



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026

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

A public virtual option available was advertised, however, the day of the meeting, the local internet service provider experienced an internet outage at the Kentucky Horse Park as well as other areas in Lexington, beginning before 7:30 am until after 5:00 pm EDT.

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 – Board Chair
- Jennifer K. Quammen, DVM, Vice Chair
- Dianne J. Dawes, DVM
- Tim R. Gardner, DVM
- Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM
- Philip E. Prater, DVM
- Gene Smith, DVM
- Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT
- Steve Velasco, DVM, Kentucky State Veterinarian -- Proxy for the Commissioner of Agriculture

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Tom M. Dorman, Citizen-at-Large
- 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

- Todd Blevins, Humane World for Animals (HWA)
- Jennifer Bridgham, DVM

- Debra Hamelback, Executive Director, Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)
- Ron Leick, DVM
- Jeffrey McGregor, DVM
- J.T. Williams, DVM, Investigator, KBVE

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

KBVE Chair John C. Park, DVM, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM EDT. Chairman Dr. Park welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Dr. Park noted that there was a campus wide network outage. Several other agencies on campus closed down and sent staff home. KBVE staff attempted to set up hotspots, but those connections were unstable and kept dropping. Consequently, there were not any video or audio recordings for the meeting today.

KBVE Executive Director Michelle Shane read the roll call. Per [KRS 321.240\(3\)](#), a quorum of the Board was achieved. Dir. Shane noted that Mr. Dorman had indicated he would attend the meeting virtually, but with the lost internet connectivity was not able to attend.

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Dir. Shane confirmed the public notice for this meeting was sent in the KBVE February and March 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.

With the network outage, Dir. Shane updated the autoreply messages through a phone app to alert everyone to the connectivity issues and give them a chance to make alternative arrangements to attend. Because the agency phone lines are through the internet, staff were not able to answer calls regarding connectivity issues.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- March 26 Agenda (*pages 1-5*)
- Draft Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2026 (*pages 7-43*)
- Draft Meeting Minutes for Committees (*pages 44-70*)
 - Applications Committee Minutes – January 22, 2026 (*pages 44-47*)
 - Grievance Committee Minutes – January 22, February 5, and March 6, 2026 (*pages 48-58*)
 - Education and Outreach Committee Minutes – January 26 and February 24, 2026 (*pages 59-65*)
 - Budget Committee Minutes – March 20, 2026 (*pages 66-70*)
- Budget Summary Report (*pages 71-73*)
- Licensure Status Report (*page 74*)

- Applications Committee Reports (*pages 75-85*)
 - New Applications for Licensure (*pages 75-76*)
 - New Graduate Licensure Program Applications (*page 77*)
 - Registered Facility Applications (*pages 78-83*)
 - New CE Requests (*pages 84-85*)
- Special Permittee Monitoring Reports (*pages 86-89*)
 - Rachel L. Christian, DVM (special permit #305048)
 - Mariela Vargas Murillo, DVM (special permit #301607)
- ACA Inspection Reports (*pages 90-125*)
 - Harlan County Animal Shelter (certificate #149524)
 - Kenton County Animal Shelter (certificate #147149)
 - Pike County Animal Shelter (certificate #146871)
 - Tri-County Animal Shelter (Rowan) (certificate #149521)
- Equine Sales Reports (*pages 126-127*)
 - Fasig-Tipton – Kentucky Winter Mix Sale – 02/09/2026
 - Keeneland – January Horses of All Ages Sale – 01/12-13/2026
- KBVE correspondence issued (*pages 123-*)
 - 1/29/2026 – to AAVSB re DSCSA Implementation (*pages 128-131*)
 - 1/29/2026 – to NABP re DSCSA Implementation (*pages 132-134*)
 - 2/1/2026 – to KHRGC re 801 KAR 3:020 (*pages 135-137*)
 - 2/11/2026 – to Chair Rp. Petrie, House A&R Committee re agency proposed budget (*page 138*)
 - 2/23/2026 – to AAVSB re “The Link”, December 12, 2025, Resolutions Update (*pages 139-147 – ADDED*)
 - 2/24/2026 – to AAVSB re proposed Bylaws Amendments, individual submission (*pages 148-160*)
 - #1 – Voluntary Withdrawal of Membership from the Association (*pages 148-149*)
 - #2 – Transparency (*pages 150-152*)
 - #3 – Purpose (*pages 153-156*)
 - #4 – Board of Directors Meetings, Participation (*pages 157-158*)
 - #5 – Finances, Contracts (*pages 159-160*)
 - 2/25/2026 – to CHFS OIG / Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs re 902 KAR 55:1110 (*pages 161-166*)
 - 2/25/2026 – to Senate Leadership re 26RS HB 111 (*pages 167-168*)
 - 2/25/2026 –to Senate Leadership re 26RS HB 387 (*pages 169-173*)
- Approval of Board Per Diem and Mileage
- Approval of food costs for meeting: Board Members, contractors, staff, public meeting attendees, including licensees and other guests in attendance.

Dr. Park introduced the consent agenda, noting multiple typos were corrected in the meeting minutes. No other items were pulled for discussion.

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

Budget

The budget expenditures and revenue approved are summarized for F.Y. 2026, July 1, 2025 through March 19, 2026, as follows:

- F.Y. 2026 to date
 - Receipts = \$146,330
 - Expenditures = \$450,357
 - Current Balance = \$696,090

Date of Database Report:	03/20/2026		
	Number credentials on Date of Report		
	This Report	Last Report	1-yr Lookback
License Type	03/26/2026	01/22/2026	03/20/2025
Veterinarian Licenses			
Active Veterinarians	2,754	2,668	2,570
Inactive Veterinarians	81	81	82
Special Permits	2	6	8
Pending Applications – missing documents	27	9	6
Pending Applications – pending exam results	2	9	13
Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)			
Active LVTs	660	629	610
Inactive LVTs	43	37	36
Pending Applications – missing documents	20	0	1
Veterinary Facility Registrations			
Active Veterinary Facilities (approved, pending issuance)	214	pending	0
Pending Applications – missing documents / review pending	469	544	23
Allied Animal Health Professional (AAHP) Licenses			
Active AAHP - Animal Chiropractic Providers (ACPs)	0	pending	-
Active AAHP – Equine Dental Providers (EDPs)	0	-	-
Pending Applications – ACPs – missing documents	4	-	-
Pending Applications – EDPs – missing documents	8	1	1
AAHP Facility Registrations			
Active AAHP Facilities (approved, pending issuance)	0	0	0
Pending Applications – missing documents / review pending	8	0	0

Animal Euthanasia Specialist (AES) Certificates			
Active AESs	165	160	168
Inactive AESs	136	117	112
Pending Applications – missing documents	9	0	1
Animal Control Agency (ACA) Certificates			
Active ACAs	47	46	51
Pending Applications – missing documents	1	1	1

Applications Committee Reports

- Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification
- Table 2: Approved Applicants for the New Graduate Licensure Program
- Table 3: Approved Applicants for Facility Registrations & ACAs
- Table 4: Approved CE Requests

The Board approved the following applications:

- 23 Veterinarians
- 6 New Graduate Licensure Program Veterinarians
- 1 Special Permittees
- 18 Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)
- 0 Allied Animal health Professional-Animal Chiropractic Providers (AAHP-ACPs)
- 0 Allied Animal Health Professional-Equine Dental Providers (AAHP-EDPs)
- 116 Registered veterinary Facilities
- 0 Registered AAHP Facilities
- 11 Animal Euthanasia Specialists (AESs)
- 2 Animal Control Agencies (ACAs)
- CE requests for:
 - 49.75 CE hours for Veterinarians
 - 47.75 CE hours for LVTs
 - 0 CE hours for AAHP-ACPs
 - 12 CE hours for AAHP-EDPs

Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification				
Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Amber C.	Ackermann	Veterinarian	New
2	Dana N.	Botsko	Veterinarian	Endorsement
3	Darragh J.	Cooper	Veterinarian	Endorsement
4	Michael A.	Cunningham	Veterinarian	Endorsement
5	Katie C.	de Jong	Veterinarian	Endorsement



Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
6	Sasha K.	Fraley	Veterinarian	Endorsement
7	Ciera M.	Guardia	Veterinarian	Endorsement
8	Lauren V.	Harris	Veterinarian	Endorsement
9	Kelly A.	Hinterner	Veterinarian	New
10	Sarah H.	McReynolds	Veterinarian	Endorsement
11	Kaylor E.	Neely	Veterinarian	Endorsement
12	Alexandria F.	O'Daniel	Veterinarian	Endorsement
13	Mariola B.	Rak	Veterinarian	Endorsement
14	Sidney E.	Ryan	Veterinarian	Endorsement
15	John L.	Shrewsbury	Veterinarian	New
16	Julia L.	Sturgill	Veterinarian	Endorsement
17	Ethan K.	Sutherland	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
18	Katie M.	Tyler	Veterinarian	Endorsement
19	Audrey R.	Wichmann	Veterinarian	New
20	Kayla M.	Wielgus	Veterinarian	Endorsement
21	Andrew D.	Wood	Veterinarian	Endorsement
22	Noah G.	Zazulak	Veterinarian	Endorsement
23	Haley R.	Zazulak	Veterinarian	Endorsement
24	Kailen E.	Parker	Special Permit	New
25	JeannieMarie F.	Agee	Veterinary Technician	New
26	Hanna F.	Billings	Veterinary Technician	New
27	Anne K.	Blinova	Veterinary Technician	New
28	Megan M.	Coats	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement
29	Taylor E.	Crosby	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
30	Jennifer L.	Dow	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
31	Donna M.	Fetters	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement
32	Heather L.	Gentry	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
33	Whitney L.	Hartz	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
34	Crystal I.	Irvin	Veterinary Technician	New
35	Jeanine M.	Kowalik	Veterinary Technician	New
36	Kelly A.	Lizzo	Veterinary Technician	New
37	Olivia R.	Longshore	Veterinary Technician	New
38	Samantha A.	Morse	Veterinary Technician	New
39	Brandi M.	Musser	Veterinary Technician	New
40	Haley E.	Payne	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
41	Sadie E.	Pelock	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
42	Grace M.	Schemel	Veterinary Technician	New
43	Devan M.	Carrier	Euthanasia Specialist	New
44	Payton O.	Fields	Euthanasia Specialist	New
45	Anne E.	Garnar	Euthanasia Specialist	New

Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
46	Lilith R.	Gerner	Euthanasia Specialist	New
47	Kelsey M.	Hill	Euthanasia Specialist	New
48	Peter F.	O'Brien	Euthanasia Specialist	New
49	Nicole L.	Owens	Euthanasia Specialist	New
50	Brian D.	Owens	Euthanasia Specialist	New
51	Bruce L.	Priddy	Euthanasia Specialist	New
52	Kailee M.	Short	Euthanasia Specialist	New
53	Haven E.	True Velazquez	Euthanasia Specialist	New

Table 2: Approved Applicants for New Graduate Licensure Program				
Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	CVM
1	Keisha A.	Beck	Veterinarian	Auburn University
2	Kayla B.	Townsend	Veterinarian	Auburn University
3	Danyelle	Reiskind	Veterinarian	Texas A&M University
4	Megan M.	Comstock	Veterinarian	University of Florida
5	Mikayla R.	Bazemore	Veterinarian	University of Georgia
6	Alexis M.	Dillender	Veterinarian	University of Missouri

Table 3: Approved Applicants for Facility Registrations & ACAs			
Row #	D.B.A. Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Alan R. Dorton, D.V.M. PLLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
2	All Creatures Veterinary Care	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
3	All-Star Mobile Vet	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
4	Aloha Veterinary Acupuncture	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
5	Animal Clinic of Estill County, PLLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
6	Animal Hospital of Danville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
7	Animal Hospital of Henderson	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
8	Animal Kare Center	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
9	Animal Medical Center of Madisonville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
10	At-Home Veterinary Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
11	Bach Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
12	Bardstown Animal Clinic, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
13	Beaver Creek Veterinary Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
14	Bellefonte Animal Clinic, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
15	Bennett Veterinary Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
16	Blue Paw Primary Pet Care - Lexington Pasadena Dr	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New



Row #	D.B.A. Name	License Type	App. Type
17	Blue Paw Primary Pet Care - Lexington Richmond Rd	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
18	Bluegrass Equine Veterinary Service	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
19	Bluegrass Livestock Solutions, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
20	Bluegrass Performance Equine Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
21	Blugrass Veterinary Specialists	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
22	Bovine Consulting Associates of Kentucky, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
23	Bovine Medical Associates, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
24	Buckner Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
25	Buffalo Trace Veterinary Services, PSC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
26	Central Kentucky Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
27	Central Kentucky Equine Veterinary Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
28	Central Kentucky Veterinary Center, PSC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
29	Cherokee Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
30	Colonial Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
31	Corbin Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
32	Corbin Animal Health and Wellness	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
33	Cornerstone Animal Care	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
34	Country Critters Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
35	Crocker Animal Hospital, LLP - Franklin	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
36	Crocker Animal Hospital, LLP - Large Animal	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
37	Crocker Animal Hospital, LLP - Scottsville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
38	Crossroads Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
39	Cummings Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
40	CVCA Louisville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
41	Derby City Veterinary Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
42	Eastland Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
43	East-West Equine Sports Medicine, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
44	Elizabethtown Animal Hospital, Inc	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
45	Equine Medicine and Surgery, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
46	Erlanger Veterinary Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
47	Fenwick Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New

Row #	D.B.A. Name	License Type	App. Type
48	Finchville Animal Clinic, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
49	Flanary Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
50	Fleming County Animal Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
51	Floyd County Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
52	Focus Veterinary Care	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
53	Goshen Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
54	Grants Lick Veterinary Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
55	Greater Cincinnati Veterinary Specialists and Emergency Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
56	Greystone Pet Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
57	Guardian Animal Medical Center	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
58	Hagyard Equine Medical Institute	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
59	Heartland Veterinary Hospital of Danville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
60	Heartland Veterinary Hospital of Elizabethtown	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
61	Henderson Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
62	Highland Veterinary Holdings DBA Highland Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
63	Hillview Animal Hospital & Clinic PSC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
64	Homeplace Veterinary Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
65	Hopkinsville Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
66	Katie Todd, VMD	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
67	Kentucky Paws Animal Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
68	Kimberly K Bordeleau, DVM LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
69	Lake Cumberland Animal Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
70	Lap of Love - Dr. Beth Ruggles	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
71	Lap of Love - Dr. Meredith Leary	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
72	Leitchfield Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
73	Lexington Veterinary Rehabilitation	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
74	Lone Oak Animal Clinic, Inc.	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
75	Machmer Hall Thoroughbreds LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
76	McCaw Veterinary Associates	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
77	McOwen Veterinary Services, LTD.	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
78	Midway Veterinary Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
79	Monroe Veterinary Services, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
80	MWR Equine Dentistry LLC	Registered Facility – Veterinary	New
81	Oak Grove Animal Hospital	Registered Facility – Veterinary	New

Row #	D.B.A. Name	License Type	App. Type
82	Oldham County Veterinary Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
83	Oliphant Equine Specialty Veterinary Services, PLLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
84	PetVet365 Harrodsburg Rd	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
85	Pewee Valley Veterinary Center	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
86	Pike Veterinary Services	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
87	Plantation Veterinary Clinic LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
88	Preferred Veterinary Care	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
89	Preston Animal Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
90	Progressive Animal Healthcare	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
91	R.E. Wharton, DVM	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
92	Regency Animal Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
93	S.N.I.P. Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
94	Salt River Veterinary Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
95	Shekinah Village	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
96	Shephard Hill Equine	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
97	Skyline Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
98	Small Town Veterinary Services, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
99	Snodgrass Veterinary Medical Center	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
100	Somerpet Inc.	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
101	Somerset Animal Hospital Burketts	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
102	Southwest Virginia Equine Service	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
103	St. Matthews Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
104	The Animal Eye Institute	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
105	The Animal Hospital of Campbellsville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
106	Tiffany K Porter, DVM	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
107	Tri-County Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
108	Union Pet Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
109	UrgentVet - Lexington	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
110	UrgentVet - Louisville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
111	Village Animal Hospital LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
112	Westgate Veterinary Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
113	Westside Veterinary Service	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
114	Williams Veterinary Clinic, LLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
115	It Takes A Village	Animal Control Agency	New
116	Anderson County Animal Services	Animal Control Agency	New

Table 4: Approved CE Requests

Course Title	Sponsor / Provider	CE Hours Requested			Date of Program(s)
		Vet	Vet Techs		
Beyond the Basics: Mastering Canine Hyperadrenocorticism; Managing and Treating Canine Hypoadrenocorticism	Cincinnati VMA (CVMA)	2	–	–	3/24/2026
Updates in Feline Infectious Peritonitis: How to Diagnose and Treat FIP in 2026	Cincinnati VMA (CVMA)	2	2	–	1/27/2026
Feline Arterial Thromboembolism: How to get them back on the right foot	Greater Louisville VMA (GLVMA)	2	2	–	1/22/2026
IAED Workshop	International Association of Equine Dentistry (IAED)	–	–	12	4/23-24/26
Forty-First Twin Lakes Veterinary Conference	Jackson Purchase VMA (JPVMA)	15	15	–	4/5-6/26
KY One Health Conference: Everything, Everywhere, All at Once: Emerging One Health Priorities	Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and Office of the State Veterinarian (OSV)	6.75	6.75	–	3/10/2026
KVTA Spring Fling	Kentucky Veterinary Technician Association (KVTA)	–	6	–	4/25/2026
Endoscopic Diseases of the Esophagus, Stomach, and Duodenum and Endoscopic Management of GI Foreign Bodies	MedVet	12	6	–	2/2-3/26
Partners in Practice	Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital	3	3	–	2/4/2026
The Tenth Tex Cauthen / Hans Albrecht Farrier Veterinarian Researcher Seminar	Uk Gluck Equine Research Center	7	7	–	1/18/2026
TOTAL HOURS APPROVED		49.75	47.75	12	

BUSINESS AGENDA**GUEST SPEAKERS**

On the subject of low-cost veterinary surgery and care.

- Dr. Lisa Warren, DVM, MRCVS
Focus Veterinary Care – FocusVetCare.com
Veterinarians to the Rescue – VTTR.org

Chair Dr. Park welcomed and introduced Dr. Warren. A graduate of the University of Georgia with 30 years of experience in the profession, Dr. Warren served four (4) years on the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine. In 2022, she founded Veterinarians to the Rescue, and in 2023 Focus

Veterinary Care. In 2025 she co-founded Not One More Pet. Her passion is providing spectrum of care options to clients to help save animal lives.

Presentation notes:

- “Gold standard” does not equate to “standard of care”.
- Instead, “spectrum of care” is the “standard of care” – providing real options to clients, and not making assumptions about what a client may be able to afford or creating unnecessary barriers to appropriate accessible treatment.
- Ethical veterinary care means fully discussing options, obtaining informed consent, and reducing preventable loss of life.
- Dr. Warren would like to eliminate economic euthanasia.
- Economic euthanasia is not a veterinary medicine failure – it is a system failure.
- The Board can address this failure by establishing regulatory requirements mandating spectrum of care and communication of all options to clients.
- In practice today, there is much confusion of “gold standard” and “standard of care”.
- Dr. Warren believes this starts in the colleges of veterinary medicine and their curriculums.
- Students are taught the gold standard, but they enter practice with the misconception that they have to provide the gold standards to clients or nothing – there is no in-between.
- Kentucky is a national leader in practice act updates, and already includes requirements for spectrum of care documentation in the medical records.
- Dr. Warren presses for consistency in requirements across all jurisdictions – requiring veterinarians and their staff to present clients a variety of options and that this be mandatory and documented in the record. This will:
 - Reduce economic euthanasia;
 - Promote partnerships across different practice types;
 - Mitigate moral distress for practitioners; and
 - Support pet owner wellbeing.
- This will reduce long-term mental health consequences for all humans involved – the veterinarians and their staff who cannot help pets at established price points and the owners who stand to lose a pet – the procedure clinic offers an alternative and saves pets’ lives.
- To be clear, this proposed regulatory requirement is not a treatment mandate – it is a communication standard.
- Access to resources for affordable care may be provided to the client.
- Top five economic euthanasia causes:
 - Blocked cat
 - Foreign Body
 - Pyometra
 - Enucleation
 - Dystocia (C-section)
- Dr. Warren detailed a price comparison showing costs on these procedures at standard practices, emergency clinics, and her model “procedure clinics”, offering thousands of dollars of savings and attainable treatment for clients who otherwise would not be able to save their pets.

