an election process.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Location: KBVE Offices, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511

- **2025:**
 - May 22
 - July 31
 - September 11
 - November 20

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dr. Park adjourned the meeting at 4:13 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by Members of the Board on May 22, 2025.



John C. Park, DVM, Chair of the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

PRESIDING OFFICER: John C. Park, DVM, KBVE Board Chair
Minutes Recorded by: Michelle M. Shane, KBVE Executive Director



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Meeting Agenda

March 20, 2025

Meeting Location: KBVE Offices, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511

Public Virtual Option Available – Email Vet@ky.gov for meeting connection information.

EDT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:00 AM Grievance Committee

10:00 AM Applications Committee

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM **BOARD MEETING – PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

- Meeting Agenda for March 20, 2025
- Board Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2025
- Committee Meetings:
 - Applications Committee Minutes – January 30 and February 18, 2025
 - Education and Outreach Committee Minutes – February 3 and March 4, 2025
 - Grievance Committee Minutes – January 30, February 21, and March 7, 2025
- Budget Summary Report
- Licensure Status Report
- Applications Committee Report on New Applications
- Applications Committee Report on New CE Requests
- Special Permittee Monitoring Reports
 - Dr. Emery Clark (special permit # 290507 - expired)
 - Dr. Jennifer A. Hendricks (special permit # 294014 – prior permit)
- ACA Inspection Reports:
 - Bell County Animal Shelter (certificate # 149520)



- Boyd County Animal Shelter (certificate # 149493)
- Bullitt County Animal Shelter (certificate # 149459 – expiration inspect.)
- Campbell County (certificate # 149496)
- Harlan County Animal Shelter (certificate # 149524)
- Kenton County Animal Shelter (certificate # 147149)
- Lewis County Animal Shelter (certificate # 147230)
- Pike County Animal Shelter (certificate # 146871)
- Tri-County Animal Shelter – Albany (certificate # 149521)
- Equine Sales Reports
 - Fasig-Tipton Winter Mix Sale – February 3, 2025
 - Keeneland Horses of All Ages Sale – January 13-15, 2025
- Letter of Nomination of Dr. Staton to AVMA CAVTT
- KBVE Meeting Space Rental Contract
- Approval of Board Per Diem and Mileage

BUSINESS AGENDA

GUEST SPEAKERS

Jurisdictional Presentation on Allied Animal Health credentials

- Jennifer Pedigo, EMBA, Executive Director, Nevada Veterinary Board

Discussion with licensees on the subject of equine teeth floaters / layperson equine dental providers (EDPs)

- K. Jack Easley, DVM, Equine Dentist, Kentucky Equine Veterinary Dental Specialists (KEVDS)
- William “Bo” Rainbow, Jr., DVM, KEVDS
- R. Brad Tanner, DVM, Dipl. AVDC-EQ, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital
- Q. Miller Thornbury, DVM, KEVDS

BUDGET AND CONTRACT MATTERS

- Conferences, Exhibits, and Sponsorships
 - Buffalo Trace – Morehead Clinic Days - June 7-8, 2025
- Other Budget Requests
 - Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) National Certified Investigator and Inspector Training (NCIT) Basic Program for new Investigator
- RFPs
 - Investigative Services RFP – Closed – New Investigator selected
- Budget Review and Projections
 - KBVE hiring third employee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- AAVSB Updates



- Calendar Items
 - 2025 Annual Meeting & Conference – Sept 18-20, 2025
- Announcements and Requests:
 - Call for Nominations – Due May 22, 2025
 - Call for Resolutions – Due April 22, 2025
 - Discontinuation of PAVE for Vet Techs program
 - Resolution on LVTs – Member Board Survey
- API Program
- RACE and RACEtrack
- VetBoard Connect
- Committee Reports
- **KVMA / AVMA Updates**
- **KBVE**
- **OSV**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Questions pending from the Board's Office**
 - Potential loophole in law related to “owner’s agent” designation
 - LVT scope of duties
 - Add address for delivery
- **Other Items for Discussion**
 - Dr. Rebecca Mears, VIN - Summary of Student Loan Proposed Borrowing Changes & Repayment Confusion.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION, if needed

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS, if pulled from Consent Agenda

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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- Policy Discussions

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Applications Committee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025

Meeting Location: KBVE Offices, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Member Attendees:

- Stephanie Kennedy, DVM, KBVE Board Member, Applications Committee Chair (arrived at 11:20 am)
- Tim Gardner, DVM, KBVE Board Member, Applications Committee Member
- Jennifer Quammen, DVM, KBVE Board Member, Applications Committee Member
- Amanda Briggs, KBVE Applications Specialist

Absent Committee Members:

- n/a

Guest Attendees:

- n/a

PROCEEDINGS

Committee Member Dr. Gardner called the meeting to order at 9:52 am EDT.

