



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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Special Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2025

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

(V) = Video / (A) = Audio only

- John C. Park, DVM – Chairman (A)
- Dianne J. Dawes, DVM (A)
- Tim R. Gardner, DVM (V)
- Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM (A)
- Philip E. Prater, DVM (V) (arrived at 6:03 pm)
- Jennifer K. Quammen, DVM (V)
- Steve Velasco, DVM, Kentucky State Veterinarian -- Proxy for the Commissioner of Agriculture (A)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Tom M. Dorman, Citizen-at-Large
- Gene Smith, DVM – Vice Chair
- Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT
- Vacant seat (AAHP permittee)

KBVE STAFF AND CONTRACTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

- n/a

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Chair John C. Park, DVM, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM EDT. Chair Dr. Park welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Ms. Shane confirmed this special meeting was posted on the KBVE website meetings page on Sunday, March 23.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Shane read aloud the KBVE mission statement.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Meeting Agenda for March 24, 2025
- Approval of Board Per Diem

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

BUSINESS AGENDA**STRATEGIC PARTNERS UPDATE**

- **AAVSB – KBVE-AAVSB Bylaws Committee Meeting Debrief and Action Item**

Chair Dr. Park introduced this topic and asked meeting attendees to brief the Board on the meeting.

Dr. Dawes and Dr. Quammen relayed the asks of AAVSB, which included requesting that Kentucky withdraw their proposal and work with the Bylaws Committee over the next year. The AAVSB Bylaws Committee indicated that regardless of what Kentucky does, they would be proposing a Bylaws package in 2026, and anything from Kentucky that doesn't make it into their package could be brought forward in another package from Kentucky in 2027 or later.

Mr. Iaccarino provided a legal perspective, arguing that Kentucky keeping their proposal forward will be an excellent opportunity to start the conversation about bylaws, even if none of them are adopted.

Chairman Park addressed the Board, offering that since KBVE is a Member Board and respectfully followed the rules in our thoughtful submission, there is no reason why this proposal should not go forward.

Members of the Board asked questions and discussed the issue.

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Prater to send a letter to the AAVSB Bylaws Committee stating Kentucky's intent to move forward with the Bylaws Amendments as written in 2025. The motion seconded, by Dr. Kennedy, passed unanimously.

Ms. Shane indicated she would work with Mr. Iaccarino on the letter to get this issued.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chair Dr. Park asked for any other items for discussion. Hearing none, he moved the meeting forward.

FUTURE MEETING DATES


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

- **2025:**
 - May 22
 - July 31
 - Sep 11
 - Nov 20

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Park adjourned the meeting at 6:29 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