- The UK, where Dr. Warren is also licensed, is now requiring that veterinary practices publish their rates for standard procedures.
- Procedure clinics meet spectrum of care requirements by providing low-cost outpatient surgical options. When a pet parent can't afford an ER visit or high costs at a traditional veterinary facility, the procedure clinic offers them an alternative option to euthanasia.
- Study shows that there is no significant difference in recovery between surgeries performed in a hospital setting with many days of recovery in the hospital vs. those at a procedure clinic with outpatient care where a pet is provided home care by a pet parent.
- Her procedure clinic, Focused Vet Care, opened three years ago, with many similar model clinics now opening nationally.
- She welcomed other, competing procedure clinics to open because she has more business than she can handle.
- One of the biggest issues faced by clients and pets in acute need is time: the time it takes to locate services they can afford.
 - Many clinics will not even look at a pet patient without a \$500 deposit and clearance to act as needed, with multiple additional charges.
 - Many more clinics simply send patients away, telling them what they need and "good luck" finding what you need.
- Dr. Warren shared a story about a pet parent in Chicago who found her through ChatGTP and drove seven hours to her clinic because that was cheaper than the cost of local care.
- Her procedure clinic takes referrals from multiple top tier veterinary clinics in Louisville. The clients that need her services can't afford the services at these other places, so they are not losing business. Sending the clients to her gives the clients spectrum of care options.
- Dr. Warren expressed that the partnerships she has facilitated should be the standard, and she asked the Board to add language to the Practice Act with more detail about mandatory spectrum of care options.
- She also asked that some kind of referral be placed on the KVMA website to show clients there are options.

Members of the Board discussed the presentation with Dr. Warren.

- Dr. Prater indicated that this topic really speaks to him as someone from Eastern Kentucky who has seen many clients struggle with affordability. He asked about how the Board can help.
- Dr. Warren requested that the Board add definitions of "Spectrum of Care" and "Standard of Care" that are clear and unambiguous to the Practice Act, and that support options for clients.
- She spoke about partnering with other organizations who offer financial support to both her procedure clinic and to clients. Overall, Dr. Warren is still generating enough of a profit to remain in business.
- Dr. Quammen notes that AVMA defines multiple types of care and asked what specific type of care Dr. Warren was advocating for.
 - Access to Care
 - Spectrum of Care
 - Cost of Care

- Dr. Warren is specifically talking about spectrum of care. She noted many similarities to human medicine, e.g., patients recovering from pregnancy and tonsillectomies used to spend a week in the hospital, where now these patients are sent home to recover.
- Dr. Prater made clear that request for these definitions is also a request for the Board to establish a definition that will result in enforcement action.
- Dr. Warren clarified that she is not asking for regulation mandating that the spectrum be provided to clients, only that the spectrum be offered to the client and, if the client declines treatment they can't afford, they be told about or directed to place that may have resources.
- Dr. Warren underscored that the level of care provided at procedure clinics should not be compromised with a lower price. At her own business, she offers the same level of care at the procedure clinic as in her full services clinic in Colorado.
- She just wants licensees to know that they are not liable if they provide options to a client.
- Members of the Board inquired if Dr. Warren has approached colleges of veterinary medicine (CVMs) with proposals for training students in spectrum of care mindset. Has she petitioned the AVMA COE to require this in CVM curriculums?
- Dr. Prater discussed his concerns that some students are not being prepared adequately for practice, because too often new graduates require unnecessary diagnostics or refer everything to specialists rather than treating what they can.
- Dr. Warren agreed that veterinarians today are not graduating with the basic skills needed to practice. She has spoken to Georgia CVM. They offer a general procedures class, and are looking forward to presenting this topic to students.
- Dr. Warren feels that if Boards update their laws, then the CVMs will need to teach to spectrum of care as a standard.
- If the laws are changed, then she would go to the CVMs with a plan for how to implement. She feels strongly that the laws must change first.
- When approaching new practices for partnerships, Dr. Warren has found they often get angry and defensive before they listen or even consider listening. This takes too long and comes at too high a cost in pet lives. To foster change more quickly, the law needs to be updated.
- Ms. Hamelback talked about the Power of 10 group at KVMA and how some of the material presented by Dr. Warren aligned with their planned presentations at the 2026 Mid-America Conference. They will have a four-hour track – one on true mentorship, one on basic procedures that can be completed without a specialist, etc. She agreed that this topic is a very valid conversation. She also pointed out that there are veterinarians out there offering lower cost services and broad spectrum of care options in their practices in other parts of the Commonwealth, although they don't use the term "procedures clinic". This is a nationwide issue. However, Ms. Hamelback cautioned that we must be careful of unintended consequences; any legislative language needs to be very carefully worded.
- Dr. Dawes asked about the structure of veterinary medicine and cited some corporate models which have strict SOPs for the provision of services in their hospitals.
- There are multiple social media sites where practitioners from around the country confirm that some corporate models do push for sales and services, too often to the detriment of the clients and patients.
- Dr. Warren emphasized that adding these definitions to Practice Acts nationally will not cause corporate medicine to lose money – the people she is serving cannot afford their prices

and wouldn't be paying them anyway. This change would simply put the power back to the practitioner to help their clients with options for care.

- Members of the Board were thoughtful about the ideas and statistics presented by Dr. Warren. However, they cautioned that such a change in the law is subject to the General Assembly. All stakeholder parties then have the opportunity to influence legislation.
- Dr. Warren concluded that any such legislation would have the popularity of the public. In the UK, clinics must disclose on their website whether they are corporate or not.

Dr. Warren departed at 1:48 pm

REMINDERS

Dr. Park reminded Board Members to sign their Ethics and Confidentiality Agreements, as not all were collected last meeting.

Also, some portions of this meeting were taken out of order due to network circumstances and scheduling for meeting participants. Topics remain in order as they appeared on the agenda.

BUDGET AND CONTRACT MATTERS

- **Conferences, Exhibits, and Sponsorships**
 - Buffalo Trace VMA Morehead Clinic Days – June 6-7, 2026 – exhibit table (\$375) *(pages 174-176)*

A MOTION was made by Dr. Gardner to approve costs for exhibit table in the amount of \$375 and travel for up to two (2) staff attending the Buffalo Trace VMA Morehead Clinic Days, June 6-7, 2026. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

- Illuminate the Path – Kentucky School Counselors Association – September 9-11, 2026 – exhibit table (\$550) *(pages 177-179)*

The Board discussed and felt that this was more an opportunity for the profession and referred this to KVMA.

- **Other Budget Requests**
 - Board Retreat Location and Costs *(pages 180-183)*

Chair Dr. Park noted the Budget Committee met March 20, 2026. The Committee opted to hold the Board retreat at KBVE offices June 2-3.

- Day One – June 2
 - 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - Evening function – Hosted at Dr. Park's location, with dinner donated by Park Equine.
- Day Two – June 3
 - 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

- All in person – no hybrid option due to difficulties of managing the online waiting room all day while staff was focused on other meeting tasks.
- Possible agenda topics: Sunset review on multiple regulations, including the Veterinarian Code of Ethics and the Prescriptions and Dispensation of Drugs for Animal Use regulations; Review of other current regulations, including scope of practice for LVTs and assistants and testing for LVTs; Needed changes from legislation passed during the 2026 Legislative Session; Discussion for new approach to Board Meeting schedule; Policy or regulations on Artificial Intelligence (AI) use in veterinary practice; Discussions on national policy issues, including the Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) / Mid-Level Practitioner (MLP), virtual VCPRs, “suspicious” drug ordering, etc.; Litigation updates; Review of updated Board budget projections based on 26RS HB 500; Board operations overview and needed policy manual; Executive Director performance review; Other items as directed by Board or as needed.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Velasco to approve costs for the Board Retreat, including food for the two-day meeting, necessary supplies, and overnight accommodation for Board Members who need them, with expenditures not to exceed \$4,000. The motion, seconded by Dr. Staton, carried unanimously.

- Constant Contact renewal (\$1,453.20) (*pages 184-185*)
 - 2023 pricing = \$660.00 / year
 - 2024 pricing = \$610.80 / year
 - 2025 pricing = \$924.00 / year (contacts between 2,500 – 5,000)
 - 2026 pricing = \$1,453.20 / year – KBVE now exceeds 5,000 contacts, so higher plan required. (Price Plan = \$2,076.00, with a pay-the-year-in-advance discount for non-profits, provides a discount of \$622.80)

The Budget Committee met March 20. They approved this cost because the price point for the education and outreach to constituents was a worthwhile expenditure. Committee asks the Board to ratify.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Staton to approve costs for renewal of the Constant Contact account for bulk email and constituent survey services in the amount of \$1,453.20. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

• CONTRACT RENEWALS

- Outside vendor contracts (Personal Service Contracts (PSCs) for renewals:
 - Investigative Services – Coy St. Clair, DVM
 - Investigative Services – J.T. Williams, DVM
 - Legal Services – Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC (i.e., Carmine Iaccarino and team)
 - Euthanasia by Injection Course Trainer – IFHS

- Interagency contracts (Memorandums of Agreement, MOAs):
 - Database Utilization – PPC/DOI
 - Administrative Services (for budget, HR, and other intergovernmental agency support and training, etc.) – PPC

Chair Dr. Park noted that the Budget Committee also discussed these contracts. For the PSCs with outside vendors, the terms and rates are exactly the same as in the original contract with the additional of new insurance language mandated by the Finance and Administration Cabinet. Rate adjustments appear in the interagency MOAs, per the current rates charged by those agencies for the services provided. The Committee recommends approving all renewals. Dir. Shane is still working on contract entry into the eMARS system, but notes the contracts from the current F.Y. with their terms and rates were in the board materials.