Ms. Briggs read the roll call.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to approve the agenda. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, passed unanimously.

Members of the Committee reviewed and discussed applications for licensure, certificates, permits, and continuing education courses.

Members discussed applications with RAP sheets and other red flags.

Members discussed facilities applications, including ways to improve the application form to make requirements clear to applicants. The Committee approved the following facilities applications:

1. Bluegrass Animal Healthcare
2. Bluegrass Veterinary Vision
3. Central Kentucky Veterinary Services
4. Cleveland Animal Clinic
5. EquiPoint Veterinary Services
6. Fleming County Veterinary Services



7. Harlan Animal Hospital / DA Mickey PSC
8. Humane Society of Nelson County
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15. Ridgeview Animal Clinic
16. Scottsville Animal Hospital, Inc
17. Tri-State Animal Clinic, Inc
18. Veterinary Care Center, LLC

Other facilities applications received are on hold pending receipt of missing information.

Dr. Kennedy arrived at approx. 11:20 am.

Members discussed the Applications Committee Report and items for discussion with the Board, including:

New Graduate Licensure Program

- Program updates – the program is open for enrollment and will be open to applicants from all schools this year, not just Auburn and LMU.
- Staff must be authorized to set reasonable deadlines for the graduating class of each college so that materials may be processed in a timely manner and the license issued on time.

State Jurisprudence Exam Formation for AAHP Permittees

- The current version of the exam was reviewed and edited in an effort to finalize questions.
- The Committee removed a few questions with problems and determined that the remaining 40 questions could constitute the exam. Ms. Briggs will finalize edits and return to Committee for approval.

State Jurisprudence Exam Formation for Veterinarians

- Members of the Committee reviewed the final draft of version 2 of the exam, and prepared to present this to the full Board for ratification.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen that the most recent draft of the State Jurisprudence Exam version 2 be moved out committee and presented to the board for approval. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, passed unanimously.

Application for Licensure Form Review

- Veterinarians
- Veterinary Technicians

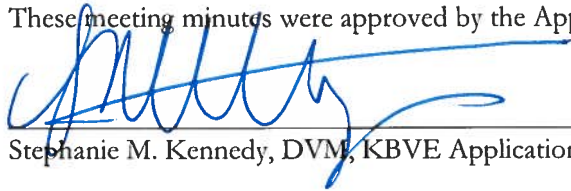
The Committee began reviewing these application forms to conform with approved regulatory updates for future filing. Members of the Committee determined to resume this work at a future meeting.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to recommend actions to the full board as discussed during the Committee meeting, to be presented today during the regular board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kennedy and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 12:10 PM.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Applications Committee on May 22, 2025.



Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM, KBVE Applications Committee Chair

PRESIDING OFFICERS: Tim Gardner, DVM, KBVE Applications Committee Member
Minutes Recorded by: Amanda Briggs, KBVE Applications Specialist
Minutes Reviewed by: Michelle Shane, KBVE Executive Director



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Grievance Committee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendees:

- Dr. Dianne Dawes, KBVE Board Member, Grievance Committee Chair
- Dr. Phil Prater, KBVE Board Member, Grievance Committee Member (arrived 11:10 AM)
- Dr. Gene Smith, KBVE Vice Chair, Grievance Committee Member
- Dr. Amy Staton, EdD, LVT, KBVE Board Member, Grievance Committee Member (arrived 11:10 AM)
- Ms. Michelle Shane, KBVE Executive Director
- Mr. Carmine Iaccarino, Esq., KBVE Legal Counsel
- Dr. Coy St. Clair, KBVE Investigator
- Dr. L. Dena Fitzpatrick, KBVE Investigator

Absent Committee Members:

- n/a

Guest Attendees:

- J.T. Williams, DVM, future KBVE Investigator

ORDERED APPEARANCES

- Francis Daniel, complainant in case 2024-19

PROCEEDINGS

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:13 am EDT.

Ms. Shane conducted roll call.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to approve the Committee meeting minutes from March 7. The motion, seconded by Dr. Dawes, passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation and adjudication of KBVE grievance cases pursuant to [KRS 61.810\(1\)\(c\) and \(j\)](#) and [KRS 321.187\(6\)](#).



The motion was seconded by Dr. Dawes, and passed unanimously. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:17 am.

Committee took a 10 min break, 11:00 am – 11:10 am.

The Committee returned to regular session at 11:57 am.

