



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026

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

Public Virtual Option Provided.

KBVE Committee Meetings

Grievance Committee – 9:00 AM (Minutes attached)

Applications Committee – 10:00 AM (Minutes attached)

Lunch – 12:00 PM

KBVE Regular Board Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

All Board Members, Staff, and Others present in person unless otherwise noted. (V) = Virtual Video, (A) = Audio

- John C. Park, DVM – Chairman
- Jennifer K. Quammen, 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
- Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT (V)
- Steve Velasco, DVM, Kentucky State Veterinarian -- Proxy for the Commissioner of Agriculture

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Gene Smith, DVM
- Vacant seat (AAHP licensee)

KBVE STAFF AND CONTRACTORS PRESENT

- Michelle Shane, Executive Director
- Amanda Briggs, Applications Specialist
- Briana Crowder, Grievance Case Specialist
- Carmine G. Iaccarino, Esq., Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

- Coy St. Clair, DVM, Investigator, KBVE
- L. Dena Fitzpatrick, DVM, Investigator, KBVE
- J.T. Williams, DVM, Investigator, KBVE

- Beth Venit, DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)
- Gail Golab, C. Golab, PhD, DVM, MANZCVS, DACAW, Associate Executive Vice President, Chief Veterinary Officer, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
- Debra Hamelback, Executive Director, Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)
- James Beckman, DVM, President, KVMA (V)
- Lynne Cassone, DVM, President-Elect, KVMA (V)
- Jeff Allen, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Dentistry (V)
- Mike Callahan, DVM (V)
- Jim Chambers, DVM (V)
- Stephen Curley, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy (V)
- Kanetha Dorsey, MSSW, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors (V)
- Kyle Elliott, PLS, Executive Director, Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (V)
- Katryna Fleer, DVM, Veterinary Manager, VIP Petcare / PetIQ (V)
- Lorie Fuller, DVM (V)
- Nathan Glaza, DVM, Licking Valley Veterinary Services (V)
- Katie Jarl, VP Government Relations, Animal Policy Group (V)
- Kelly Jenkins, MSN, RN, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Nursing (V)
- Thomas Kerr, Director of Business Services, VIP Petcare / PetIQ (V)
- Zack Koback (V)
- Joe Lally (V)
- Ron Leick, DVM
- Ernest Martinez, DVM (V)
- Cheryl Nelson, DVM (V)
- Greg Parks, DVM, Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (V)
- Eden Davis Stephens (V)
- Joni Upchurch, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Cosmetology (V)
- Amanda Williams, DVM (V)
- Kerry Zeigler, VMD
- 1-859-322-4299 (A)
- AVMA Public Policy (V)
- SVMA Admin (V)
- Stacey's iPhone (V)
- iPhone (3) (V)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

KBVE Chair John C. Park, DVM, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM EDT. Chairman Dr. Park welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Dir. Shane confirmed the public notice for this meeting was sent in the KBVE December 2025 and January 2026 Board newsletters via Constant Contact to all subscribed KBVE active, inactive, and pending credential holders. The meeting date has also been posted on the KBVE website for over a year.

Chair Dr. Park welcomed Dr. Quammen as the Board's 2026 Vice Chair.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Vice Chair Jennifer K. Quammen, DVM read aloud the KBVE mission statement.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Meeting Agenda for January 22, 2026
- Board Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2025
- Committee Meetings:
 - Applications Committee Minutes – November 20, 2025
 - Grievance Committee Minutes – November 20, 2025
 - Education and Outreach Committee Minutes – December 2, 2025, and January 5, 2026
- Budget Summary Report
- Licensure Status Report
- Applications Committee Report on New Applications
- Applications Committee Report on New CE Requests
- ACA Inspection Reports:
 - Bell County Animal Shelter (certificate #149520)
 - Boyd County Animal Shelter (certificate #149493)
 - Campbell County Animal Shelter (certificate #149496)
 - Hardin County Animal Control (certificate #149651)
 - Knox-Whitley Humane Association (certificate #147205)
 - Lewis County Animal Shelter (certificate #147230)
 - Louisville Metro Animal Services (certificate #149464)
 - McLean County Animal Shelter (certificate #149461) – Close-out inspection
 - Tri-County Animal Shelter (Albany) (certificate #147202)
- Equine Sales Reports
 - Fasig-Tipton “October Yearling Sale”
 - Fasig-Tipton “The November Sale”
 - Keeneland “November Breeding Stock Sale”
 - Keeneland “November Horses of Racing Age Sale”
- Approval of Board Per Diem and Mileage

A MOTION was made by Dr. Gardner to approve the consent agenda. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

Budget

The budget expenditures and revenue approved are summarized for F.Y. 2026, July 1, 2025 through January 16, 2026, as follows:

- Receipts = \$108,830
- Expenditures = \$336,603
- Current Balance = \$772,345

Date of Database Report:	01/16/2026			Number credentials on Date of Report		
	This Report		Last Report	1-yr Lookback		
	01/22/2026		11/20/2025	01/30/2025		
License Type						
Active Veterinarians	2,730		2,716	2,547		
Inactive Veterinarians	81		81	82		
Special Permits	1		9	13		
Pending Applications – missing documents	44		4	8		
Pending Applications – pending exam results	4		8	18		
Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)						
Active LVTs	641		650	593		
Inactive LVTs	45		50	36		
Pending Applications – missing documents	10		0	5		
Veterinary Facility Registrations						
Active Veterinary Facilities (approved, pending issuance)	90		pending	0		
Pending Applications – missing documents / review pending	588		~675	7		
Allied Animal Health Professional (AAHP) Licenses						
Active AAHP - Animal Chiropractic Providers (ACPs)	0		0			
Active AAHP – Equine Dental Providers (EDPs)	0		0	-		
Pending Applications – ACPs – missing documents	3		3	1		
Pending Applications – EDPs – missing documents	5		0	-		
AAHP Facility Registrations						
Active AAHP Facilities (approved, pending issuance)	0		0	0		
Pending Applications – missing documents / review pending	4		0	0		
Animal Euthanasia Specialist (AES) Certificates						
Active AESs	156		164	159		
Inactive AESs	132		121	111		
Pending Applications – missing documents	16		0	3		
Animal Control Agency (ACA) Certificates						
Active ACAs	47		48	51		
Pending Applications – missing documents	0		1	1		



Applications Committee Reports

- Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification
- Table 2: Approved Applicants for Facility Registration
- Table 3: Approved CE Requests

The Board approved the following applications:

- 18 Veterinarians
- 0 New Graduate Licensure Program Veterinarians
- 1 Special Permittees
- 12 Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)
- 0 Allied Animal health Professional-Animal Chiropractic Providers (AAHP-ACPs)
- 0 Allied Animal Health Professional-Equine Dental Providers (AAHP-EDPs)
- 64 Registered veterinary Facilities
- 0 Registered AAHP Facilities
- 5 animal euthanasia specialists (AESs)
- 0 animal control agencies (ACAs)
- CE requests for:
 - 9 CE hours for Veterinarians
 - 8 CE hours for LVTs
 - 0 CE hours for AAHP-ACPs
 - 0 CE hours for AAHP-EDPs

Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification				
Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Dalton H.	Bowman	Veterinarian	New
2	Rachel J.	Chapman	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
3	Christopher G.	Downs	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
4	Hanie A.	Elfenbein	Veterinarian	Endorsement
5	Haley C.	Hardin	Veterinarian	New
6	Michael W.	Hart	Veterinarian	Endorsement
7	Zena M.	Hemmen	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
8	Jennifer A.	Hendricks	Veterinarian	New
9	Maryanna M.	Hudson	Veterinarian	Endorsement
10	Harun A.	Khan	Veterinarian	New
11	Kobe A.	Lawson	Veterinarian	Endorsement
12	Taylor A.	Linville	Veterinarian	New
13	Stormie G.	McClurg	Veterinarian	Endorsement
14	Megan J.	McLane	Veterinarian	Endorsement

Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
15	Marissa B.	Pollak	Veterinarian	Endorsement
16	William B.	Russell	Veterinarian	Endorsement
17	Gabriel A.	Sharp	Veterinarian	New
18	Robert M.	Ziemba	Veterinarian	Endorsement
19	Rachel L.	Christian	Special Permit	Special Permit
20	Shannon N.	Davis	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
21	Hayley B.	Dillman	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
22	Shai K.	Evans	Veterinary Technician	New
23	Destiny M.	Jimenez	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
24	Katherine G.	McCoy	Veterinary Technician	New
25	Mary B.	McCubbins	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement
26	Lindsey N.	Rader	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
27	Carrie A.	Rowan	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
28	Sarah J.	Rowan	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
29	Kennedi E. N.	Trowell	Veterinary Technician	New
30	Valerie A.	Tyburczy	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
31	Destiny M.	Walker	Veterinary Technician	New
32	Richard T.	Bales, Jr.	Euthanasia Specialist	Reinstatement
33	Ashley N.	Emert	Euthanasia Specialist	New
34	Melissa H.	Russell	Euthanasia Specialist	Reinstatement
35	Sarah N.	Sluss	Euthanasia Specialist	New
36	Lindsay D.	Wilcox	Euthanasia Specialist	New

Table 2: Approved Applicants for Facility Registration

Row #	Facility D.B.A.	License Type	Application Type
1	AcutePet Urgent Care	Veterinary Facility	New
2	Anderson Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
3	Animal Care Center of Somerset, PSC	Veterinary Facility	New
4	Animal Doctors	Veterinary Facility	New
5	Animal Medical Center of Mayfield, Inc	Veterinary Facility	New
6	Animal Medical Center of Middletown	Veterinary Facility	New
7	Animal Medical Center on Romany	Veterinary Facility	New
8	Annville Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
9	Barbour Lane Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
10	Bluegrass Animal Care Center - Brandenburg	Veterinary Facility	New
11	Bluegrass Animal Care Center - Radcliff	Veterinary Facility	New
12	Bluegrass Equine Surgical Center	Veterinary Facility	New
13	Bluegrass Vet	Veterinary Facility	New
14	Calvert City Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New