Members of the Board discussed the proposed renewals. Dr. Gardner stepped out of the room for a short period and returned at 2:00 PM.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to approve the renewal of the six (6) contracts listed above, as discussed. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

- **RFPs**

Chair Dr. Park relayed that the Budget Committee discussed at their March 20 meeting the need to support this statutorily required Wellness Committee pursuant to [KRS 321.237](#). The wellness/intervention services vendor is required to offer confidential and expert support for the Board's Wellness Committee and programs. The Budget Committee recommended the full Board approve an RFP for Wellness/Intervention Services.

- Wellness / Intervention Services – contract is currently with KYPRN, however, they have reached the end of their renewal options on the current contract.
- The eMARS draft RFP is currently available in Teams for review.
- Estimated timeline:
 - 3/31/2026 – Release of RFP
 - 4/9/2026, 12:00 PM – Written questions due to the Board
 - 4/22/2026 – Agency response to written questions
 - 5/1/2026, 2:30 PM – Proposals Due
 - A single date between 5/2/2026 and 5/13/2026 for the RFP Review Committee to meet and rank contracts
 - 5/14/2026 – Next Board Meeting, vote on contract
- RFP Review Committee – Dr. Park, Dr. Dawes, and Dir. Shane

A MOTION was made by Dr. Kennedy to approve the advertisement of an RFP for required Wellness Committee services, as discussed. The motion, seconded by Dr. Dawes, carried unanimously.

- **Grievance Committee Request**

Members of the Committee asked that a mailing be conducted to all licensees. The topics should include client access to medical records, completeness of medical records, ability to share vaccine status, etc. Additionally, there are still licensees claiming they don't know the changes in the law related to CE requirements, facility registrations, medical records, surgery standards, and appropriate use of LVTs and veterinary assistants. Another topic may be the dates for the upcoming outreach meetings. The information in the mailing may also be reflected in the newsletters.

Ms. Hamelback indicated that KBVE is welcome to provide materials to KVMA for inclusion in their newsletters.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to approve the costs related to printing and mailing to all licensees educational information regarding updates to law, licensure requirements, and CE offerings, not to exceed \$2,500. The motion, seconded by Dr. Staton, carried unanimously.

The E&O Committee volunteered to draft the informational flyer, and have the Board provide a review prior to distribution. The Board targeted for a mailing later this summer.

The Board took a respite, 2:12 – 2:22 pm.

- **Budget Review and Projections**

- HB 500 update
 - 2/26/2026 – Passed in House in 81-18 with [House Committee Substitute \(1\)](#)
 - 3/18/2026 – Passed in Senate 38-0 with [Seante Committee Substitute \(1\)](#)
 - 3/19/2026 – House refused to concur with the Senate, now appointed to a Conference Committee with the House and Senate.

In both versions of the bill, the agency has been provided its requested budget, but will need to address a 2% salary increment for employees in both fiscal years. In the Senate version, an allotment increase is provided for salary increase, but no General Funds are provided for boards. KBVE will need to update agency budget projections based on the outcome of the Budget Bill.

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES

- **AAVSB Updates**

- **Upcoming Events**

- Annual Meeting & Conference – September 23-26, 2026 – Providence, RI
Board Members interested in attending should hold these dates and alert Dir. Shane of their interest.

- **Recent Meetings and Communications Report**

- **Response to Kentucky's request on CVTEA Suspension of Standard 11**
(page 186-188)
About a month ago, CVTEA started to require accredited programs to post scores again.
- **BOD Meetings**
March 18 – Staff had meeting conflicts and were unable to attend. Kentucky's letter of concern regarding resolution implementation was on the agenda, but we do not know what was discussed.
- **VTNE Score Report Usage Outreach Meeting**
AAVSB has begun outreach on score report usage by jurisdictions. KBVE staff are scheduled to provide feedback next week on March 30.

- **Committee Reports**

- Dr. Dianne Dawes provided an update from her work on the AAVSB Regulatory Policy Committee. They are meeting every third Tuesday of the month. Currently, they are working on scope of practice for LVTs. They meet again at the upcoming spring meeting at the end of April in conjunction with the Summit & BBB.
- Dir. Shane provided a brief update on her involvement with the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines Working Group. At the first meeting, a Chair was elected, but the BOD stipulated that the Chair must be a jurisdictional ED or Registrar. It was unclear how many on the Committee qualified. However, Dir. Shane was nominated to the position. Meetings are scheduled in spring to discuss issues. There will be two working groups, one for regulators/end users and one for AI SMEs. Dr. Venit hopes to have a preliminary offering together in time for the fall conference.

- **Announcements and Requests**

- **Call for Resolutions.** *(pages 189-192)*
Members of the Board discussed possible resolution topics for the 2026 meeting. There was not strong interest for submitting new proposals in 2026.

▪ **Proposed Bylaws Amendments**

Following request for the LVT bylaw amendment at the January meeting, additional research was conducted by staff. The WV Board reviewed but ultimately declined to partner with KBVE this year on a proposed amendment as they had already submitted their proposal.

At the Board's request, a reduced package of proposed amendments was submitted, with all submissions provided in the consent agenda.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Staton to approve the reduced package of proposed AAVSB Bylaws Amendments for submission, as represented in the Consent Agenda. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried. Dr. Quammen abstained.

KBVE met with Bylaws and Resolution Committee on March 24, 2026, to review the proposals. The meeting notes were included in the Board packet (*pages 193-196*). The AAVSB Bylaws Committee asked Kentucky to review their submissions. KBVE representatives provided commentary matching the cover letters of each proposal; the Committee had no questions for the Board about the proposed content and no substantive feedback.

▪ **AAVSB Jurisdictional Visit** (*page 197*)

New AAVSB staff have submitted correspondence to the Board offering to have an AAVSB C-suite level representative and a Director attend a Kentucky meeting to discuss AAVSB programming.

Members of the Board directed to respond that Dr. Venit was just here in January for a public meeting.

Should AAVSB leadership seek to finally meet with Kentucky on the denial of Member Board rights from 2024, such a meeting can be arranged.

▪ **VAULT News – price increases** (*pages 198-200*)

The cost for VAULT transfer services adds substantially to the cost of applying for Kentucky licensure.

- VAULT Premium for Veterinarians - \$260 (plus the cost of individual jurisdictional licensure verification letters, and official transcripts)
- VAULT Basic for Veterinarians - \$105
- VAULT Premium for LVTs - \$220 (plus the cost of individual jurisdictional licensure verification letters and official transcripts)
- VAULT Basic for LVTs - \$90

The Board discussed exploring other options to see if there was another way to obtain valid scores. One option may be to reach out to ICVA and see if licensees can obtain their scores for the NAVLE directly from ICVA.

- **API Program**
API is reportedly live and working as of March 18, 2026, reporting licensure status of all Kentucky veterinarians and veterinarian technicians to AAVSB through a daily data exchange.
- **KVMA / AVMA Updates**
 - **Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)**
Ms. Hamelback provided a report to the Board.
 - HB 212 passed out of Senate Agriculture Committee, to be added to Senate consent agenda.
 - HB 387 passed out of Senate Health Services to be added to Senate consent agenda.
 - There is planned a special committee and task force to look at Boards related to the Board of Optometry issue.
 - HB 500 - Update on contract seat spaces for veterinarians. House bill adds 10 veterinarian contract seat spaces. KVMA has sent a letter on the Senate version of the bill, regarding the unnecessary added language to require students to repay if they don't return immediately, including those already in the program.
 - Vet Contract seat spaces additional Seats table (*page 201*)
 - KVMA hosted a fantastic Advocacy Day at the Kentucky Capitol in February.
 - Auburn has reportedly accepted 15 students from Murray.
 - Many new students are looking to the new contract seats at UGA because cost is about \$10,000 less. However, there are only five contract seats available for Kentucky.
 - There are rumblings of concern regarding the Murray state submission to CPE and the upcoming AVMA COE review.
 - Murray selected Dr. Hoffman as Dean of their proposed CVM. KVMA will be meeting with Dean Hoffman on May 20 at their next Board meeting, held at the AAEP Offices.
 - The official groundbreaking at Murray will be on May 22; KVMA to tour.
 - Mid-America – 115th year of KVMA – “Come for the Education. Stay for the Friendships.”
 - KBVE is scheduled to speak at MidAmerica during One Health track on Friday. This conflicts with AAVSB conference in 2026. KBVE will discuss and determine a solution.
 - News of a Senator in Missouri investigating bovine repro in an AAHP framework.

Dr. Velasco stepped out of the meeting at 3:00 pm.

- **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)**
Dr. Quammen provided a report to the Board.
 - Board meeting next week.
 - Lots of discussion about technicians.

- AVMA in Anaheim, CA – August 7-11, 2026.
- 108 Days until she takes on the role of the Association Presidency.

- **KBVE**

- **EBI 16-hour Course Offerings** (*page 202*)

The ACAs have expressed a lot of interest in the May course offering. Dir. Shane is working with IFHS, the training vendor, to schedule the next meeting in the summer, sooner than planned to accommodate the training seats needed.

- **AAHP Advisory Committee**

Two (2) applicants for veterinarian animal chiropractor position

- Dr. Ron Leick
- Dr. Carroll Larkspur

Dr. Park spoke with both of them.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to approve the appointment of Dr. Ron Leick to the AAHP advisory Committee in the position of veterinarian animal chiropractor, pursuant to [KRS 321.257](#). The motion, seconded by Dr. Dawes, carried unanimously.

- **Request to amend July 2023 Board Meeting Minutes** (*page 203*)

Mr. Iaccarino described the request from a case respondent. Members of the Board discussed that the section in question was clearly during the public portion of the meeting. Because the CE terms of the settlement agreement were still unfilled, Members of the Board were unwilling to make the requested change.

- **PPC/DOI re database upgrade** – Meeting notes from March 5. (*page 204-205*)

Staff continue to work on all KBVE application forms as time allows. A meeting is scheduled with the Applications Committee on May 4 to conduct final reviews of the forms.

- **OSV**

Dr. Velasco provided a report to the Board.

- Potbelly pig crossed over from WV and died. Lab thought this may have been ASF. Working through this now, but it appears the original ASF ID was not accurate.
- Comment on Dr. Warren's statements / comparisons to human medicine. The human Medical Board did not start to send people home, rather this was an insurance decision. It was not a medical decision.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Staton departed at 3:31 pm.