Members of the Committee reconciled their case notes and agreed to report the following cases statuses and recommendations to the full Board during the March 20 Board meeting.

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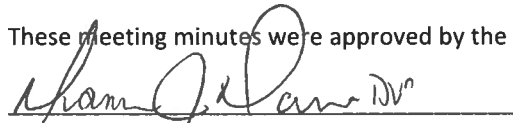
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Open Pending Committee Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-53 • 2024-09 • 2024-12(A) • 2024-26 • 2024-27 • 2024-48 • 2024-51 • 2024-52 • 2024-53 • 2024-55 • 2024-59 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-60 • 2024-61 • 2024-62 • 2024-63 • 2024-65 • 2024-66 • 2024-67 • 2024-68 • 2024-69 • 2024-70 • 2024-71 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-74 • 2024-75 • 2024-76 • 2024-77 • 2024-78 • 2024-79 • 2024-80 • 2024-81 • 2024-82 • 2024-83 • 2025-01
New Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-02 	through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-13
Tabled Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-01 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-72 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-73

The Committee added an additional Grievance Committee meeting Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 1:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Dawes adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Grievance Committee on May 22, 2025.



Dianne J. Dawes, DVM, KBVE Grievance Committee Chair

PRESIDING OFFICER: Dianne J. Dawes, DVM, KBVE Grievance Committee Chair
Minutes Recorded by: Michelle M. Shane, KBVE Executive Director



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Grievance Committee Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2025

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendees:

- Dr. Dianne Dawes, KBVE Board Member, Grievance Committee Chair
- Dr. Phil Prater, KBVE Board Member, Grievance Committee Member
- Dr. Amy Staton, EdD, LVT, KBVE Board Member, Grievance Committee Member
- Ms. Michelle Shane, KBVE Executive Director
- Mr. Carmine Iaccarino, Esq., KBVE Legal Counsel
- Dr. Coy St. Clair, KBVE Investigator
- Dr. L. Dena Fitzpatrick, KBVE Investigator
- Dr. J.T. Williams, KBVE Investigator

Absent Committee Members:

- Dr. Gene Smith, KBVE Vice Chair, Grievance Committee Member
- n/a

Guest Attendees:

- n/a

ORDERED APPEARANCES

- n/a

PROCEEDINGS

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm EDT.

Ms. Shane conducted roll call.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Prater to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation and adjudication of KBVE grievance cases pursuant to [KRS 61.810\(1\)\(c\) and \(j\)](#) and [KRS 321.187\(6\)](#). The motion was seconded by Dr. Dawes, and passed unanimously. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 1:34 pm.

The Committee returned to regular session at 3:34 pm. Dr. St. Clair and Dr. J.T. Williams were no longer present.

Members of the Committee reconciled their case notes and agreed to report the following cases statuses and recommendations to the full Board during the March 20 Board meeting.

Case Status Recommendations	Case Numbers		
Ordered Appearance - Before Grievance Committee	• 2024-19		
Ordered Appearance - Before the Full Board	• n/a		
Emergency Order for Temporary Suspension	• n/a		
Dismissed	• 2024-48	• 2024-60	• 2024-66
Investigation	• 2024-33 • 2024-34 • 2024-35 • 2024-37	• 2024-38 • 2024-40 • 2024-44 • 2024-49(A)	• 2024-49(B) • 2024-54 • 2024-58 • 2024-65 • 2024-04
With Legal Counsel for Negotiations	• 2023-14 • 2024-07	• 2024-24 • 2024-30	• 2024-51 • 2024-41
Refer to other State or Federal Agency	• 2024-25		
Settlement Agreement Reached	• 2023-41		
Monitoring	• 2020-36 • 2020-43 • 2021-47 • 2022-05 • 2022-21(A)	• 2023-04 • 2023-12 • 2023-59 • 2024-04 • 2024-05	• 2024-11 • 2024-21
In Franklin Circuit Court	• n/a		
Administrative Hearing Procedures	• 2023-17		
Cease & Desist Demand Letter	• 2024-42	2024-43	
Admonishment / Private Admonishment and Closure	• 2023-42 • 2024-36 • 2024-56	• 2025-06 • 2025-07 • 2025-08	• 2025-09 • 2025-10 • 2025-11
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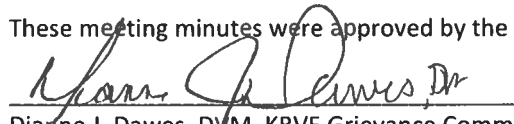
Open Pending Committee Recommendation	• 2023-53	• 2024-60	• 2024-74
	• 2024-09	• 2024-61	• 2024-75
	• 2024-12(A)	• 2024-62	• 2024-76
	• 2024-26	• 2024-63	• 2024-77
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New Cases	• 2025-02	through	• 2025-13
Tabled Cases	• 2024-01	• 2024-72	• 2024-73

The next Committee meeting shall be held Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 9:00 am EDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Dawes adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Grievance Committee on May 22, 2025.