Row #	Facility D.B.A.	License Type	Application Type
15	Casey County Veterinary Services, PLLC	Veterinary Facility	New
16	Ceglinski Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
17	Central Appalachian Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
18	Chevy Chase Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
19	Clark County Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
20	Colonial Heights Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
21	Combs Veterinary Services	Veterinary Facility	New
22	Commonwealth Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
23	Companion Animal Hospital LLC	Veterinary Facility	New
24	Cornerstone Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
25	Country Animal Hospital, PLLC	Veterinary Facility	New
26	Crestwood Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
27	Cumberland Valley Veterinary Services	Veterinary Facility	New
28	Davis Animal Clinic, Inc	Veterinary Facility	New
29	Doerr Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
30	East Louisville Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
31	Elk Creek Animal Hospital of Hikes Point	Veterinary Facility	New
32	F.P. Sprinkle, DVM, PSC	Veterinary Facility	New
33	Fegenbush Lane Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
34	Gailor Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
35	Hurstbourne Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
36	Johanna Reimer, VMD	Veterinary Facility	New
37	Kentucky Lake Equine Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
38	Livewell Animal Hospital of Anchorage	Veterinary Facility	New
39	Locust Trace Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
40	Louisville Integrative Veterinary Services	Veterinary Facility	New
41	LouVet Animal Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
42	Luna Veterinary Services	Veterinary Facility	New
43	Metropolitan Veterinary Specialists and Emergency Service P.S.C.	Veterinary Facility	New
44	Minter & Moore Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
45	Mission Veterinary Medical Center	Veterinary Facility	New
46	Mountain View Veterinary Services, PLLC	Veterinary Facility	New
47	Muhlenberg County Animal Clinic PLLC	Veterinary Facility	New
48	Nelson Reproductive Services	Veterinary Facility	New
49	Noahs Ark Animal Clinics Fort Wright	Veterinary Facility	New
50	Paris Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
51	Paws and Claws Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
52	Performance Equine Care	Veterinary Facility	New
53	Riverview Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New

54	Satterly Veterinary Services, LLC	Veterinary Facility	New
55	Seneca Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
56	Shelbyville Road Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
57	Simpson County Animal Hospital LLC	Veterinary Facility	New
58	Springhurst Animal Hospital	Veterinary Facility	New
59	The Animal Clinic PSC	Veterinary Facility	New
60	The Animal Hospital of the Highlands	Veterinary Facility	New
61	Veterinary Institute of Paducah	Veterinary Facility	New
62	Wardrip Veterinary Services	Veterinary Facility	New
63	Williamsburg Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Facility	New
64	WinStar Farm	Veterinary Facility	New

Table 3: Approved CE Requests

Course Title	Sponsor / Provider	CE Hours Requested		Date of Program(s)
		Vet	Vet Techs	
Seconds Count: Field Management of Foaling Emergencies and Long-Term Survival Strategies	KAEP	1	–	1/28/2026
2026 Winter Food Animal Veterinary Conference	UKVDL / Boehringer Ingelheim	8	8	2/19/2026
TOTAL HOURS APPROVED		9	8	

BUSINESS AGENDA

Annual Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreements

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to approve the Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreements for all Board positions, Advisory Committee, staff, and contractors. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, carried unanimously.

Chair Dr. Park directed all Members to sign these two agreements and submit them to staff.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dir. Shane provided an introduction to the preliminary materials provided to Board Members for review in advance of the meeting.

- KBVE Legal Memo on AI
- KBVE Survey Results on AI implementation in Kentucky
- [AAVSB AI Guidance](#)
- [Veterinary Innovation Council \(VIC\) Guidance on AI](#)
- [Georgia Veterinary Medical Association \(GVMA\) Policy Statement: Use of AI in Vet Med](#)



- [California Veterinary Medical Association \(CVMA\) Policy Statement on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine](#)
- [British Veterinary Association \(BVA\) Policy: Artificial Intelligence in the Veterinary Profession](#)
- KBVE possible questions for AI Guest Speakers
- Audio files –
 - AI Compiled Podcast
 - AI Webinar on Digital Team Members

Chair Dr. Park opened the floor to Board Members for discussion of any of the materials in advance of the presentations. Hearing none, Dir. Shane provided some highlights from the KBVE survey on AI. More detailed results can be seen in the KBVE January 2026 newsletter, available to public on the KBVE website Statements and Announcements page at <https://kbve.ky.gov/about-kbve/Pages/statements-announcements.aspx> in the sidebar Newsletter Archives.

Of note from the survey, rates of adoption for various AI tools:

- 36% medical notetaking
- 15% computer vision usages – radiograph analysis
- 15% computer vision usages – pattern recognition technologies, such as pathology, cytology, etc.
- 4% generation of treatment plans

Chair Dr. Park directed that the Board would hear from both guest speakers first and then hold a broader discussion together, with Members of the Board able to ask questions first and then questions from the audience.

Vice Chair Dr. Quammen introduced both guest speakers on the subject of AI tools and their governance.

- Beth Venit, VMD, MPH, DACVPM, Chief Veterinary Officer, American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)
- Gail C. Golab, PhD, DVM, MANZCVS, DACAW, Associate Executive Vice President, Chief Veterinary Officer, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

Dr. Venit provided a presentation to the Board, one very similar to the AI presentation provided to the attendees at the 2025 AAVSB Annual Meeting in September last year. Highlights from the presentation to the Board include:

- AAVSB whitepaper on AI published in 2025, the result of collaboration with multiple experts in the field.
- Jurisdictional laws apply – guidance from AAVSB is not law
- AI is experiencing rapid adoption

- Several areas in which AI is being adopted:
 - Innovation is important.
 - However, implementation must be done safely.
 - Regulatory Boards have a role in establishing rules in their jurisdictions.
- Applications of AI;
 - Natural Language and Processing Applications (e.g., medical records)
 - Computer Vision Applications (i.e., process and interpret visual data such as radiographs, etc.)
 - Robotic Systems Applications (e.g., intelligent systems designed to perform tasks)
- Significant benefits and risk with AI. Some risks:
 - Fabricated data
 - Unexpected errors
 - Lack of real-world evidence
 - Bias
- However, AI is a tool. The responsibility still lies with the tool users (veterinarians).
- Automation bias – Tendency to trust automated systems or technology even when you know or your professional knowledge contradicts the results provided. All humans suffer from automation bias. (60% of people don't dig any deeper when the AI generates a result – for search engines, much of the AI results are returned based on Reddit or similar sites, non-experts)
 - Black box problem in medical applications: we don't know what information is being used to generate the data or model – who is checking to make sure that the data is correct?
 - This can lead to:
 - “Deskilling” of professionals or operators. (i.e., professional expertise is dumbed down through reliance on a system built with errors).
 - Medical Errors. (i.e., many systems rely on human medicine data to extrapolate information for veterinary medicine, which we know doesn't work.)
 - Deterioration of AI Performance (i.e., bad data is not corrected, reinforcing bad outputs, and leading to higher incidents of bad outputs.)
- Mitigation of these concerns? Humans must participate to a high degree to train systems through verification and validation of data.
- Veterinarian users are responsible for the outputs of the systems they use.
- Regulations in U.S. and Canada.
 - A variety of approaches to data security and confidentiality requirements in states and provinces.
 - Data training and consent risks frameworks are evolving. In 2025:
 - California AB-2013 – transparency required in dataset.
 - CO AI Act –focused on human medicine (does not apply to veterinary medicine).
 - There is no pre-market approval on AI devices.

- Trump administration has issued E.O. in December 2025 stating they will prosecute jurisdictions that overly inhibit AI development.
- While many veterinarian devices, medical instruments, and drugs are not regulated, the licensee – veterinarians – are. Five broad areas of overlap:
 - Unlicensed practice.
 - Standards of practice / standards of care.
 - Medical recordkeeping.
 - Data security.
 - Informed consent.
- Veterinarians must not rely on AI to make diagnostic or treatment decisions – AI should augment, not replace.
 - Surgery.
 - Medical Advice.
 - Diagnostics. Chatbots must *not* offer diagnoses or treatment plans to clients.
- Review of a discussion with AI chat bot:
 - Disclaimers.
 - Recommendations.
 - Dosages for administration.
 - Is this the practice of veterinary medicine?
- An AI tool is only as good as the training data. Because we don't have information on the datasets, we don't know training data or accuracy.
 - We don't know:
 - Species it was trained on;
 - Real-world conditions or ideal conditions; or
 - Specialist data or general data, etc.
 - AI may generate inaccurate information.
 - Outputs must be reviewed. Even medical records must be checked for accuracy.
- Example of a radiology service recommendation on a misread radiograph, underscoring that the standard of care cannot shift just because AI is being used.
- Question: should original recordings be included as a part of the medical record? (i.e., huge amount of data storage, and for how long?)
- Data Security – Some Terms of Service require to be shared back to the AI company. Disclosure of medical records content to a third party without client consent is illegal in many jurisdictions.
- Appropriate Informed Consent
 - Clients should know when and how AI is used, and must be able to opt out.
 - Explanation of AI tools, risks, limitations, veterinarian's experience with tool, and human alternatives should be provided. So many AI applications make it impossible to describe to clients its every use, but in some cases consent is needed.
 - Usage consent should be documented in the medical record.

- Laws should be established to dictate the level of consent required based on the level of risk for the use.
 - High = written, informed consent, e.g., for radiology diagnostics.
 - Moderate = verbal notice or signage, e.g., for transcriptions.
 - Low = e.g., scheduling reminders, etc.
- Levels of Risk
 - More human involvement = less risk
 - Low human involvement = high risk
- Final thoughts:
 - Licensees are responsible.
 - AI use must be justifiable in light of professional knowledge and judgement.
 - Ignorance of how an AI device works is not a defense.
 - Board's role? Still being understood, but education and outreach is a core component.
 - Goal is not to overburden practices or limit AI development.

Dr. Golab provided a presentation to the Board about an AVMA Task Force convened to address the topic of AI, including information from recent discussions at the January 2026 Veterinary Leadership Conference.

- AVMA Task Force on Emerging Technologies and Innovation, created to:
 - Determine how to best educate and equip veterinarians for best practice uses of AI in both business and clinical applications.
 - Ensure that AI is used to augment, and not replace, the role of the veterinarian or the veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR).
- This Task Force will transition to a standing AVMA committee to continue to make recommendations as these technologies evolve.
- The Task Force is composed of veterinarians specializing in companion animals, food animals, equines, lab animals, academia, specialty service areas, as well as experts in AI, telehealth, medical device, AI attorney, educators, Practice Integration Management Software (PIMS) systems, an FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine representative, etc.
- 18-24 month timeframe – first meeting in September 2025.
- Also looking to have an Industry Advisory Workgroup – companies using AI and vendors developing AI.
- Audience outreach goals:
 - Veterinarians and their staff;
 - Animal owners;
 - Veterinary students;
 - AI tool developers; and
 - Regulators.
- Five key expected outcomes:
 - 1) Policy on AI in veterinary care:
 - High level statement on use in veterinary care.