- Update on DSCSA – NOSA and “Suspicious Orders”
 - AVMA Meeting – on 2/4 (*pages 206-207*)
 - NABP Meeting – on 2/6 (*pages 208-213*)

- AAVSB BOD Meeting – on 2/13; subsequent outreach to jurisdictional boards
- AAVSB sent a Member Listserv question, but few jurisdictions replied. Of those who did, some indicated they were willing to send a survey to their licensees to see who may be experiencing this issue.
- In the meantime, NABP Andrew Funk extended an invite to Dir. Shane speak at the National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities (NASCSA) in Portland, ME, October 26-29. The session is titled "Controlled Substances Hot Topics" and NABP believes that having the veterinarian perspective at this event is important. Dir. Shane referred Mr. Funk to contacts at AVMA.

Dr. Velasco returned at 3:37 pm.

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

- CE questions – clarifications needed on new requirements:
 - “...at least two (2) of the thirty (30) required renewal hours shall be in:
 1. Pharmacy or controlled substances;
 2. Antimicrobials; or
 3. State or federal laws and regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine.

Does the Board mean, “Procurement, management, and disposal of controlled substances”? From the CE being currently submitted with applications and questions coming into the Board office, licensees are interpreting “Pharmacy” as “Pharmacology” and classes about any kind of drug.

Members of the Board discussed this question. Staff were directed that the Board shall allow “pharmacy” / drugs for CE in 2026, but the regulation will be amended to show that the appropriate meaning is the “Procurement, management, and disposal of controlled substances” and the “Appropriate use and limitations on antimicrobials”.

KVMA intends to offer sessions on all the topics, so licensees may meet all the of new requirements by attending these sessions the Mid-America Conference.

- **Other Items for Discussion**

- FYI – ICVA Assessment Development Committee – Call for Nominations (*pages 214-215*)

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Gardner presented the report to the Board. (*pages 216-221*)

- **Applications received January 12 – March 13, 2026**

- 23 Veterinarian
- 1 Special Permit
- 15 LVT

- 5 Veterinary Facilities
 - 1 AAHP-ACP
 - 3 AAHP-EDP
 - 3 AAHP Facilities
 - 6 AES
 - 1 ACA
- **Registered Facilities Applications Review**
 - Status Update as of 3/20/26
 - ~683 = Veterinary Facility Applications received
 - ~255 = Initial application reviews completed
 - 214 = Applications approved by Committee
 - 622 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
 - Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress
 - **Issue #1 -**

From 11/20/2025 Board Minutes, red flags on Registered Facility applications which will trigger review required by the Applications Committee:

 - Incomplete applications
 - Missing / omitted emergency care options
 - Expired / inactive D.B.A. name
 - Discipline on veterinarian managers
 - Mixed use space lacking a DVSS or DASS

Modifications to the above red-flag list must be reflected in Board Minutes.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to amend the facility applications flag policy made at the November 20, 2025, meeting to revise the list, deleting the SOS requirements (i.e., Expired/ inactive D.B.A. name). This issue will still be noted and the SOS will still be notified, but this will not be cause for Committee review of the application or denial of application. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

In addition, Board staff were directed to develop a comprehensive policy document on application procedures for Board review and approval.

- **Issue #2 –**

The Committee has indicated they seek to delegate authority to conduct final review of initial facility registration applications without red flags to the Executive Director. Any such directive must be authorized by the full Board.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to delegate authority to conduct final review of both initial and new facility registration applications without red flags to the Executive Director, and staff as assigned. The motion, seconded by Dr. Prater, carried unanimously.

- **Veterinarian Manager Approval**

- [KRS 321.236 \(6\)\(a\)](#) states that for Veterinary Facilities, “the veterinarian manager shall include at least one (1) Kentucky-licensed veterinarian with an active license in good standing with the board.”
- The definition of “good standing” is subjective on purpose and determination are made by the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) who sit on the Board and use their professional knowledge to determine if any prior discipline or conviction poses a danger to the public in the profession.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Velasco to find that “Good Standing” in the context of a Veterinarian Manager or AAHP Manager for a Registered Facility means that a license is active and unencumbered, and the licensee is able to practice unrestricted in the Commonwealth. KBVE staff shall facilitate notification between the Grievance Committee and Wellness Committee to the Applications Committee regarding egregious violations (e.g., license suspended, revoked, etc.) or impairments of licensees as established in any Final Order of the Board. The motion, seconded by Dr. Prater, carried unanimously.

Members of the Board discussed and directed adding or modifying facility applications and change-of-manager forms to add a question about disciplinary actions and history in the last 10 years.

- **Background Checks for Veterinarian Managers**

- Staff are beginning to receive requests for Veterinarian Manager change.
- While facility registrations are still being processed / issued, the Applications Committee has authorized staff to waive the requirement for a background check for a new Veterinarian Manager.

The Board discussed if it was necessary for a Veterinarian Manager to submit a background check if they are already licensed in Kentucky and submitted a background check with their licensure application. The Board will review the change request form to possibly remove this regulatory requirement for a background check from the manager change form.

- **Renewal Overview – Audit Procedures**

- 10% of all licensees in a license type (For 2026, est. 276 veterinarians, and 66 LVTs).
- All grievances with settlement agreements requiring additional CE.
- Any other licensees flagged for audit by the Board.

- **CE Waiver Request**

A long-time licensee submitted a request to the Board for a waiver of the required in-person hours for renewal, since they just found out about the change in requirements. The Committee discussed offering a compromise of reduced in-person hours given their 40+ years of licensure. However, the full Board directed that the licensee be made to meet the same hours as required for all licensees. They further directed staff to send the licensee

resources for live or in-person CE, including Board meetings via Zoom and the Mid-America Conference.

- **AAHP Renewal Period**

- First renewal cycle opens July 1.
- KBVE has received 12 applications for AAHP providers as of 2/24/2026.
- Because of delays with the regulations and state exams, and staff focus on facility registrations, these AAHP provider applications are just being processed.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Prater to waive the fees and renewal requirements for licensed AAHP providers in 2026. The motion, seconded by Dr. Dawes, carried unanimously.

Although the regulations are not yet effective, the Board directed that the exams be finalized and posted as soon as possible.

- **Consideration of Canada Foreign Equivalency pathway for KBVE approval**

- Other jurisdictions are considering this pathway now.
- NEB Relationship with the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) | CVMA.
<https://www.canadianveterinarians.net/accreditation-and-national-examining-board/national-examining-board/policies-and-procedures/neb-relationship-with-the-educational-commission-for-foreign-veterinary-graduates-ecfvg/>
 - Both the NEB and ECFVG use the same exams (NEB also has the additional PSA exam).
- Alternative Pathways to the Certificate of Qualification (CQ) for Graduates From Non-CMVA/AVMA Accredited Programs | CVMA.
<https://www.canadianveterinarians.net/accreditation-and-national-examining-board/national-examining-board/policies-and-procedures/alternative-pathways-to-the-certificate-of-qualification-cq-for-graduates-from-non-cmva-avma-accredited-programs/>
- As an alternate pathway to licensure in Canada, an ECFVG candidate can register with the NEB which follows the steps of:
 - Registration with NEB,
 - NEB Credential assessment,
 - BCSE score transfer from ECFVG,
 - CPE score transfer from ECFVG, and
 - NAVLE score transfer to NEB.
- This allows an ECFVG candidate to obtain a CQ issued by the NEB to obtain licensure in Canada. (No additional testing required.)

The Board laid this topic on the desk, indicating they would research and revisit for discussion at a future meeting.

- **ICVA Updates – FYI**
 - Application Periods:
 - June 1 - July 15 (for the October - November window)
 - December 1 - January 7 (for the March window)
 - April 1 - May 7 (for the July - August window)
 - 2026-2027 NAVLE Testing Cycles:
 - October 12 - November 14, 2026
 - March 1 - March 20, 2027
 - July 12 - August 7, 2027
- **Outlier Applicants**
 - n/a - No discussion.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS, if pulled from consent agenda

n/a - No discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to [KRS 61.810\(1\)\(c\) and \(f\)](#)

- (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency;
...
- (f) Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Staton to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (f) to discuss pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency and discussions which might lead to the discipline of an individual employee. The motion, seconded by Dr. Dawes, carried unanimously.

Everyone except Board Members and Dir. Shane exited the room at 3:26 pm.

The Board returned from executive session at 3:30 PM.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to proceed with filings in Franklin Circuit Court as directed during the executive session. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, carried unanimously.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Wellness Committee Report (*page 225*) was part of the Board packet, however, Mr. Dorman was not available to present today due to the network outage. There were no questions from the Board.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen presented a report.

- **KBVE Newsletter Report**
 - Constant Contact – KBVE February 2026 Newsletter (*pages 226-234*)
 - Issued February 23, 2026
 - Sent to 5,045 individual emails
 - Open rate – 64.7%
 - February Survey results – “Regional Meetings” (*pages 235-238*)
 - Issued February 23, 2026, in the Board Newsletter
 - 131 Respondents
 - Constant Contact – KBVE March 2026 Newsletter (*pages 239-246*)
 - Issued March 24, 2026
 - Sent to 5,513 individual emails
 - Open rate – 56.1%

Members of the Grievance Committee requested that more information about medical records requirements be included in future monthly newsletters.

- **Regional Outreach Meetings**
Still working on schedule / dates with KVMA. Survey results show preference for >60% requesting virtual meeting; and 25-30% on Sat or Sun. Date windows that are being held for possible meetings:
 - May 6-7
 - June 9-11
 - June 16-18
 - July 14-16
 - July 21
 - Multiple Zoom offerings

KVMA doesn't want to do all the meetings in person. KBVE to get final dates back from the Association on the ones they do wish to coordinate on, and KBVE will coordinate only with DEA on other meetings. The Budget Committee will review a proposed budget for the meetings once in-person dates are established.

- **AAHP Licensure Meeting – March 31** (*page 247*)
Planned education and outreach meeting on 3/31/2026 at the Board's office for potential AAHP-EDP applicants. Board Members welcome to attend. AAHP Advisory Committee Member Dr. Tanner to attend and speak regarding allowable scope of practice for EDPs.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS UPDATE

- **Kentucky Board of Pharmacy (KBOP)**
 - 26RS HB 729 – A bill with support from the Pharmacy Board. Additional information provided in the Legislative Update portion of this meeting.