Dianne J. Dawes, DVM, KBVE Grievance Committee Chair

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Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2025

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

E&O COMMITTEE MEETING

(V) = Video / (A) = Audio

Attendees:

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

Absent Committee Members:

- n/a

Guest Attendees:

- n/a

PROCEEDINGS

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm EDT.

Ms. Shane conducted role call, noting all Committee Members were present.

The Committee reviewed the results from the last newsletter and survey:

- 3,991 sent emails
- 2,732 opens
- 70% open rate
- 2.1% click rate
- 37 clicked on survey to date (open until March 31)
- 32 completed survey to date
- Most other links clicked:
 - 14 - Board Meetings page
 - Variety of clicks from list of tracked legislation, both bills and legislators
- Survey results to date – Survey remains open until March 31:
 - Species:
 - 29/32 small animal



- 9/32 food animal
- 11/32 equine
- 11/32 exotics
- 84% say there is an LVT working at their facility
- Biggest hurdles to hiring LVTs:
 - 69% - Salary
 - 57% - Not enough LVTs in Kentucky
 - 25% - Practice location
- Does your facility allow LVTs to perform the following?
 - Ocular diagnostic tests (including tonometry, fluorescein staining and Schirmer tear) – 56%
 - Place urinary catheters in male and female dogs and cats – 38%
 - Place a nasogastric tube in dogs and cats – 25%
 - Perform basic suturing techniques – 22%
 - None of the above – 19%
 - Does not employ an LVT – 16%
- 31% of respondents did not know that LVTs could do these things

Members of the Committee also reviewed the open comments submitted by respondents.

Members of the Committee reviewed and discussed contents for future newsletters.

- **April 2025 Newsletter**

- Message from the Chair – Ms. Shane to coordinate with Dr. Park
- Survey results from LVT survey – as above,
 - Breakdown of Practice Type
 - Highlights from hurdles to hiring
 - Put link to CVTEA List of Essential Skills
- New Survey – Veterinary Facility Questions:
 - When is the initial registration due?
 - Where is the application form?
 - Do you know you need a copy of your Secretary of State registration?
 - Who has to apply?
 - Mobile unit question – register up to 3 units together for one fee, or 2 units associated with a fixed facility for same fee.
 - Open ended – any questions?
- Did you know?
 - Duty to report... discussed various types of duty to report and determined we can use the duty to report name or address change in 30 days
 - Other duties to report?
- Grievance Case Spotlight
 - Discuss non-veterinarian case - Focus on 2024-18 (“TooTrill” Martin) case
- Legislative & Regulatory Activities
 - Legislative update:
 - SB 69 – Passed, Equine Dental Providers (EDPs) may apply in July 2025 when the bill becomes effective

- HB 527 – Rabies bill
- Regulations filed, status updated:
 - No deficiencies found, regulations expected to become effective:
 - April 2 for regulations in September without comment
 - May 6 for regulations in September with comments
 - July 1 for October package
 - New fee structure with details, again reiterating the increases in costs due to administrative overhead, contractors, staffing, legal support, operational systems, etc.
 - Public comments reviewed and considered, a full summary is available online
- Regulations in progress – email the Board with your feedback, or join a future meeting of stakeholders
 - Links to current reg under review
 - Code of Ethics
 - LVT Scope of Practice
 - Timeline for discussion drafts (if known). If unknown or may flex, offer place where anyone can submit their current suggestions or revisions.
- News You Can Use
 - Colorado Prop 129 – summarize
 - <https://dpo.colorado.gov/Veterinary/Proposition129>
 - Link where to find more info
 - Note: KBVE is not considering similar legislation, but is closely monitoring developments and their potential impact on the profession in Kentucky.
- Board Meeting Highlights
 - Nevada and Equine Dental guest speakers
 - Page 81 of the Board Meeting packet from March 20 – LVT scope of practice is veterinarian supervisor discretion
- Newsletter feedback
- Future meeting dates

Target issue date: Friday, April 4

- **Kentucky should develop an infographic like Nevada's**
 - What members of the public can expect from the AAHP permit classes
 - And what AAHP providers cannot do/prohibited from doing
 - LVT infographic?
- **Running list of ideas for future newsletters:**
 - Regulations –
 - Consistent updates on what the board is working on.
 - Did you know?
 - Duty to Report / reporting requirements
 - Changes in CE requirements

- More statistics about the Board, meetings, regulations, etc.
- Agency Budget/ Financial information –
- CE Requirements
- Future surveys:
 - Veterinary Facility Registrations
 - CE?
 - Other topics?