- Basis for response to regulatory proposals.
 - Will evolve in response to growth, needs, and risks. AI is changing so rapidly, care must be taken not to stifle innovation.
- 2) AI literacy for veterinarians:
- Understanding AI and how it works: terminology, concepts, models, role of data in development, including potential for bias;
 - Practical skills applications: accessing and operating AI tools, prompt development, etc.;
 - Evaluation tools: how to recognize AI's strengths, limitations, and potential errors/bias; and
 - Ethical and legal considerations: transparency, data privacy, consent.
- 3) AI tool assessment and decision making, Tool selection checklist:
- Validity and performance;
 - Data quality and bias;
 - Explainability and trust;
 - Workflow integration;
 - Safety, risk, and liability;
 - Regulatory compliance;
 - Ethical and professional considerations;
 - Economic sense;
 - Training;
 - Vendor stability (e.g., consolidations, collapse, etc.).
- 4) Client Communication Tools:
- Tools; and
 - Web-based hub offering.
- 5) And Important Conversations:
- Veterinary faculty;
 - Researchers; and
 - Tool developers – expectations.
- Care must be taken with governmental regulations and policies because AI is evolving so rapidly.
 - General Regulatory Considerations and Concerns:
 - AI is a tool.
 - Regulatory Boards already regulate licensees for professional conduct and clinical responsibility – AI regulation needs to focus in these areas rather than regulating the technology.
 - Protect the VCPR; for example, chat bots cannot replace the VCPR and make clinical decisions.
 - Reinforce that veterinarians are accountable.
 - Prevent automated systems from being marketed as veterinary care.
 - Key Risks of early state-level regulation:
 - Regulatory inconsistency across states.

- Boards need to be cognizant of their limited expertise in the AI realm and avoid scope creep into technology or product regulation.
- No federal pre-market oversight on veterinary AI tools, however, post-market review does exist (i.e., a problem has to happen first before reviewed for safety, effectiveness, etc.).
- Overly restrictive approaches may chill innovation.
- From AVMA's perspective, it may be reasonable to:
 - Start with guidance, advisories, policy, and overall education to licensees.
 - Adjust as adoption of the technology broadens (including use by LVTs).
 - Focus on how licensees use AI (not the technology itself).
 - Reinforce existing standards, clarify existing standards, preserve flexibility for AI evolution.
 - Emphasize human principles (e.g., human oversight, accountability, transparency with clients).
 - Coordinate with other state boards.

Chair Dr. Park thanked both guest speakers for their insightful presentations. Members of the Board engaged in discussion with the speakers. Discussion highlights:

- Resources are being developed with allied organizations to address needs, both general needs (e.g., terminology, types of models being used, etc.) and specific needs (e.g., scribes, species applications, etc.).
- The way AI is used in companion animal vs. large animal medicine will be very different.
- Dr. Velasco indicated that State Veterinarians are still in the very early stages of considering technologies that may be beneficial to their work.
- In the regulatory arena, patient protection and privacy is at the forefront of discussions.
- Regarding scribes, there are multiple issues which require additional exploration:
 - How do recordings, summaries, and transcriptions differ?
 - What should be part of the medical record?
 - If recording retention should match medical records retention rate, this may be five-seven (5-7) years and lead to broader societal concerns, including data storage, environmental impacts, etc.
 - Should clients be notified when a scribe is in use?
 - Should the record note the use of the AI tool?
- Dr. Dawes described the use of AI in her practice.
 - The vendor didn't provide much instruction, particularly related to confidentiality.
 - Implementation depended much on the user and user (i.e., no software onboarding).
 - AI continues to improve with training, but you have to train it.
 - They note in the record what is created by AI.
- An AI tool can save time, but initial adoption requires a large time investment in training. The level of training needed depends on the vendor as well as the learning curve of the user.
- An AI tool should not reduce the standard of care.

- Dr. Venit added that she does not know of any jurisdictions that require transcripts / recordings be maintained as the medical record. However, she does know of two cases where such recordings were presented as exculpatory evidence by licensees in grievance cases.
- Dr. Golab discussed the development of AI – there is no timeline for peak evolution / development.
 - Algorithms shall improve with improved datasets but will not replace veterinarians because there are so many differentials.
 - So much information is nonverbal, and the AI cannot see or interpret this information.
- How can users remove old / outdated training out of AI systems?
 - Medicine evolves, changes, and some treatments are no longer in use, or found to be dangerous, or no longer effective.
 - AI consolidation will merge systems trained on different datasets.
 - Learning from human medicine may or may not apply in veterinary medicine, or the application changes.
- Dr. Golab noted:
 - We will learn from human medicine, but there are limitations.
 - Regarding telehealth, Dr. Golab sits on the [American Telemedicine Association \(ATA\)](#). She is the only veterinarian participating in the Definitions Council. It is clear that veterinarians and physicians can learn from each other.
- Dr. Prater expressed concerns regarding young veterinarians / new graduates. He has invested a lot of time mentoring young students and his experience has shown they tend to be risk averse.
 - Will these young people be tempted to rely too heavily on AI while they work to develop their own clinical confidence?
 - Mentorship and experience will remain important.
 - Dr. Venit responded that she was more concerned about older veterinarians, because the new graduates that she has talked to are being trained about automation bias in school and are digital natives, which are advantages older veterinarians do not have. They are being asked to use language models and critically evaluate the responses.
 - Dir. Shane asked if this curriculum is universal or widespread in accredited schools, and Dr. Venit was unsure.
 - Dr. Prater would like to see such coursework adopted broadly for all CVMs.
 - Perhaps AVMA Council on Education may consider adopting standards related to AI training.
 - Perhaps ICVA might begin including questions on the NAVLE about AI implementation and automation bias.
- At what point is a line crossed where the responsibility goes beyond the practitioner to the technology vendor? There is no established line.
- AVMA recommendations are at this time only for guidance to be issued.
- Multiple Veterinary Medical Associations policy statements appear to be asking for regulations on AI rather than only guidance.

- AAVSB is still exploring this issue and has started an AI Workgroup to explore the best path forward. What is a veterinarian-based solution? What is a developer-based solution? What is a regulatory-based solution?
- Practitioners are asking for help in evaluating AI tools and understanding how they can ensure their tool use complies with established laws.

Chair Dr. Park opened the floor to questions from the audience and online viewers.

- Expressed fears about young veterinarians becoming more reliant on technology to the detriment of their professional knowledge.
- Medical records retention comment from Stephen Curley, Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy.
 - Some AI companies are keeping medical records for abbreviated period of time but retaining demographics information forever (e.g., names, SS#).
 - Many of the organizations using these technologies don't know the record retention policies for the companies they use.
 - How do we ensure public protection of private data?
- There is no AI vendor approval process with the federal or state government.
- Board Investigators may need to develop and incorporate a standard line of questioning regarding AI:
 - Is AI used in the practice?
 - If AI contributes to the medical notes, how is that denoted in the record?
 - Is client consent obtained for the use of AI?
 - Other questions under development.
- The Board may consider amending the regulation on medical records requirements to add provisions related to AI use and what needs noted in the records.

Chair Dr. Park thanked both presenters. Dr. Park directed the creation of an ad hoc committee on AI. All materials should be reviewed and a recommendation be made to the full Board at a future meeting this year. Volunteers included Dr. Dawes, Dr. Quammen, Dr. Prater, Dr. Park.

Board took a break at 2:40 pm, and returned at 2:52 pm.

BUDGET AND CONTRACT MATTERS

- **Annual Dues**
 - AAVSB – Annual Membership Dues

A MOTION was made by Dr. Velasco to approve payment of AAVSB Annual Membership Dues for 2026 in the amount of \$500. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

- **Conferences, Exhibits, and Sponsorships**

- Auburn Pre-White Coat Student Meeting / Kentucky Day with KVMA – Feb 26-27, 2026.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Gardner to approve travel and misc. expenses, not to exceed \$800 per person, to Auburn CVM for the KBVE Executive Director and up to one (1) Board Member for the student meeting prior to the White Coat ceremony to discuss student licensing to the Auburn KVMA student chapter. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

Dr. Kennedy expressed interest in attending.

Of note, Dir. Shane was not able to attend the VLC meeting a few weeks ago due to illness, and the VLC indicated they would refund the registration fee. No other monies were expended on this trip.

- FARB – FYI - July 23-25, 2026, Minneapolis, MN

There was no interest expressed from Board Members or staff in attending the FARB conference this year. Chair Dr. Park indicated anyone with interest should contact Dir. Shane to make arrangements for Board approval.

- Southern Animal Health Association (SAHA) Conference hosted by the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) - June 15-18, 2026, at the Galt House in Louisville, KY.

Dr. Velasco detailed information on the conference. The event comes to Kentucky only once every 17 years. Attendance includes State Veterinarians and staff from their office, sometimes legal counsels, typically 70-100 attendees. The Board discussed sponsorship.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Prater to approve sponsorship of the SAHA 2026 Conference at the Bronze level in the amount of \$250. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried. There was one Nay vote (Dr. Gardner), and one abstention (Dr. Velasco).

- **Other Budget Requests**

- Board Retreat

Members of the Board discussed the benefits of a board retreat, but also the need to judiciously utilize funds given the responsibility to honor the public trust. The Board did not hold a retreat in 2025. Members agreed that any selection for a retreat needs to be fiscally responsible.

Board retreats are used to foster team cohesion, and to tackle complex, high-level issues that regular meetings cannot accommodate. The agenda for this proposed retreat would include critical discussions needed on new legislation from the 2026 legislative session as well as multiple regulations scheduled to sunset, including the

veterinarian code of ethics and the prescription and dispensation of drugs, among others.

Dir. Shane presented details from State Park bids received to date, including [Natural Bridge State Resort Park](#) which does not offer a government agency package due to the popularity of the park. Final bids were still pending from [Dale Hollow](#) and [Blue Licks Battlefield](#). Additional bids were received from [Elk Creek Resort](#), which offers fewer room accommodations since a tornado took out one of their buildings, as well as [The Brown Hotel](#) in Louisville, and the [Kentucky Castle](#), which far exceeded the agency's budget for a retreat venue.