- **Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (KBLMT)**
 - The Board reviewed meeting notes from 3/12/2026. (*pages 248-251*)
- **Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR)**
 - The Board reviewed meeting notes from 3/4/2026 regarding education and outreach opportunities (*pages 252*)
- **Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (KHRGC)**
 - As ratified in the consent agenda, KBVE issued a comment letter regarding 801 KAR 3:020, issued on 2/1/2026.
 - Chair Dr. Park met with KHRGC Executive Director Jamie Eads to discuss the remaining inclusion of the “equine therapist”. There is no definition for what type of work this includes. Ms. Eads indicated that the applicant’s qualifications would be signed off on by a veterinarian. Dr. Park requested that this not remain an open window for unlicensed practice and that a termination or end date be established so that new practitioners don’t use this as a pathway to circumvent KRS Chapter 321. She indicated she would ask her staff to research this option.
- **Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) / Office of Inspector General (OIG)**
 - As ratified in consent agenda, KBVE issued a comment letter on 2/25/2026 regarding 902 KAR 55:110.
 - At the 3/9/2026 ARRS meeting, this regulation was declared deficient.
 - The next meet for CSPC is scheduled for, 4/13/2026, 3:30 – 5:00 pm EDT.
- **UK Extension and VDL**
 - The Board reviewed meeting notes from 3/5/2026 regarding education and outreach opportunities. (*pages 253-256*)
 - Dr. Jessie Lay, Extension Animal Health Veterinarian, received authorization to speak to the Board this year regarding the outreach programs UK Extension conducts with producers.
 - Members of the Board directed staff to arrange a date for Dr. Lay’s presentation.
- **Kentucky Livestock Coalition (KLC)**
 - Staff has outreached to determine the next meeting date.
- **PILLS**
 - Met on 3/10/2026 – Reports of increased diversion around veterinarian drugs.
 - Next meeting on 6/9/2026

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes provided the Committee Report for Board review on the large overhead screen because the network was down and staff were unable to print or transfer files to shared folders on the server.

Case Status Recommendations	Case Numbers		
Ordered Appearance - Before Grievance Committee	• n/a		
Ordered Appearance - Before the Full Board	• n/a		
Emergency Order for Temporary Suspension	• n/a		
Dismissed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-01 • 2025-03 • 2025-12 • 2025-18 • 2025-21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-23 • 2025-24 • 2025-27 • 2025-40 • 2025-42 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-43 • 2025-44 • 2025-45 • 2025-50 • 2025-60
Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-61 • 2024-75 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-28 • 2025-48 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-49 • 2025-52
With Legal Counsel for Negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-43 • 2023-17 • 2024-19 • 2024-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-44(A)-(C) • 2024-49(B) • 2024-71 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-81 • 2024-78 • 2025-14
Refer to other State or Federal Agency	• n/a		
Settlement Agreement Reached	• 2024-38	• 2024-65	• 2025-02
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 • 2024-51 • 2024-38 • 2024-41 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-65 • 2024-69 • 2024-73 • 2024-79 • 2025-02
In Franklin Circuit Court	• n/a		
Administrative Hearing Procedures	• n/a		
Cease & Desist Demand Letter	• n/a		
Admonishment / Private Admonishment and Closure	• 2023-14		
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-59 • 2025-61 • 2025-62 • 2025-63 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-87 • 2025-88 • 2025-89 • 2025-90

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-16 • 2025-19 • 2025-25 • 2025-26 • 2025-29 • 2025-31 • 2025-32 • 2025-33 • 2025-34 • 2025-35 • 2025-36 • 2025-38 • 2025-39 • 2025-41 • 2025-46 • 2025-47 • 2025-53 • 2025-54 • 2025-55 • 2025-56 • 2025-57 • 2025-58 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-64 • 2025-65 • 2025-66 • 2025-67 • 2025-68 • 2025-69 • 2025-70 • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-91 • 2026-01 • 2026-02 • 2026-03 • 2026-04 • 2026-05 • 2026-06 • 2026-07 • 2026-08 • 2026-09 • 2026-10 • 2026-11 • 2026-12 • 2026-13 • 2026-14 • 2026-15 • 2026-16 • 2026-17 • 2026-18 • 2026-19 • 2026-20 • 2026-21
New Cases	• 2026-06	through	• 2026-21
Cases Laid on the Desk	• 2024-72	• 2024-67	

A MOTION was made by Dr. Velasco to approve the case recommendations of the Grievance Committee. The motion, seconded by Dr. Prater, carried. Dr. Quammen abstained.

The Grievance Committee recommended, and the full Board subsequently directed staff to streamline processes on AAHP unlicensed practice complaints for those that may qualify for the AAHP license. For cases regarding licensure (and not involving patient or client harm), rather than moving through the Committee, staff are directed to send a Notice of Compliance with copies of the AAHP applications for licensure and facilities. These cases should be tracked, and enforcement procedures shall be enacted should the respondent fail to submit the appropriate applications.

Extra Committee meetings scheduled.

- April 16 – 1:00-4:00 pm EDT
- August 27 – 2:00-4:00 pm EDT (tentative)
- October 1 – 2:00-4:00 pm EDT (tentative)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- **LRC / General Assembly**
 - Meetings with legislators on hold until spring/summer unless they make a request for information or support.

- **Legislative Updates**

The 21026 Kentucky Legislative Session is almost over. The veto period begins April 2 and ends April 13, with Sine Die on April 15. A complete legislative update on bills impacting practice and the Board were emailed to Board Members on 3/17/2026. Constituents may email Vet@ky.gov for an update on the bills being tracked by KBVE.

Key bill highlights:

- [HB 500](#) – [Rep. Petrie](#), [Rep. Banta](#), [Rep. Bowling](#), [Rep. Bray](#) – The Republican recommended State/Executive Branch Budget. KBVE’s letter of concern to Rep. Petrie resulted in an update to the KBVE budget line that matches the agency’s biennial request. This Budget mandates a 2% raise for state employees. This bill adds multiple new reporting requirements for executive branch boards.
- [HB 212](#) – [Rep. Witten](#), [Rep. Freeland](#), [Rep. Grossberg](#) – Related to rabies vaccine administration, allowing LVTs to administer under veterinarian supervision. This is the third year in a row the bill has made it to the Senate.
- [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 Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC), but also prohibits any agency except KBVE to require veterinarians to report controlled substances.
- [HB 729](#) – [Rep. Grossl](#), [Rep. Duvall](#), [Rep. Moser](#) – Pharmacy Board bill which would expand KBOP authority and require all veterinary facilities, veterinarians, and ACAs to register with the KBOP as a “terminal distributor”; allows inspections from the Board of Pharmacy; allows KBOP to seize drugs that don’t fit within defined parameters; prohibits prescriptions affiliated with a residential address; etc. This bill was assigned to the House Committee on Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations. KBVE is currently in discussions with KBOP and has sent a bulleted list of concerns for discussion with their sponsors seeking to remove the requirement to register as a terminal distributor for veterinary facilities and animal control agencies because these facilities are already licensed with KBVE.
- [HB 111](#) – [Rep. Bivens](#), [Rep. Fister](#), [Rep. King](#) – Related to on-farm animal health, farmers, and veterinarians. KBVE has expressed concerns with this bill opening the door for unlicensed practice through “consultation”.
- [HB 185](#) – [Rep. Callaway](#), [Rep. Bauman](#), [Rep. Duvall](#), [Rep. Koch](#), [Rep. Roberts](#), [Rep. Thomas](#) – Establishes that licensing agencies must create a process to pre-screen applicants and issue a determination on their eligibility for licensure based off their criminal background check.

- [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.
- [HB 687](#) – [Rep. Whitaker](#), [Rep. Fister](#). Relating to stray equines and contracts required with the county judge/executive.
- [HB 459](#) – [Rep. Moser](#) – Related to requirements on the type of information licensing boards shall collect for workforce data reporting.
- **Administrative Regulations**
 - 2/9/2026 – At the General Assembly Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee (ARRS) hearing, Chair Dr. Park and Dir. Shane testified on behalf of the Board on the following filed regulations:
 - 201 KAR 16:762. Application requirements for veterinary facility registration; veterinarian managers; registered responsible parties. (WITHDRAWN)
 - This regulation was withdrawn so that it would not be declared deficient by the ARRS, due to significant last minute push back from a group of stakeholders.
 - 201 KAR 16:767. Registered veterinary facilities – Duties of registered responsible parties and veterinarian managers. (DEFERRED)
 - This regulation was deferred so that it would not be declared deficient by the ARRS, due to significant last-minute push back from a group of stakeholders.
 - Outreach began to arrange stakeholder meetings immediately following the Hearing to address constituent concerns.
 - 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.
 - No questions received on AAHP-EDP amendments from ARRS Members.

- 3/9/2026 – Legislators called KBVE before the ARRS for an “Informational Hearing” on 201 KAR 16:767. Again, Chair Dr. Park and Dir. Shane represented the Board. The stakeholders misrepresented to the General Assembly the Board’s efforts to schedule discussions. Documentation was provided, and Members of the Committee directed KBVE to continue its efforts to address stakeholder concerns.
- For Board review:
 - PetIQ / VIP Petcare responses to KBVE SOCs and KBVE rebuttals (*pages 259-274*)
 - 3/23/2026 meeting notes with Pet IQ/VIP Petcare stakeholders (*pages 275-283*)
 - Examples of regulatory language from other states showing limitations on facility managers (*page 257*)
 - Dir. Shane relayed additional information provided from North Carolina and Florida on their regulations governing pop-up clinics. In NC, they allow a central location to be licensed and mobile units to issue from that central location. In FL, they allow a limited services license for over 200 locations under a master facility license.
 - FL relayed that they do not have any complaints on these facilities in that jurisdiction.
 - KBVE grievances against pop-ups where there has been patient harm related to s/n and not these pop-up vaccine / wellness clinics.
 - Questions for consideration from Dr. Quammen (*page 258*)

Members of the Board discussed the meetings and materials presented and how best to amend the regulation to satisfy the General Assembly and stakeholders while still maintaining standards for public protection. They acknowledged that compromise would be necessary.