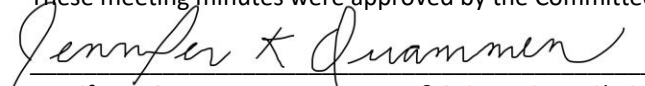
Open Discussion

- Reviewed upcoming schedule.
 - April 29 at 2 pm EDT
- Scheduled additional meetings:
 - May 23 at 2:30 pm EDT
 - June 23 at 1:30 pm EDT

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Quammen adjourned the meeting at 1:51 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Committee on April 29, 2025.


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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jennifer K. Quammen, DVM, KBVE E&O Committee Chair
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April 29, 2025

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

E&O COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendees:

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

Absent Committee Members:

- Tim Gardner, DVM, KBVE Board Member, E&O Committee Member

Guest Attendees:

- n/a

PROCEEDINGS

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm EDT.

Ms. Shane conducted role call, noting two (2) Committee Members were present.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Staton to approve the Committee minutes from March 24, 2025. The motion, seconded by Dr. Quammen, passed unanimously.

Members of the Committee reviewed and discussed the business of the Committee.

- April 2025 Newsletter – Constant Contact statistics
 - Sent – 4,734
 - Open rate – 67.6%
 - Clicks – 190
- Survey Update – Open call for questions on Facility Registration
 - Response topics:
 - Secretary of State (SOS) – What is the Board looking for here?
 - Mobile facilities – What needs registered?
 - Retirees – Do they need to register a veterinary facility?



- Out of state licensees – What, if anything, do they need to register?
 - Registered Responsible Parties (RRPs) and Veterinary Managers – Who needs to be listed?
 - Why is registration even necessary?
- Members of the Committee indicated that the questions from the survey should be forwarded to the Applications Committee.
- Topics for April newsletter:
 - THANK YOU for your feedback!
 - We need everyone's participation
 - Please provide more feedback! All comments are taken into consideration and reviewed
 - Clarify areas we are confident in (SOS, RRP's)
 - Inform that KBVE is working with legal counsel to bring clarity, and will in turn provide additional information
 - Will work with licensees (flex timeline) to ensure we can bring everyone on board
- Committee Members directed Ms. Shane to verify the current notification process for facility applications
- Ideas for May 2025 newsletter:
 - Message from the Chair
 - Survey results from Vet Facility survey
 - See notes above
 - New Survey – Veterinary Facility – still open through May 31
 - Keeping same survey open until end of May
 - Did you know?
 - CE Requirements changes
 - Grievance Case Spotlight
 - Pharmaceuticals?
 - *** Drug dosages *** -- look up current case and earmark for future highlighting
 - Thermal burns
 - Legislative & Regulatory Activities
 - SB 69 – Stakeholder group activated and will be meeting, effective date of the legislation June 27, 2025
 - Regulations up for review by the Board in 2025 – submit their comments
 - News You Can Use
 - Nationally – CO Prop 129 – Stakeholder meeting, date and link
 - Minnesota – now licensing vet techs – it should be noted not all jurisdictions in the US offer licensing or registration to veterinary technicians
 - Board Meeting Highlights
 - In May, KBVE welcomes Covetrus, Zoetis, Midwest Veterinary

- **Running list of ideas for future newsletters:**
 - Regulations –
 - The Board has a revolving list of regulations under review, even when new regulations are not being written.
 - Did you know?
 - Duty to Report / reporting requirements
 - Who's on the Board
 - Agency Budget/ Financial information
 - CE Requirements
 - Future survey:
 - Veterinary Facility Registrations
 - Other topics?
- Review of other state board publications and announcements
 - Oklahoma – Spring 2025 Newsletter –
 - Lists all actions/ final order from the Board
 - Indiana email –
 - LVT title protections reminder

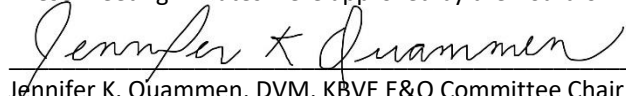
Open Discussion

- Reviewed upcoming schedule.
 - May 23 – 2:30 pm EDT
 - June 23 – 1:30 pm EDT
 - August 4 – 1:30 pm EDT

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Quammen adjourned the meeting at 3:01 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Board on May 22, 2025.



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

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Minutes Recorded by: Michelle M. Shane, KBVE Executive Director