Ms. Hamelback recommended that future bids may be sought from boutique hotels KVMA has used for their meetings: [Thoroughbred Hotel](#), Paris, KY; [The Delegate Hotel](#), Frankfort, KY, and [The Aldenberg Hotel](#), Versailles, KY.

Multiple Board Members requested the Board to consider holding the retreat at KBVE offices. If a retreat was held at the Board location, only two (2) Members would require overnight accommodations.

Dir. Shane indicated she would conduct further research and bring additional options back to the Budget Committee. Members of the Board agreed to target the dates of June 2-3, with an early start on June 2 and a single overnight stay.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to authorize the Budget Committee to review bids, select a location, and approve proposed expenditures for a 2026 retreat, to be presented to the full Board for ratification in March. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

- **RFPs**

- June 30 is the end of the fiscal biennium and the seven (7) contracts held by the Board need either renewed, readvertised, or closed out.
- The Budget Committee will meet before the March meeting to discuss the renewal of contracts, and the Board will vote on contracts in March.
- Dr. Fitzpatrick has indicated she has plans to move out of state and will not renew her contract. The remaining two investigators should be able to comfortably handle the case load.

- **Budget Review and Projections**

- **Biennial Budget Request status in the Governor's Budget submission**
[HB 304](#) – The Governor's recommended State/Executive Branch Budget. KBVE requested \$797,500 in FY 2026-2027 and \$792,500 in FY 2027-2028. The Governor's Budget provides for \$816,900 in FY 2026-2027 and \$813,600 in FY 2027-2028. The increased amount appears to be because, while the OSBD recommended we plan for a 1% salary increase for all state employees in these fiscal years, the Governor's Budget provides for a 2% increase during each fiscal year. This

bill will be monitored through the session. An alternate budget bill will likely be proposed by the Republican caucus.

- **Increase in database upgrade costs**
 - Previous approval at the 9/11/2025 Board Meeting was for \$60,500.
 - In current fiscal year rate for work was less (\$76/hour), in next fiscal year rate anticipated to go up \$80/hour to \$64,000.
 - Need approval for additional expenditures. As specs are discussed, finding that some requests will be additional costs. Also, forms not final and they won't use forms not approved by LRC.
 - Requesting approval for up to \$70,000 on upgrades, and anything over that will come back for Board review and approval. This will allow immediate creation of needed reports.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to approve an increase in database upgrade costs for facility registration renewal and AAHP renewal from the \$60,500 approved at the September 11, 2025, meeting, adding an additional \$5,000 for a total of \$65,500 on database upgrades. The new amount may include the addition of new database reports. Any expense over this amount shall be brought before the Board for review. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES

- **AAVSB Updates**

- **Upcoming Events**

- Board Basics & Beyond (BBB) – April 24-25, 2026, Kansas City, MO
- Annual Meeting & Conference – Sept 23-26, 2026 – Providence, RI

Chair Dr. Park directed that any Board Member interested in attending the BBB training should reach out to the Board office with their interest. The Board already approved these expenses at the November 20, 2025, meeting.

Annual meeting expenses to be reviewed and approved at a future meeting, depending on interest in attending.

- **AAVSB Resolutions Email - Update**

The Board directed letter in response to The Link email update about resolution implementation is still being drafted.

- **Report – Recent Meetings**

The AAVSB BOD met January 13, 2026. Staff notes from that meeting were included in the Board packet. Chair Dr. Park called on Vice Chair Dr. Quammen to provide her perspective on the meeting. There was no discussion.

- **Committee Reports:**

- Dr. Dianne Dawes - AAVSB Regulatory Policy Committee (RPC)
There is a meeting coming up, and the RPC remains busy.

- Dr. Amy Staton – Nominations Committee – no longer on the Committee – term ended.
- Dir. Shane – AAVSB Artificial Intelligence Guidelines working group – recent appointment.

○ **Announcements and Requests:**

▪ **Joint Statement from AVTE-AAVSB-AVMA-CVTEA**

Chair Dr. Park asked for any discussion on this issue. Dir. Shane noted that these meetings show favorable progress toward reaching solutions with the VTNE and other cross organizational issues.

Dr. Staton noted concerns related to the move by AAVSB to only provide score average reporting once per year to schools because of the institutional requirements for more frequent reporting. Some institutions, independent of any CVTEA requirements, stand to lose other accreditations because they are not being provided more frequent exam data.

CVTEA still has Standard 11 in suspension / paused. This is the entire standard and not just for the VTNE. CVTEA Standard 11 – outcome assessment in full looks at:

- Retention rates
- CVTEA Student Exit Surveys
- CVTEA Graduate surveys
- CVTEA Employer surveys
- Pass rates and domain scores of the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) as compared to the average. Results from the VTNE are considered objective program-specific outcome assessment instruments.

Members of the Board discussed why the CVTEA may have foregone all of Standard 11. From a prior meeting KBVE held with CVTEA, there are clear concerns about the removal of bright-line assessments. Some level of assessment must be required for educational programs. The Board directed to reach out to CVTEA and find out why all of the standard was suspended rather than just a portion. Dr. Staton underscored that CVTEA is only “pausing” the standard and is hopeful that the standard will be put back in place.

The recent collaboration between associations is promising for solutions. Members agreed there needs to be some alignment between the curriculum that is taught in school and what is on the exam. The KBVE is concerned about this because the Board has a responsibility to ensure that the skills needed in the workforce are not only tested for on the VTNE, but also being taught to students to prepare them for workforce entry.

Dr. Staton underscored that the job analysis needs to reach new graduates and green credentialed technicians (i.e., practicing less than 5 years). Their

experience is where the exam should focus, so this is a critical target audience for the analysis survey.

Dr. Venit underscored that exams are not capstones. National exams evaluate job skills readiness to enter the workforce.

Members of the Board understood that the exam is not a capstone and does not reflect on the quality of the education. A student may receive a high quality education, and at the same time not be learning skills that are needed for working in the profession. For the student, this is wasted \$40,000-80,000.

Members of the Board directed that a letter be drafted to AAVSB regarding concerns as discussed for the next job analysis, including reasoning on behalf of schools and the public who are investing money to get the education to be fully prepared to work in the field.

▪ **Bylaws Meeting – December 19, 2025, Meeting notes**

Chair Dr. Park reported on an email from Nancy Gritman received on January 20 reminding KBVE that the 2025 KBVE proposed amendments to the bylaws will not automatically be renewed for consideration at the September 2026 AAVSB Annual Delegate Assembly. If the KBVE has a proposed amendment(s) to submit for consideration at the September 2026 Annual Delegate Assembly, the proposal(s) will need to be sent to the Committee no later than the February 27, 2026, submission deadline.

Dir. Shane responded to AAVSB asking if the Bylaws Committee had determined to include any Kentucky revisions in their own proposal to the Delegate Assembly, and to be notified prior to the Feb 27 filing deadline to avoid duplication. There has been no response to date.

▪ **2026 Bylaws Amendment Proposals from Kentucky**

Chair Dr. Park stated that Dir. Shane has returned with draft proposed Bylaws Amendments for Board review and discussion, as directed at the Nov 20 meeting.

Vice Chair Dr. Quammen noted that the Board already motioned to submit the first amendment proposing withdrawal.

• **#1 – Voluntary Withdrawal of Membership from the Association**

This proposal adds an opportunity for Membership to withdraw their agency or organization from the Association. Such an exit pathway does not currently exist in the Bylaws, leaving Membership who wish to disassociate from AAVSB in a quandary. This Bylaws amendment shall provide a pathway for withdrawal that is orderly through a system of established, transparent rules.

- **#2 – Transparency**

This proposal adds a new article to the Bylaws which outlines requirements for transparency between the Association leadership and staff with the Membership of the Association. Encoding these requirements in the Bylaws will ensure that any change in leadership does not lead to changes in policy and that these basic Membership rights are available and enforceable because they are encoded in the Bylaws. During the 2025 Delegate Assembly, at least one other jurisdiction requested discussion of this proposal.

- **#3 – Purpose**

This proposal adds additional purpose to the Association. For example, the addition of parts a and b may have prevented the passage of Prop 129 in Colorado and may prevent the passage of similar legislation creating a Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) in Florida or other jurisdictions. Other national regulatory associations provide similar support for their Membership, and Kentucky believes that AAVSB should provide such support to Member Boards.

Additionally, Kentucky is concerned regarding the number of individuals who may not be seated regulators who yet serve on AAVSB Committees creating policy recommendations and model documents representative of Member Boards. The AAVSB is not a professional association; this is a regulator's association and should be primarily representative of seated regulators and Member Board staff. This will ensure no special interest groups or backdoor lobbying efforts provide undue influence upon the regulation of veterinary medicine.

Finally, despite the directive of the Delegate Assembly in 2024 for the BOD to meet with Kentucky and resolve the denial of rights issue, and despite Kentucky's repeated outreach to the BOD seeking to arrange a meeting, the BOD has not found time to connect with Kentucky. This is also despite the fact that the Bylaws and Resolution Committee has met with Kentucky on multiple occasions since 2024. Kentucky still seeks to be heard and receive a clear explanation of the circumstances related to the denial of Membership rights to nominate a candidate to the BOD. Consequently, KBVE believes the solution is a Bylaws amendment mandating a comprehensive grievance process be established.

- **#4 – Overview, Purpose, and Accountability of Association Committees**

This proposal clarifies that the elected Board of Directors are responsible for providing assignment and direction to committees; establishes that each committee should chose its own Chairperson to

lead rather than allowing for influential appointments from outside the committee which may stifle innovation and questions; and requires an annual report to Members Boards on the activities of the Association committees, including their successes and achievements. Finally, while the BOD does currently have Roles and Responsibilities documents, the inclusion of this requirement in the Bylaws shall ensure that future Association boards maintain this practice regardless of who sits on the board (i.e., as a policy, such procedures can change at the will of the seated Directors and may not remain consistent).