Mr. Iaccarino departed at 5:00 pm.

Dir. Shane relayed that PetIQ / VIP Petcare proposed a limited services license which would strictly limit the allowable services they would be permitted to provide in a pop-up setting. If such a license can be agreed to, the Board noted that they then must revisit a veterinarian’s ability to offer expanded services at a rabies clinic.

Members of the Board directed that KBVE add a clear narrative to future licensure status reports providing accurate facts about veterinary shortages and the many new veterinary schools being planned that in about six years that will provide for a large increase in new graduates and increase access to care.

Chair Dr. Park reminded everyone that KBVE must stay in the regulator’s lane, recognizing that the mission of the Board is to protect the public and that this is different from the mission of the professional association. KBVE does not regulate business models.

Members of the Board directed the following:

- Dir. Shane and Mr. Iaccarino arrange to meet with the legal counsel for PetIQ/VIP Petcare.
 - Determine if they are willing and able to accommodate the veterinarian managers for every five (5) locations as written in 201 KAR 16:767, given the strategy they outlined in the March 23 meeting.
 - Obtain a commitment in writing they will not object to the filing moving forward.
 - Continue to defer the regulation as needed to facilitate discussions.
 - Affirm the Board will refile 201 KAR 16:762 without the current DVSS requirements because of the essential public protection changes needed in other parts of the regulation.
 - Keep Chair Dr. Park informed so he may direct the process moving forward.
- In the meantime, KBVE to do more research with other states on pop-up clinics and limited services licenses.
- Refile the rule with the changes for other constituents.
- Meeting with key legislators this summer.

Internet reconnected at 5:05 pm

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith directing Dir. Shane and Mr. Iaccarino to work together on final language for the 201 KAR 16:762 regulation as discussed (modify current DVSS language), with approval from the Chair Dr. Park, for Dir. Shane to file the proposed administrative regulation amendments with LRC by the next possible filing deadline, and for Dir. Shane to work with LRC staff on all needed edits for conformity with KRS Chapter 13A. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith authorizing Chair Dr. Park to make a determination on behalf of the Board between meetings in line with the discussions held today regarding 201 KAR 16:767, and whether to withdraw or continue through the administrative process based on the results of stakeholder proceedings. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried.

- **DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- Notes from the NAVTA Listening Session on Mid-Level Practitioner (MLPs) / VPAs (*pages 284-298*)
- Notes from CO State University student outreach presentation on M.S. in Veterinary Clinical Care (*pages 299-305*)

These topics were laid on the desk to be brought back at the Board Retreat. Some states are looking to expand LVT roles and recognize Veterinary Technician Specialists (VTS) to make the VPA unnecessary.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Obituary Notifications**
 - n/a

- **Open Discussion**

Chair Dr. Park opened the floor for discussions; no topics were brought up.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- **2026:** (*page 306*)
 - May 14
 - June 2-3 – Board Retreat
 - July 23
 - September 10
 - November 19

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Park adjourned the meeting at 5:31 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by Members of the Board on May 14, 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

March 26, 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 March 26, 2026
- Board Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2026
- Committee Meetings:
 - Applications Committee Minutes – January 22, 2026
 - Grievance Committee Minutes – January 22, February 5, and March 6, 2026
 - Education and Outreach Committee Minutes – January 26 and February 24, 2026
 - Budget Committee Minutes – March 20, 2026
- Budget Summary Report
- Licensure Status Report
- Applications Committee Reports:
 - New Applications for Licensure
 - New Graduate Licensure Program Applications
 - Registered Facility Applications
 - New CE Requests
- Special Permittee Monitoring Reports



- Rachel L. Christian, DVM (special permit #305048)
- Mariela Vargas Murillo, DVM (special permit #301607)
- ACA Inspection Reports:
 - Harlan County Animal Shelter (certificate #149524)
 - Kenton County Animal Shelter (certificate #147149)
 - Pike County Animal Shelter (certificate #146871)
 - Tri-County Animal Shelter (Rowan) (certificate #149521)
- Equine Sales Reports
 - Fasig-Tipton – Kentucky Winter Mix Sale – 02/09/2026
 - Keeneland – January Horses of All Ages Sale – 01/12-13/2026
- KBVE letters issued:
 - 1/29/2026 – to AAVSB re DSCSA Implementation
 - 1/29/2026 – to NABP re DSCSA Implementation
 - 2/1/2026 – to KHRGC re 801 KAR 3:020
 - 2/11/2026 – to Chair Rp. Petrie, House A&R Committee re agency proposed budget
 - 2/23/2026 – to AAVSB re “The Link”, December 12, 2025, Resolutions Update
 - 2/24/2026 – to AAVSB re proposed Bylaws Amendments, individual submission
 - #1 – Voluntary Withdrawal of Membership from the Association
 - #2 – Transparency
 - #3 – Purpose
 - #4 – Board of Directors Meetings, Participation
 - #5 – Finances, Contracts
 - 2/25/2026 – to CHFS OIG / Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs re 902 KAR 55:1110
 - 2/25/2026 – to Senate Leadership re 26RS HB 111
 - 2/25/2026 –to Senate Leadership re 26RS HB 387
- Approval of Board Per Diem and Mileage
- Approval of food costs for meeting: Board Members, contractors, staff, public meeting attendees, including licensees

BUSINESS AGENDA

GUEST SPEAKERS

On the subject of low-cost veterinary surgery and care.

- Dr. Lisa Warren, DVM, MRCVS
Focus Veterinary Care / FocusVetCare.com
Veterinarians to the Rescue VTTR.org



BUDGET AND CONTRACT MATTERS

- Conferences, Exhibits, and Sponsorships
 - Buffalo Trace VMA Morehead Clinic Days – June 6-7, 2026 – exhibit table
 - Illuminate the Path – Kentucky School Counselors Association – September 9-11, 2026 – exhibit table
- Other Budget Requests
 - Board Retreat Location and Costs
 - Constant Contant renewal
 - Outside vendor contracts (Personal Service Contracts (PSCs) for renewals:
 - Investigator St. Clair, DVM
 - Investigator Williams, DVM
 - Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC – Carmine Iaccarino and team
 - Euthanasia by Injection Course vendor IFHS
 - Interagency contracts (Memorandums of Agreement, MOAs):
 - PPC/DOI Database Utilization
 - PPC Admin Services (for budget, HR, and other intergovernmental agency support)
- RFPs
 - Wellness / Intervention Services
- Budget Review and Projections
 - HB 500 update

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES

- AAVSB Updates
 - Upcoming Events
 - Recent Meetings and Communications Report
 - Committee Reports
 - Announcements and Requests:
 - Proposed Bylaws Amendments
 - Proposed Resolutions
 - AAVSB attendance at a Kentucky meeting
 - VAULT News – price increases
 - API Program
- KVMA / AVMA Updates
 - Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)
 - Vet Contract seat spaces Additional Seats table
 - American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
 - Other updates

- KBVE
 - EBI 16-hour Course Offerings
 - AAHP Advisory Committee
 - Appointments
 - Request to amend July 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
- OSV

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- DSCSA / NOSA
 - AVMA Meeting
 - NABP Meeting
 - AAVSB Meeting
- Questions pending from the Board's Office
- Other Items for Discussion
 - ICVA Assessment Development Committee Nominations

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Registered Facility Applications update
- Proposed operational policies or regulatory changes
- Consideration of Canada Foreign Equivalency pathway
- ICVA NAVLE Exam Windows
- Outlier Applicants, if any
- Other Items for Discussion

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS, if pulled from consent agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION, pursuant to [KRS 61.810\(1\)\(c\) and \(f\)](#)

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- KBVE Newsletter Report
- KBVE Survey results
- Regional Outreach Meetings
- AAHP Licensure Meeting – March 31

STRATEGIC PARTNERS UPDATE

- Kentucky Board of Pharmacy (KBOP)
- Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (KBLMT)
- Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR)
- Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (KHRGC)



- Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) / Office of Inspector General (OIG)
- UK Extension and VDL
- Kentucky Agricultural Council (KAC)
- Kentucky Livestock Coalition (KLC)
- PILLS

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- LRC / General Assembly
- Legislative Updates
- Administrative Regulations Update
- Administrative Regulations 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
 - Stakeholder meeting
- Discussion: NAVTA Listening Session on MLPs/VPAs

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Obituary Notifications
- Open Discussion

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Applications Committee Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026 at 10:00 AM EDT

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

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 Vice Chair, Applications Committee Member
- Amanda Briggs, KBVE Applications Specialist

Absent Committee Members:

- n/a

Guest Attendees:

- n/a

Proceedings:

Committee Chair Dr. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:13 am EDT.

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

1. Applications received January 12 – March 13, 2026

- 23 Veterinarian
- 1 Special Permit
- 15 LVT
- 5 Veterinary Facilities
- 1 AAHP-ACP
- 3 AAHP-EDP
- 3 AAHP Facilities
- 6 AES
- 1 ACA

2. Registered Facilities Applications Review

- Status Update as of 3/20/26
 - ~683 = Veterinary Facility Applications received (some duplicates)
 - ~255 = Initial application reviews completed (some partial review / in progress)
 - 214 = Applications approved by Committee
 - 622 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
 - Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress
- Previously, the Committee listed Secretary of State (SOS) Registration anomalies as a red flag that necessitated Committee review of the application. Because these issues have been determined by legal counsel to be outside KBVE's scope of authority the Committee determined to remove SOS Registration issues from the list of red flags requiring Committee review.
- Due to the large volume of applications, the Committee determined to delegate authority to conduct final reviews of initial facility registration applications without red flags to KBVE staff between meetings.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Kennedy to request a full Board vote to delegate authority to KBVE staff for approvals of initial facility applications without red flags. The motion, seconded by Dr. Quammen, carried unanimously.

3. Veterinarian Manager Approval – Board Policy Draft

For Veterinary Facilities, [KRS 321.236 \(6\)\(a\)](#) states, “the veterinarian manager shall include at least one (1) Kentucky-licensed veterinarian with an active license in good standing with the board.”