- **#5 – RACE Program Enforcement, Committee Responsibilities**

This proposal adds responsibility to the RACE Committee and the BOD to enforce the RACE program. Some Affiliate Members have made repeated requests over a 5-year period for enforcement of this program to ensure Member Boards can confidently rely on RACE to provide quality CE reviewed and approved by the Association and its contract veterinarian reviewers. These calls have gone unanswered in any meaningful way, and deficiencies with the program persist. A Bylaws amendment is needed to ensure a robust enforcement program so that jurisdictions do not need to reevaluate their regulatory approval of RACE offering.

It was noted that AAVSB has recently taken some outreach steps to Member Boards to seek more information related to this issue.

- **#6 – Board of Directors Meetings, Participation**

This proposal establishes that the BOD shall use Robert's Rules of Order to govern the proceedings of BOD meetings, just as Robert's Rules are employed to govern the Delegate Assembly. This shall ensure that the Board of Directors has unbiased and equitable rules for use during challenging proceedings on the board, rather than arbitrary rules which may be changed to influence a desired predetermined outcome. A Bylaws amendment is necessary to encode this clarification and provide fair rules of governance.

- **#7 – Board of Directors Meetings, Use of Executive Session**

This proposal adds more stringent requirements for the use of executive / closed session by the BOD. These limitations shall ensure that the use of executive session is not overutilized, increasing trust and transparency with Member Boards.

- **#8 – Finances, Contracts**

This proposal provides for needed oversight and transparency related to Association contracts. A Bylaws amendment is required to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist in any current or future Association contracts.

Members of the Board discussed the pros and cons of submitting multiple amendments when the Bylaws and Resolution Committee planned to submit their own proposals at the 2026 Delegate Assembly. On one hand, Kentucky believes these are critical issues that need addressed and is not confident that the Committee will incorporate any of Kentucky's suggestions into their own proposal. Other Member Boards may see this as Kentucky continuing to pay attention to the issues and acting as a leader. On the other hand, Kentucky may be perceived by other Member Boards negatively, as pushing too hard.

Members of the Board underscored that the intention of these submissions is primarily to foster discussion amongst the Delegate Assembly, so even if the proposals are rejected, the proposals still bring opportunities for important conversations at the Assembly.

Dr. Staton requested adding another proposed Bylaws change to add required seats to the Board of Directors for LVTs. Because AAVSB creates the VTNE for veterinary technicians and the VTNE is a large portion of the Association's revenue stream, LVTs should be guaranteed representation on the Association's board. Dir. Shane noted that West Virginia was already proposing a submission to change the composition of the BOD. Board Members directed that staff reach out to the West Virginia Board in an effort to collaborate on a submission.

- **#9 – Adding LVT seats to the BOD**

Added proposed amendment regarding the addition of required LVT seats on the AAVSB BOD.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Kennedy to submit the Bylaws Amendments (#s 1-8, with the addition of #9 and potential co-sign with WV), with edits as discussed, timely to AAVSB in accordance with the Association's policy and for review at the 2026 Annual Meeting. However, if these amendments are incorporated by the Bylaws and Resolution Committee into their own proposal, Kentucky shall withdraw any duplicate submission. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried. Dr. Quammen abstained.

- **API Program Update**

An API connection will allow the Kentucky licensure database to provide daily updates to AAVSB on licensure statuses. Dir. Shane met with AAVSB technical staff and PPC/DOI database staff in September. There have been several follow ups with Kentucky IT team. As of December 18, 2025, the API build is reported in queue for upgrade and scheduled for completion tentatively 2026 Qtr 1.

- **KVMA / AVMA Updates**

- **Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)**

Ms. Hamelback presented updates from KVMA to the Board.

- Cencora updates regarding suspicious drug orders – Ms. Hamelback reached out to MWI regarding the refused orders on drugs for veterinarian use, particularly controlled substances. Her contact talked about the federal mandate on wholesale distributors to monitor controlled substance orders. There has been frustration expressed on all sides of this issue, with local veterinarians reporting inability to access needed drugs for treatment. A follow up with pharmacy seems appropriate.
- KVMA is actively meeting with multiple legislators on a number of legislative issues during the 2026 session.
 - Rabies administration bill ([HB 212](#)) – House Ag Committee meeting was cancelled, so this is on hold. However, KVMA does expect this bill to have movement in both Chambers this year.
 - There may be a mid-level practitioner bill filed this session – KVMA has a position statement in the works and nearly ready for release.
 - There is another bill filed ([HB 217](#)) which may allow constituents to donate money on their tax returns to animal shelters and spay/neuter initiatives.
 - [HB 111](#) – On Farm Animal Health bill. Lots of people asking about this bill because the proposed language is vague. Dr. Velasco noted that this bill originated with pork producers to stem off any negative impacts from future legislation similar to that in [CA Prop 12 \(2018\)](#).
- In the last five years, Kentucky has secured title protections for LVTs and expanded definitions in the Practice Act.
 - Even so, last year Murray state had only 11 students take the VTNE and only three (3) passed the exam.
 - KVMA recently met with KCTCS to talk about the possibility of expanding programs for veterinary technicians.
 - The Commonwealth needs more LVTs to better support veterinary teams operating within Kentucky.
- CPE is supposed to meet next week to review Murry CVM proposal details.
- Regarding OIG's initiative to include veterinarians in controlled substances reporting, KVMA plans to send an alert to Membership.
- Power of 10 meeting scheduled for January 28. Dir. Shane to present for KBVE. CHFS, OSV, USDA, KHEAA and others also to present. The group this year is really amazing.
- Last year of grant for student program to encourage career tracks for large animal veterinarians. There were 42 student applicants for the program, but KVMA could only accept 15 students into the program.
- February 10 at 6:30 pm – KTFMC / KEEP /KTA event @ Keeneland – Legislative update.
- February 12 – KAEP Legislative Day at LRC; also the Ky Ag Council and, KLC at the Kentucky Expo Center.

- February 14 – Pre-vet experience day at UK campus.
 - February 19 – KVMA Legislative Day at LRC.
 - February 26 – KVMA Auburn student chapter meeting @ Auburn CVM.
- **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)**
Dr. Quammen presented updates from AVMA.
 - AVMA has published several open opportunities for leadership roles.
 - Call for Awards Nominations. In particular, the “Unsung Hero” award is for non-veterinarian staff like LVTs and assistants, with up to 10 awards offered. One (1) of those awardees will get to go to AVMA and be honored in person.
 - AVMA is having multiple topic discussions:
 - NWS discussion.
 - Costs of veterinary care.
 - Belonging and Engagement (formerly DEI) – to include a lot of allied groups.
 - Journey for Teams – now in year 3.
 - Updated economics reports available for Members.
 - AVMA Axon available for CE offerings.
 - Lots of federal conversations.
 - All are welcome to reach out to the media team at AVMA for information or sharing of ideas.

Dr. Staton asked about QPR certification and access issues through AVMA. They agreed to resolve this issue with AVMA after the meeting.

- **KBVE**

- **EBI 16-hour Course Offerings –**
Dates are posted on the KBVE Applications and Forms page under the AES section.
 - January 26-27, 2026 – Being reschedule to February 24-25 due to pending storm next week.
Boone County Animal Services
5620 Idlewild Rd
Burlington, KY 41005
 - May 28-29, 2026
Lexington Humane Society
1600 Old Frankfort Pike
Lexington, KY 40504

Registrations should be made with the vendor through the instructions on the announcement page.
- **AAHP Advisory Committee**
Meeting with Dr. Tanner on January 21, 2026.
 - Signed Confidentiality and Ethics statements.
 - Requested Teams Account.

- Outline of duties and goals for Committee.
 - Discussed Applications review and recommendations for other Committee Members. There are currently five (5) EDP applicants for licensure.
 - Dr. Tanner plans to attend the February 9 ARRS meeting.
- **Draft NC and NOV letters**
 - Under legal review.
 - Issuance to begin in February.
- **OSV**

Dr. Velasco provided an update to the Board.

 - EHV-1/EHM – tapered off; movement restrictions lifted.
 - 3.5 HPAI outbreaks in Kentucky since the holidays. (0.5 comes from ½ the control zone being in Tennessee.)
 - Backyard poultry operation in Jessamine Co., with quarantine released at this point, but with restrictions until mid-April.
 - One (1) backyard poultry operation in Fulton Co. TN, right on the border, and two (2) backyard non-poultry under quarantine.
 - [World Organisation for Animal Health \(WOAH\)](#) defines “non-poultry” as anyone who doesn’t offer the product for sale and only uses it themselves.
 - [USDA](#) provides another definition related to poultry which must be considered in disease response, defining “backyard” as any operation with 74,999 birds or less. 75,000 or more is birds is considered “commercial”.
 - One (1) operation in far Eastern KY was under quarantine, and one (1) in South (Clinton Co.) near the TN border was a backyard producer near to some 30 commercial facilities. The commercial operators were concerned because the backyard producer declined to depopulate (which they are allowed to refuse as a non-commercial operator under current law).
 - At this point, all control zones have been resolved.
 - New World Screwworm (NWS) appears to now be an established population in Tamaulipas, Mexico which borders Texas on Gulf Coast. There are not enough sterile flies to control the spread at this point. It will just a matter of time before the NWS enters the U.S.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Suspicious Ordering**
 - Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) email from Kentucky Board of Pharmacy
 - DSCSA / National Opioid Settlement Agreement (NOSA) – Proposed Letters of Concern to NAPB and AAVSB.

Dir. Shane provided a high-level overview of DSCSA, passed by the federal government in 2013 with phased in implementation into 2025. One result of this was the NOSA, which requires pharmaceutical companies to develop individual, in-house algorithms to track and

trace ordering for controlled substances and other “drugs of concern”. The issue at hand is that NOSA also empowers these wholesalers to reject orders by physicians and veterinarians that appear “suspicious” or “out of pattern” based on these individual algorithms. There does not appear to be any public oversight of the decision makers in this process, and the appeals process for practitioners is unclear.

KBVE reached out to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, and learned that the [National Association of Boards of Pharmacy](#) (NABP) is looking into this issue for physicians, but have not included veterinarians in their discussions of concern yet.

This is a public safety issue because when appropriate drugs needed for treatment are not accessible, this may endanger the patient. This is particularly an issue for mixed animal veterinarians, veterinarians who practice on a variable schedule, or those who are simply attempting to renew backordered shelf stock. Such rejections have been reported to both KBVE and KVMA. Consequently, KBVE provided preliminary notifications on this issue to AVMA and AAVSB.

Dr. Velasco relayed that he stopped by the DEA booth at AAEP. They stated they did not define a VCPR, but may be interested because FDA and USDA have definitions. Another area of discussion was related to controlled substance reporting, and the agents at the booth indicated that veterinarians as a subgroup were so small that the DEA wasn’t really interested in mandating reporting for them.

Chair Dr. Park asked for any discussion on the proposed draft letters to NABP and AAVSB.

Dr. Golab spoke about another DSCSA issue related to labeling and small quantity distribution for solo or small practitioners. AVMA has been working to get a meeting with distributors. AVMA may seek exemptions in the Act for veterinarians.

Dr. Venit indicated that if the letter is timely received, AAVAB should be able to agendaize this issue for the BOD at their next meeting.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Velasco to approve the drafted letters, with edits as discussed, for submission to AAVSB and NABP regarding concerns around how DSCSA and NOSA are impacting veterinarians and their patients and clients. The motion, seconded by Dr. Quammen, carried unanimously.

- **OIG / CSPS**

- Meeting notes from January 12, 2026, meeting
- Next meeting is April 13 @ 3:30 pm
- Filing of 902 KAR 55:110
- Proposed Response letter

The current draft letter has a place holder for possible survey questions and responses from other jurisdictions to learn more about Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) in other states and resultant conviction rates. Members of the Board directed that if data is collected, Dir. Shane can coordinate this effort with Debra. However, the letter may be sent without the additional information in the interest of time.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to approve the drafted letter, with edits as discussed, for submission to OIG as a comment letter on the filing 902 KAR 55:110. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

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

- Staff is not up to date with emails in the agency general mailbox since the holidays, but any issues of concern that need Board attention will be sent out to appropriate Members of the Board for resolution as soon as the queries are identified.
- One item of note is that there has been increased queries from pharmacy companies regarding facility registration info. They apparently already have polices in place for this new Kentucky registration program even as staff are still working to process applications.

- **Other Items for Discussion**

- **CCVR Announcement**

The known information is limited. There appears to be some challenges between the jurisdictional registrars and the Canada [National Exam Board](#) (NEB).

- **FL VPA bill**

Dr. Quammen noted that she did not believe this bill would pass in Florida this year.

- **FDA Outreach**

The current federal administration appears to have an increased focus on conviction statistics from federal agencies. The letter in the Board packet is an example of outreach from FDA, where historical contact between FDA and this Board on state level issues has been very limited.

- **UK Study on Horse Owner preferences**

FYI information to the Board for review.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Dr. Kennedy presented the Committee reports to the Board.

- **Applications received November 10 – January 9:**

- 17 Veterinarian
- 2 Special Permits
- 12 LVT
- 22 Veterinary Facilities
- 0 AAHP-ACP
- 5 AAHP-EDP
- 3 AAHP Facilities
- 8 AES
- 1 ACA

The Committee was excited to see the EDP applications coming in given how much work the Board has put into stakeholder groups, regulation development, and exam formation.

- **Facilities Applications Processing Status Update**

- As of 1/10/2026,
 - 678 = Veterinary Facility Applications received
 - 90 = Application reviews completed
- As of 1/14/2026,
 - 426 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
 - Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress

- **Licensee Demographics Report**

The updated report will be posted on the KBVE website.

- **Background Check Statute Status**

- FBI currently ruling that KRS 321.189 Background Checks statute is deficient.
- KBVE Legal counsel conducted a review. Counsel noted that Kentucky is under the regional office in West Virginia and this office is notorious for being uncooperative related to approving statutes for background checks. Counsel has worked with numerous boards who have experienced the same issue with this office.
- A statutory revision may be necessary to comply with whatever the WV FBI Regional Office directs be changed or added, if they are ever clear about what is needed.

- **FBI Channeler Background Checks**

- In 2020, Dir. Shane discussed the use of Channelers with another Kentucky licensing board and they indicated their experience was that Channeler reports were not always accurate. This has not been verified by KBVE staff, as few applicants have ever submitted the results of both types checks to compare (i.e., Channeler vs. FBI-direct).
- Typically, Channeler results are not verifiable, as the retrieval link is only open for 24 hours after issuance and requires the applicants Personally Identifiable Information (PII) to retrieve results, which staff often does not have access to.
- Recently, KBVE received a channeler background check in a paper copy format received in a sealed envelope addressed to the applicant. This is verifiable according to KBVE submission protocols.
- Following discussion, the Committee directed that the current policy of rejecting Channeler background checks should remain in place.

- **Special Permittees whose supervisors have a history of discipline**

- The Committee directed that there should be a minimum of two (2) visits to special permit holders during the duration of their permit for those permittees who have a supervisor with recent board disciplinary action.

- **Veterinarian Managers with a history of discipline**

- The Committee directed that any proposed Veterinary Manager on an application that has a history including a disciplinary action within the last ten (10) years should

trigger staff to include the Final Orders with the application for review by the Committee.

- **AVMA COE Accreditation Actions**

FYI to the Board: December 2025 Report.

- **ICVA Updates**

FYI to the Board: December In Focus Newsletter.

- **Outlier Applicants**

- The Committee reviewed one (1) application that did not report discipline on Question 1, but the discipline was from 1997 and 1998. This new licensee will be referred to the Grievance Committee for a false statement on the application. Because these disciplines are older, KBVE staff has had difficulties obtaining copies of the Final Orders from the disciplining jurisdictions for review, but if copies are obtained they will be reviewed by the Committee.

- **Other Items from the Committee**

- EBI Course Materials

Members of the Committee reviewed and approved of the changes to the EBI course curriculum materials, including updated videos.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to approve the new EBI course materials developed by the vendor IFHS. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, carried unanimously.

- Inquiry letters to ECFVG and PAVE

Chair Dr. Park indicated that these letters are still being developed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, if needed

The Board did not enter into executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

No outliers pulled from consent agenda for discussion.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Dorman provided the Wellness Committee report.

Mr. Dorman and Dr. Gardner departed the meeting at 5:01 pm.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen provided an update to the Board.

- **Newsletter Report**

Copies of the two (2) most recent newsletters were provided in the Board packet. Following discussion at the last meeting, the Board determined to continue issuing monthly newsletters.

- Constant Contact – KBVE December 2025 Newsletter – December 11, 2025
 - Sent to 4,332 individual emails
 - Open rate – 67%
- Constant Contact – KBVE January 2026 Newsletter – January 19, 2026
 - Sent to 4,736 individual emails
 - Open rate – 63% to date

Dr. Quammen asked the Board for ideas and contributions for the newsletter to keep the content dynamic and engaging.

- **Outreach from DEA to Coordinate Educational Meetings**

In the Board packet are meeting notes from a meeting with DEA on January 16, 2026. The goal is to coordinate another round of education and outreach meetings (similar to those in 2022 and 2024) to licensees in partnership with DEA and KVMA, and offering free CE to attendees.

The Budget for the meetings still needs to be determined. Dr. Quammen requested that the Budget Committee review the meetings proposal and return with a budget recommendation to the Board for these meetings. Optionally, some costs may be covered by local VMAs or other sponsors. Dir. Shane will check with DEA to see if they can offer any contributions.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS UPDATE

- **Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (KBLMT)**

At the November 2025 meeting, the KBVE approved release of the drafted statutory revisions to add animal massage therapists to the AAHP framework. The KBLMT has reviewed and currently accepts the language as written, and has requested a meeting between both boards to discuss proposed statutory language. Dr. Quammen, Dr. Park, and Dr. Dawes volunteered to participate in this meeting.

- **Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (KHRGC)**

The Board reviewed and discussed a proposed comment letter to KHRGC in response to filing of amendments to 810 KAR 3:020.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to approve the drafted letter, with edits as discussed, for submission to KHRGC as a comment letter on the filing 810 KAR 3:020. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

- **Kentucky Agricultural Council (KAC)**
KAC provided an update on their strategic plan at their last meeting. Ms. Hamelback was in attendance at that meeting, but had no comments for the Board on this.

- **Kentucky Livestock Coalition (KLC)**
KLC met December 3 at the Galt House. Ms. Hamelback attended, but nothing additional to report.

- **PILLS**
The group met on December 9, 2025, where the renewal of the cooperative Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between participating federal, state, and local agencies was discussed. As a part of that process, agencies voted to discontinue use of the interagency e-communication system because it was not being used. Members determined that there was currently enough direct cooperation between agencies to facilitate needs, a vast improvement from circumstances which existed prior to the e-system being developed. The PILLS group next meets on March 10.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes referred the Board to the hard copy of the Grievance Committee report providing recommendations from the Committee. Members of the Board reviewed the recommendations.

Case Status Recommendations	Case Numbers		
Ordered Appearance - Before Grievance Committee	• 2024-65		
Ordered Appearance - Before the Full Board	• n/a		
Emergency Order for Temporary Suspension	• n/a		
Dismissed	• 2024-55 • 2024-58 • 2024-74	• 2024-82 • 2025-17	• 2025-37 • 2025-51
Investigation	• 2024-61 • 2024-67	• 2024-75 • 2025-03	• 2025-24 • 2025-40
With Legal Counsel for Negotiations	• 2023-14 • 2023-17 • 2024-19	• 2024-30 • 2024-49(B) • 2024-65	• 2024-71 • 2024-81 • 2025-02
Refer to other State or Federal Agency	• n/a		
Settlement Agreement Reached	• 2024-38		

Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-36 • 2021-47 • 2022-21(A) • 2023-12 • 2023-59 • 2024-04 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-05 • 2024-07 • 2024-44(A)-(C) • 2024-78 • 2025-14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-51 • 2024-41 • 2024-69 • 2024-73 • 2024-79
In Franklin Circuit Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 		
Administrative Hearing Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 		
Cease & Desist Demand Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 		
Admonishment / Private Admonishment and Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 		
Closed following KBVE Disciplinary Action and fulfillment of terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 		
Open Pending Committee Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-53 • 2024-68 • 2024-70 • 2025-05 • 2025-12 • 2025-16 • 2025-18 • 2025-19 • 2025-20 • 2025-21 • 2025-23 • 2025-25 • 2025-26 • 2025-27 • 2025-28 • 2025-29 • 2025-30 • 2025-31 • 2025-32 • 2025-33 • 2025-34 • 2025-35 • 2025-39 • 2025-41 • 2025-42 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-38 • 2025-44 • 2025-45 • 2025-46 • 2025-47 • 2025-48 • 2025-49 • 2025-50 • 2025-52 • 2025-53 • 2025-54 • 2025-55 • 2025-56 • 2025-57 • 2025-58 • 2025-59 • 2025-62 • 2025-63 • 2025-64 • 2025-65 • 2025-66 • 2025-67 • 2025-68 • 2025-69 • 2025-70 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-71 • 2025-72 • 2025-73 • 2025-75 • 2025-76 • 2025-77 • 2025-78 • 2025-79 • 2025-80 • 2025-81 • 2025-82 • 2025-83 • 2025-84 • 2025-85 • 2025-86 • 2025-87 • 2025-88 • 2025-89 • 2025-90 • 2025-91 • 2026-01 • 2026-02 • 2026-03 • 2026-04 • 2026-05

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-43 • 2025-36 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-61 • 2025-60 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-06
New Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-82 	through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-06
Cases Laid on the Desk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-01 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-72 	

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

The Committee also identified and scheduled extra Committee meeting dates to address the case load.