The Committee discussed defining “good standing” as possessing an active, unencumbered license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Applications Committee requested that the Grievance and Wellness Committees inform them, to the fullest extent allowable, of egregious circumstances that may impact an individual's suitability to serve as veterinarian manager so such circumstances may be considered with an application.

4. Background Checks for Veterinarian Managers

Requests for Veterinarian Manager changes are being received at the Board office. The Committee discussed waiving the requirement for a background check for a new Veterinarian Manager while facility registrations are still being processed and issued. Members of the Committee directed staff to continue waiving the background check at this time and to reevaluate the waiver at future meetings based on the facility registrations backlog.

5. AAHP-EDP Applications

The Committee reviewed information regarding the meeting with IAED held on March 18, 2026, as well as the AAHP-EDP educational meeting planned for March 31.

6. Renewal Overview – Audit Procedures

- The Committee reviewed a draft of KBVE’s audit procedures for the forthcoming LVT and Veterinarian renewal cycle.
- The Committee discussed a question that came into the board’s office about the acceptability of CE courses covering specific controlled drugs (i.e. a course about buprenorphine formulations) and determined that this was not the intent of the regulation. The course should involve information about human diversion or controlled substances management and not simply the usage of a new product or formulation.

7. CE Waiver Request

Dr. Lynn Horrar requested a waiver of the real-time CE requirement for the 2026 renewal cycle. Dir. Shane briefed the Committee on her phone discussion with Dr. Horrar on March 3, 2026. The Committee reviewed Dr. Horrar’s request letter and discussed the amount of time remaining before the 2026 renewal, as well as available real-time CE offerings.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Kennedy that the Committee acknowledges Dr. Horrar’s request and because there are only six (6) months remaining before the 2026 renewal deadline, the Committee will recommend to the full Board to waive ten (10) of the required real-time hours and require Dr. Horrar to complete a minimum of five (5) real-time CEUs for the 2026 renewal cycle. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, carried unanimously.

8. AAHP Renewal Period

The first renewal cycle for AAHPs opens July 1, 2026. Dir. Shane has requested that the renewal requirement for 2026 for AAHPs be waived due to delays with program implementation. All regular renewal requirements would be in place after that point. The Committee concluded that this was reasonable and indicated they would make a motion thusly to the full Board.

9. Previously Approved Applicant – Disciplinary Documents Received

KBVE received the outstanding disciplinary documents from an application approved at the January 22, 2026 meeting. The Committee reviewed and discussed this documentation. No action was taken.

10. NAVLE Retest Takers / ICVA Policy Reset – Proposed waiver of KBVE regulation

Because of ICVA changes, Committee had previously discussed waiving the provision in [201 KAR 16:530, Section 1\(3\)\(c\)2](#), while ICVA is resetting the retake policy. However, following discussion, Members of the Committee decided that the regulation should not be modified, but that the KBVE requirement would be waived for now.

11. Consideration of Canada Foreign Equivalency pathway for KBVE approval

Other jurisdictions are considering accepting the Canada National Examination Board (NEB) foreign educational equivalency pathway. Program requirements are very similar to ECVFG. Following discussion, Members of the Committee determined to gather more information and

revisit at a future meeting. Dr. Quammen will attend the 2026 Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) meeting and bring back more information.

12. AAVSB Increase in VAULT Services – Transcripts question

The Committee reviewed an AAVSB announcement regarding price increases for VAULT services and discussed issues surrounding transcripts received through the VAULT service. The Committee determined to continue to accept transcripts received through the VAULT service.

13. Applications Forms Review

Final Application forms are needed soon for database upgrades. The Applications Committee scheduled a meeting for May 4 to review proposed revisions to all application forms.

14. Certificate template review

The Committee reviewed certificate proofs and directed staff to make some minor changes prior to printing.

15. ICVA Updates – FYI

2026-2027 NAVLE Testing Cycles:

- October 12 - November 14, 2026
- March 1 - March 20, 2027
- July 12 - August 7, 2027

16. AAVSB Updates – FYI

- AAVSB February Newsletter - Increase in VAULT service pricing for 2026.
 - VAULT Premium for Veterinarians - \$260 (plus the cost of jurisdictional licensure verification letters and official transcripts)
 - VAULT Basic for Veterinarians - \$105
 - VAULT Premium for LVTs - \$220 (plus the cost of jurisdictional licensure verification letters and official transcripts)
 - VAULT Basic for LVTs - \$90
- The cost for VAULT services adds substantially to the cost of applying for a Kentucky license.
- Due to recent price increases for VAULT services announced by AAVSB, the Committee directed staff to investigate if there are alternative options for applicants to request official score transfers.

17. Application Review and Reports Discussion, if needed

- No Inspection or Investigative Reports pulled for discussion.
- No outlier applicants discussed.

18. Amend Applications Report

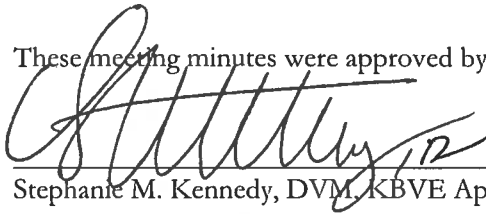
Critter Care Veterinary Clinic was inadvertently added to the Applications Committee Report of New Facility Applications to the Board. This application is not yet ready for review.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Kennedy 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. Gardner, carried. Dr. Quammen was not present for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 12:01 PM.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Applications Committee on May 14, 2026.



Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM, KBVE Applications Committee Chair

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



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Grievance Committee Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026, 9:00 AM EDT

Meeting Location: KBVE Office

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

KBVE Attendees:

- Dianne Dawes, DVM, Board Member, Grievance Committee Chair
- Phil Prater, DVM, Board Member, Grievance Committee Member
- Gene Smith, DVM, Board Member, Grievance Committee Member
- Amy Staton, EdD, LVT, Board Member, Grievance Committee Member
- Michelle Shane, Executive Director
- Briana Crowder, Grievance Case Specialist
- Carmine Iaccarino, Esq., Legal Counsel
- Coy St. Clair, DVM, Board Investigator
- J.T. Williams, DVM, Board Investigator

Absent Committee Members:

- n/a

Guest Attendees:

- n/a

ORDERED APPEARANCES

- n/a

PROCEEDINGS

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes called the meeting to order at 8:58 am EDT.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Staton to approve the meeting minutes from March 6, 2026. The motion, seconded by Dr. Prater, carried unanimously.

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 11:42 am.

A motion was made by Dr. Prater to authorize staff to issue dismissal letters with guidance on licensure to grievance cases pertaining to unlicensed AAHP providers. The motion, seconded by Dr. Staton, carried unanimously.

Members of the Committee reconciled their case notes and agreed to report the following case statuses and recommendations to the full Board during the March 26 Board meeting.

Case Status Recommendations	Case Numbers		
Ordered Appearance - Before Grievance Committee	• n/a		
Ordered Appearance - Before the Full Board	• n/a		
Emergency Order for Temporary Suspension	• n/a		
Dismissed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-01 • 2025-03 • 2025-12 • 2025-18 • 2025-21 • 2025-23 • 2025-24 • 2025-26 • 2025-27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-35 • 2025-39 • 2025-40 • 2025-42 • 2025-43 • 2025-44 • 2025-45 • 2025-48 • 2025-50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-60 • 2025-61 • 2025-65 • 2025-72 • 2025-73 • 2025-76 • 2025-77 • 2025-79 • 2025-85
Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-61 • 2024-75 • 2025-28 • 2025-49 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-52 • 2025-66 • 2025-69 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-70 • 2025-75 • 2025-82
With Legal Counsel for Negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-43 • 2024-19 • 2024-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-44(A)-(C) • 2024-49(B) • 2024-71 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-81 • 2024-78 • 2025-14
Refer to other State or Federal Agency	• n/a		
Settlement Agreement Reached	• 2024-38	• 2024-65	• 2025-02
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-36 • 2021-47 • 2022-21(A) • 2023-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-05 • 2024-07 • 2024-51 • 2024-38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-65 • 2024-69 • 2024-73 • 2024-79

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In Franklin Circuit Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 		
Administrative Hearing Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-17 		
Cease & Desist Demand Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 		
Admonishment / Private Admonishment and Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-14 		
Closed following KBVE Disciplinary Action and fulfillment of terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Open Pending Committee Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-53 • 2024-68 • 2024-70 • 2025-05 • 2025-16 (A) – (B) • 2025-19 • 2025-25 • 2025-29 • 2025-31 • 2025-32 • 2025-33 • 2025-34 • 2025-36 • 2025-38 • 2025-41 • 2025-46 • 2025-47 • 2025-53 • 2025-54 • 2025-55 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-58 • 2025-56 • 2025-57 • 2025-59 • 2025-62 • 2025-63 • 2025-64 • 2025-67 • 2025-68 • 2025-71 • 2025-78 • 2025-80 • 2025-81 • 2025-83 • 2025-84 • 2025-86 • 2025-87 • 2025-88 • 2025-89 • 2025-90 • 2025-91 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-01 • 2026-02 • 2026-03 • 2026-04 • 2026-05 • 2026-06 • 2026-07 • 2026-08 • 2026-09 • 2026-10 • 2026-11 • 2026-12 • 2026-13 • 2026-14 • 2026-15 • 2026-16 • 2026-17 • 2026-18 • 2026-19 • 2026-20 • 2026-21
New Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-06 	through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-21
Cases Laid on the Desk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-72 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-67 	

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Location: KBVE Offices, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511, unless otherwise marked Virtual (V).

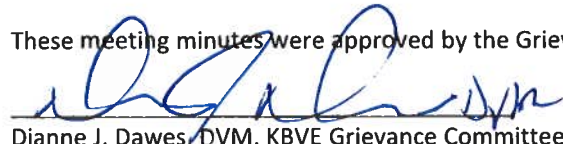


- **2026:**
 - April 16 – added meeting (V)
 - May 14
 - July 23
 - August 27 – tentative added meeting (V)
 - September 10
 - October 1 – tentative added meeting (V)
 - November 19

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Dawes adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Grievance Committee on April 16, 2026.



Dianne J. Dawes, DVM, KBVE Grievance Committee Chair

PRESIDING OFFICER: Dianne J. Dawes, DVM, KBVE Grievance Committee Chair
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