- February 5 – 2:00-4:00 pm EST
- March 5 – 2:00-4:00 pm EST
- April 16 – 2:00-4:00 pm EDT
- August 27 – 2:00-4:00 pm EDT
- October 1 – 2:00-4:00 pm EDT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- **LRC / General Assembly**

Legislative meetings are needed regarding regulation filings to provide information to the General Assembly. Chair Dr. Park asked for volunteers from the Board for meetings with legislators to provide education on public protection needs. Dir. Shane will reach out to Board Members with dates once confirmed.

- **2026 Legislative Update**

Below are listed some of the key bills KBVE is monitoring during the 2026 legislative session. The Board will continue to monitor these and newly filed bills, and will provide legislative updates to licensees in the KBVE monthly newsletter.

- [HB 304](#) – [Rep. Stevenson](#), [Rep. Burke](#), [Rep. Aull](#), et al. – The Governor's recommended State/Executive Branch Budget. This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations & Revenue since 1/16/2026.
- [HB 387](#) – [Rep. Meade](#) – Related to Membership of the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC). This bill adds two veterinarian seats (one livestock, one equine) to the CSPC, but also effectively bars OIG from requiring veterinarians to report under [KRS 218A.202](#). This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Committees since 1/14/2026.
- [HB 212](#) – [Rep. Witten](#), [Rep. Freeland](#), [Rep. Grossberg](#) – Related to rabies vaccine administration. Allows LVTs to administer. Of note, Rep. Grossberg also filed [HB 173](#), a matching bill, but this bill does not have the support of leadership and will likely not move. This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Agriculture since 1/14/2026.
- [SB 52](#) – [Sen. Rawlings](#), [Sen. Elkins](#), [Sen. Douglas](#), [Sen. Funke Frommeyer](#), [Sen. Nunn](#), [Sen. Tichenor](#) – Related to ensuring fair permitting and licensing practices. A version of this bill has been filed for several of the past few sessions. This bill has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, & Labor since 1/20/2026.



- [HB 151](#) – [Rep. Grossberg](#) – Related to licensed and certified professionals. Makes use of a professional title or practicing without a license a Class B misdemeanor. This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations since 1/14/2026.
- [HB 241](#) – [Rep. White](#) – Related to an exemption from sales and use tax pet adoption fees and certain small veterinarian service fees charged by local government animal shelters and nonprofit animal welfare organizations. This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations & Revenue since 1/15/2026.
- [SB 45](#) – [Sen. Webb](#) – Amends KRS 247.801 to amend the definition of "agritourism activity"; define "working animal"; create a new section of KRS 247.800 to 247.810 to prohibit a city, town, county, or other political subdivision of the Commonwealth from restricting a person from engaging in an agritourism activity, etc. This bill has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Committees since 1/7/2026.
- [HB 111](#) – [Rep. Bivens](#), [Rep. Fister](#), [Rep. King](#) – Related to on-farm animal health, farmers, and veterinarians. This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Agriculture since 1/14/2026.
- [HB 217](#) – [Rep. Holloway](#), [Rep. Banta](#), [Rep. Grossl](#) – Related to providing taxpayers the option of having all or a portion of their individual income tax refund be contributed to the animal control and care fund created in KRS 258.119. This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations & Revenue since 1/14/2026.
- [HB 246](#) – [Rep. Witten](#), [Rep. Grossberg](#), [Rep. King](#), [Rep. Lewis](#), [Rep. Stalker](#) – Creates a new section of KRS 258.095 to 258.500 to require animal control officers to receive training on recognizing child abuse; provide that the Act may be cited as Kyan's Law. This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Local Government since 1/15/2026.

The Board approved the drafting of a letter to General Assembly leadership on HB 387 to educate legislators regarding the issues around veterinarians and controlled substances reporting.

- **Administrative Regulations**

- Coming before ARRS for review:
 - 201 KAR 16:762. Application requirements for veterinary facility registration; veterinarian managers; registered responsible parties.
 - 201 KAR 16:767. Registered veterinary facilities – Duties of registered responsible parties and veterinarian managers.
 - 201 KAR 16:730. Approved allied animal health professional (AAHP) programs; education requirements.
 - 201 KAR 16:731. Examination requirements for AAHP providers.
 - 201 KAR 16:732. Application requirements for AAHP licenses[permits] – reinstatement.
 - 201 KAR 16:735. Renewal requirements for AAHP licenses[permits] -- renewal notice – expiration.
 - 201 KAR 16:737. Responsibilities for AAHP providers; limitations on practice.
 - 201 KAR 16:772. Application requirements for AAHP facility registration; AAHP managers; Registered responsible parties.

- 201 KAR 16:775. AAHP facilities -- Renewal notice -- Requirements for renewal and reinstatement.
- 201 KAR 16:777. Registered AAHP facilities – Duties of registered responsible parties and AAHP managers.
- ARRS Meeting – February 9 at 1:00 pm EDT. Chair Dr. Park and Dir. Shane to represent the KBVE and answer questions from legislators.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Obituary Notifications**

- Dr. Bryan Boone (license # 144848) – December 31, 2025

- **Open Discussion –**

Chair Dr. Park asked for any other items for discussion from Members of the Board.

- Morehead Building Dedication for Dr. Prater, renaming the equine building “The Phillip Prater Equine Center” on February 13 at 12:30 pm.
- Kentucky’s One Health University Network has started a monthly webinar Series – Every second Friday at noon.
<https://onehealth.mgcafe.uky.edu/>

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- **2026:**
 - March 26
 - May 14
 - July 23
 - September 10
 - November 19
 - Retreat – June TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Park adjourned the meeting at 5:16 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by Members of the Board on March 26, 2026.



John C. Park, DVM, Chair, 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

January 22, 2026

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 January 22, 2026
- Board Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2025
- Committee Meetings:
 - Applications Committee Minutes – November 20, 2025
 - Grievance Committee Minutes – November 20, 2025
 - Education and Outreach Committee Minutes – December 2, 2025, and January 5, 2026
- Budget Summary Report
- Licensure Status Report
- Applications Committee Report on New Applications
- Applications Committee Report on New CE Requests
- ACA Inspection Reports:
 - Bell County Animal Shelter (certificate #149520)
 - Boyd County Animal Shelter (certificate #149493)
 - Campbell County Animal Shelter (certificate #149496)
 - Hardin County Animal Control (certificate #149651)
 - Knox-Whitley Humane Association (certificate #147205)

- Lewis County Animal Shelter (certificate #147230)
- Louisville Metro Animal Services (certificate #149464)
- McLean County Animal Shelter (certificate #149461) – Close-out inspection
- Tri-County Animal Shelter (Albany) (certificate #147202)
- Equine Sales Reports
 - Fasig-Tipton “October Yearling Sale”
 - Fasig-Tipton “The November Sale”
 - Keeneland “November Breeding Stock Sale”
 - Keeneland “November Horses of Racing Age Sale”
- Approval of Board Per Diem and Mileage

BUSINESS AGENDA

Annual Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreements

GUEST SPEAKERS

On the subject of AI Tools and their Governance:

- American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB):
 - Beth Venit, VMD, MPH, DACVPM, Chief Veterinary Officer
- American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
 - Gail Golab, C. Golab, PhD, DVM, MANZCVS, DACAW, Associate Executive Vice President, Chief Veterinary Officer

BUDGET AND CONTRACT MATTERS

- Annual Dues
- Conferences, Exhibits, and Sponsorships
- Other Budget Requests
 - Auburn White Coat
 - SAHA Conference
 - Board Retreat
- RFPs
- Budget Review and Projections

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES

- AAVSB Updates
 - Upcoming Events
 - Report – Recent meetings
 - Committee Reports
 - Announcements and Requests:
 - Joint Statement from AVTE-AAVSB-AVMA-CVTEA
 - 2026 Bylaws Amendment Proposals from Kentucky
 - API Program Update

- KVMA / AVMA Updates
- KBVE
- OSV

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Suspicious Ordering
 - DSCSA / National Opioid Settlement Agreement Letters of Concern
- OIG / CSPS
 - Filing of 902 KAR 55:110
 - Proposed Response letter
- Questions pending from the Board's Office
- Other Items for Discussion
 - CCVR Announcement
 - FL VPA bill
 - FDA Outreach
 - UK Study on Horse Owner preferences

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Applications received November 10 – January 9
- Facilities Applications Processing Status Update
- Licensee Demographics Report
- Background Check Statute Status
- Applicants and Proposed Supervisors with Discipline History
- Veterinarian Managers with a Discipline History
- AVMA COE Accreditation Actions
- ICVA Updates
- Outlier Applicants

EXECUTIVE SESSION, if needed

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Newsletter Report
- Outreach from DEA to Coordinate Meetings

STRATEGIC PARTNERS UPDATE

- Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (KBLMT)
 - Meeting request
- Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (KHRGC)
 - Proposed Comment letter in response to filing of 810 KAR 3:020
- Kentucky Agricultural Council (KAC)
- Kentucky Livestock Coalition (KLC)
- PILLS

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- **LRC / General Assembly**
 - Legislative Update

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Obituary Notifications**
- **Open Discussion**

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ADJOURNMENT



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Applications Committee Meeting Minutes January 22, 2026

Meeting Location: KBVE Offices, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511
A hybrid connection option was provided for one Committee Member.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendees:

- Stephanie Kennedy, DVM, KBVE Board Member, Applications Committee Chair
- Tim Gardner, DVM, KBVE Board Member, Applications Committee Member
- Jennifer Quammen, DVM, KBVE Board Member, Applications Committee Member (V)
- Amanda Briggs, KBVE Applications Specialist

Absent Committee Members:

- n/a

Guest Attendees:

- Michelle Shane, KBVE Executive Director – briefly during discussion item #12

Proceedings:

Committee Chair Dr. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

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

1. Applications received November 10, 2025 – January 9, 2026

- 17 Veterinarian
- 2 Special Permits
- 12 LVT
- 22 Veterinary Facilities
- 0 AAHP-ACP
- 5 AAHP-EDP
- 3 AAHP Facilities
- 8 AES
- 1 ACA

2. Facilities Applications Processing Status Update

- As of 1/10/2026,
 - 678 = Veterinary Facility Applications received
 - 90 = Application reviews completed
- As of 1/14/2026,
 - 426 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
 - Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress

3. Licensee Demographics Report

Members of the Committee reviewed the report.

4. Background Check Status

- FBI currently ruling that [KRS 321.189 Background Checks](#) statute is deficient. Legal counsel conducted review of this determination. It was noted that Kentucky is under the regional office in West Virginia and this office is notorious for being uncooperative related to approving statutes for background checks. He has worked with numerous boards who have experienced the same issue with this office. A statutory revision may be necessary to comply with whatever the WV FBI Regional Office directs be changed or added.
- FBI Channeler Background Checks Policy. The Committee discussed this at length and determined to remain firm in their denial of channeler background checks in light of accuracy concerns and risk of drug diversion, etc.. The current applicant is denied until such time as an acceptable background check has been received.

5. Special Permittees whose Supervisors have a history of discipline

Members of the Committee discussed additional investigator visits to special permit holders whose supervisors have a recent history of discipline or are under Board monitoring. They discussed investigator costs per visit, which vary by location. Board Investigators are paid \$95-100 / hour for work, plus mileage.

The Committee determined that a minimum of two (2) monitoring visits per permit period were appropriate, and that these visits would preferably occur unannounced and at lunch or near closing. For permittees whose supervisors have no history of discipline, the Committee directed that one (1) monitoring visit during the permit period is sufficient.

6. Veterinarian Managers with a history of discipline

Members discussed the Committee's scope of authority related Registered Facilities and approval of Veterinarian Managers with a history of Board discipline. The Committee discussed and asked questions about office operations to better understand application reviews and accessibility of disciplinary documents. Members considered facilities models with only one veterinarian, and those with multiple practitioners able to act as a manager. The Committee directed that if a Board discipline had occurred in the last ten (10) years on an

applicant designated Veterinarian Manager, staff should supply copies of Final Orders (e.g., settlement agreements, closure documents, etc.) to the Committee for review. For grievances older than ten (10) years, a note of the case number(s) and outcome(s) (if available) would be sufficient.

7. Applicant Referral to Grievance Committee

- Background:
 - Applicant reported no discipline on Question 1.
 - Verifications letter and VAULT showed history of discipline, but more than 25 years old.
 - Staff having significant difficulty obtaining documents from these jurisdictions.
 - FL – 1997 (Non-responsive to request)
 - GA – 1998 – Fine, reprimanded (Georgia reports discipline older than 20 years is archived in their state document warehouse)
- Applicant was also contacted by email on 12/17/2025 to try to obtain these documents, but no response has been received as of 1/14/2026.

The Committee determined to approve this application but refer the applicant to the Grievance Committee due to undisclosed discipline. Members recommended that part of any Settlement Agreement include the requirement that disciplinary documents from FL and GA be received by KBVE.

8. AAVSB / AVTE / AVMA CVTEA Joint Statement

Members of the Committee discussed the positive apparent increasing cooperation between national organizations. In the past, there have been questions of VTNE score reliability. Reportedly, AAVSB came to the meeting with raw data, which has helped alleviate some of these concerns. The organizations will be reviewing the Essential Skills List and Job Task Analysis to determine where there may be misalignment.

9. AVMA COE Accreditation Actions

Dr. Quammen discussed the voluntary withdrawal from accreditation of UNAM (Mexico City). Her understanding is that they will likely reapply.

10. ICVA Updates

The Committee reviewed the December In Focus Newsletter. Dr. Quammen reported that ICVA intends to pursue an independent audit of the NAVLE.

11. EBI Course Materials

The Committee reviewed the updated course materials videos and will recommend them for approval by the full Board. Drs. Kennedy and Quammen both reviewed these materials and found them appropriate. There was one typo in the presentation noted. Dr. Kennedy noted the materials were well-presented for the tasks AESs are expected to perform.

12. Facilities – Secretary of State Registration Issues

KBVE Director Shane stepped into the room briefly to discuss Secretary of State (SOS) Registration issues with the Committee. She recommended that the Committee approve applications with these issues and then refer to the Secretary of State to follow-up, as the requirement to register with the SOS was outside KBVE's scope of authority.

13. Application Review

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

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, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:29 AM.

~~These meeting minutes were approved~~ by the Applications Committee on March 26, 2026.



Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM, KBVE Applications Committee Chair

PRESIDING OFFICERS: Stephanie Kennedy, DVM, KBVE Applications Committee Chair
Minutes Recorded by: Amanda Briggs, KBVE Applications Specialist
Minutes Reviewed by: Michelle Shane, KBVE Executive Director



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Grievance Committee Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026, 9:00 AM EDT

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

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

KBVE Attendees:

- Dr. Dianne Dawes, Board Member, Grievance Committee Chair
- Dr. Phil Prater, Board Member, Grievance Committee Member
- Dr. Amy Staton, EdD, LVT, Board Member, Grievance Committee Member (V)
- Ms. Michelle Shane, Executive Director
- Ms. Briana Crowder, Grievance Case Specialist
- Rebecca Price, Esq., Legal Counsel proxy for Mr. Iaccarino
- Dr. Coy St. Clair, Board Investigator
- Dr. L. Dena Fitzpatrick, Board Investigator
- Dr. J.T. Williams, Board Investigator

Absent Committee Members:

- Dr. Gene Smith, Board Vice Chair, Grievance Committee Member
- Mr. Carmine Iaccarino, Esq., Legal Counsel

Guest Attendees:

- Dr. Allison Paige Geer – requested appearance

ORDERED APPEARANCES

- n/a

PROCEEDINGS

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:09 am EST.

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, seconded by Dr. Staton, carried unanimously.

The Committee returned to regular session at 12:04 pm.

Members of the Committee held a discussion about herd medicine and medical records. They indicated the Board should consider making accommodations in the laws regarding herd medicine.

The Grievance Committee meeting directed an additional meeting be held on February 5 at 2:00 pm EST to work through more of the case load.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Prater to approve the November 20, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion, seconded by Dr. Dawes, carried unanimously.

Members of the Committee reconciled their case notes and agreed to report the following cases statuses and recommendations to the full Board during the January 22 Board meeting.

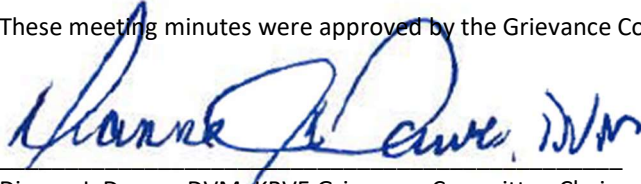
Case Status Recommendations	Case Numbers
Ordered Appearance - Before Grievance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-65
Ordered Appearance - Before the Full Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
Emergency Order for Temporary Suspension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
Dismissed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-55 • 2024-58 • 2024-74 • 2024-82 • 2025-17 • 2025-37 • 2025-51
Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-61 • 2024-67 • 2024-75 • 2025-03 • 2025-24 • 2025-40
With Legal Counsel for Negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-14 • 2023-17 • 2024-19 • 2024-30 • 2024-44(A)-(C) • 2024-49(B) • 2024-65 • 2024-71 • 2024-78 • 2024-81 • 2025-02 • 2025-14
Refer to other State or Federal Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
Settlement Agreement Reached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-38 •
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-36 • 2021-47 • 2022-21(A) • 2023-12 • 2023-59 • 2024-04 • 2024-05 • 2024-07 • 2024-51 • 2024-41 • 2024-69 • 2024-73 • 2024-79
In Franklin Circuit Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
Administrative Hearing Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a

Cease & Desist Demand Letter	• n/a		
Admonishment / Private Admonishment and Closure	• n/a		
Closed following KBVE Disciplinary Action and fulfillment of terms	• n/a		
Open Pending Committee Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-53 • 2024-68 • 2024-70 • 2025-05 • 2025-12 • 2025-16 • 2025-18 • 2025-19 • 2025-20 • 2025-21 • 2025-23 • 2025-25 • 2025-26 • 2025-27 • 2025-28 • 2025-29 • 2025-30 • 2025-31 • 2025-32 • 2025-33 • 2025-34 • 2025-35 • 2025-39 • 2025-41 • 2025-42 • 2025-43 • 2025-36 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-38 • 2025-44 • 2025-45 • 2025-46 • 2025-47 • 2025-48 • 2025-49 • 2025-50 • 2025-52 • 2025-53 • 2025-54 • 2025-55 • 2025-56 • 2025-57 • 2025-58 • 2025-59 • 2025-62 • 2025-63 • 2025-64 • 2025-65 • 2025-66 • 2025-67 • 2025-68 • 2025-69 • 2025-70 • 2025-61 • 2025-60 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-71 • 2025-72 • 2025-73 • 2025-75 • 2025-76 • 2025-77 • 2025-78 • 2025-79 • 2025-80 • 2025-81 • 2025-82 • 2025-83 • 2025-84 • 2025-85 • 2025-86 • 2025-87 • 2025-88 • 2025-89 • 2025-90 • 2025-91 • 2026-01 • 2026-02 • 2026-03 • 2026-04 • 2026-05 • 2026-06
New Cases	• 2025-82	through	• 2026-06
Cases Laid on the Desk	• 2024-01	• 2024-72	

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Dawes adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Grievance Committee on March 6, 2026.



Dianne J. Dawes, DVM, KBVE Grievance Committee Chair

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