

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

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May 14, 2026

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

Public Virtual Option Provided Upon Request.

KBVE Committee Meetings

Grievance Committee – 9:00 AM (Minutes attached)

Applications Committee – 10:00 AM (Minutes attached)

Lunch – 12:00 PM

KBVE Regular Board Meeting**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT
- 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

- Nathan Glaza, DVM, Licking Valley Veterinary Services (V)
- Debra Hamelback, Executive Director, Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)
- Harun Kahn, DVM (V)
- Ron Leick, DVM, AAHP Advisory Committee – animal chiropractor

- Jessica Ollie, LVT (V)
- Liz Pryor Olsen, DVM (V)
- Cheryl Nelson, DVM (V)
- Jessie Lay, DVM, Extension Animal Health “Veterinarian”
- Craig Wood, Assistant Director of Extension for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Horticulture
- Lincoln White, Intern, Office of the State Veterinarian; newly accepted to Auburn CVM
- Scott Young (V)

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.

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

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

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

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Meeting Agenda for May 14, 2026 (*pages 1-4*)
- Board Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2026 (*pages 6-41*)
- Committee Meetings:
 - Applications Committee Minutes – March 26, 2026 (*pages 42- 46*)
 - Grievance Committee Minutes – March 26 and April 14, 2026 (*pages 47-54*)
 - Education and Outreach Committee Minutes – April 1 and April 27, 2026 (*pages 55-61*)
- Budget Summary Report (*pages 62-64*)
- Licensure Status Report (*page 65*)
- Applications Committee Reports:
 - New Applicants (*pages 66-67*)
 - New Graduate Licensure Program Candidates (*pages 68-69*)
 - New Facility Registration Applications (*pages 70-71*)
 - New CE Requests (*page 72*)
- Equine Sales Reports

- Keeneland – Select Horses of Racing Age (*page 73*)
- Approval of Board Per Diem and Mileage
- Approval of food costs for meeting: Board Members, contractors, staff, public meeting attendees, including licensees

Chair Dr. Park asked for any items to be pulled for discussion or correction from the consent agenda. Hearing none, Dr. Park pulled the May 14 meeting agenda to make changes to order, including moving the following agenda items up before the day's guest speakers:

- Budget Discussions
- Scheduling Discussion
- HB 387 Action Items Discussion

Chair Dr. Park also noted a few typos were corrected in the minutes between the Board's preliminary packet and final packet. With these changes, the corrected minutes and updated May 14 meeting agenda were reincorporated into consent agenda.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Gardner to approve the consent agenda with changes to the agenda as discussed and the corrected meeting minutes. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

Budget

The budget expenditures and revenue approved are summarized for F.Y. 2026, July 1, 2025, through May 7, 2026, as follows:

- F.Y. 2026 to date
 - Receipts = \$108,380
 - Expenditures = \$545,529
 - Current Balance = \$634,969

Date of Database Report:	05/07/2026	Number credentials on Date of Report		
License Type	This Report	Last Report	1-yr Lookback	
	05/14/2026	03/26/2026	05/22/2025	
Veterinarian Licenses				
Active Veterinarians		2,787	2,754	2,607
Inactive Veterinarians		81	81	82
Special Permits		3	2	8
Pending Applications – missing documents		47	27	5
Pending Applications – pending exam results		2	2	12
Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)				
Active LVTs		681	660	623
Inactive LVTs		43	43	36
Pending Applications – missing documents		13	20	0

Veterinary Facility Registrations			
Active Veterinary Facilities (approved, pending issuance)	234	214	pending
Pending Applications – missing documents / review pending*	427	469	153
Allied Animal Health Professional (AAHP) Licenses			
Active AAHP - Animal Chiropractic Providers (ACPs)	0	0	pending
Active AAHP – Equine Dental Providers (EDPs)	0	0	-
Pending Applications – ACPs – missing documents	5	4	1
Pending Applications – EDPs – missing documents	11	8	-
AAHP Facility Registrations			
Active AAHP Facilities (approved, pending issuance)	0	0	0
Pending Applications – missing documents / review pending	12	8	0
Animal Euthanasia Specialist (AES) Certificates			
Active AESs	163	165	156
Inactive AESs	137	136	116
Pending Applications – missing documents	9	9	1
Animal Control Agency (ACA) Certificates			
Active ACAs	45	47	43
Pending Applications – missing documents	1	1	1

* Numbers adjusted with more accurate data entry, less duplicates and mis-filed applications.

Applications Committee Reports

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

The Board approved the following applications:

- 16 Veterinarians
- 20 New Graduate Licensure Program Veterinarians
- 1 Special Permittees
- 17 Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)
- 0 Allied Animal Health Professional-Animal Chiropractic Providers (AAHP-ACPs)
- 0 Allied Animal Health Professional-Equine Dental Providers (AAHP-EDPs)
- 26 Registered Veterinary Facilities
- 0 Registered AAHP Facilities
- 5 animal euthanasia specialists (AESs)
- 1 animal control agencies (ACAs)

- CE requests for:
 - 4 CE hours for Veterinarians
 - 2 CE hours for LVTs
 - 0 CE hours for AAHP-ACPs
 - 0 CE hours for AAHP-EDPs

Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification				
Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Monita A.	Berry	Veterinarian	New
2	Stephanie L.	Bonnette	Veterinarian	Endorsement
3	Autumn L.	Brehm-Goldberg	Veterinarian	Endorsement
4	Josie M.	Carr	Veterinarian	Endorsement
5	Rachel L.	Christian	Veterinarian	New
6	Jamie L.	Clark	Veterinarian	Endorsement
7	Sudarshini G.	Coimbatore	Veterinarian	Endorsement
8	Emma	Davis	Veterinarian	Special Permit
9	Gary F.	Fouts	Veterinarian	Endorsement
10	Elizabeth G.	Hargis	Veterinarian	Endorsement
11	Heather K.	Harrison	Veterinarian	Endorsement
12	Margaret S.	Klein	Veterinarian	Foreign Grad.
13	Charleston F.	Marger	Veterinarian	Endorsement
14	Courtney R.	McKinney	Veterinarian	New
15	Saira M.	Morales	Veterinarian	New
16	Takumu	Niino	Veterinarian	Endorsement
17	Zandrea A.	Tefera	Veterinarian	Endorsement
18	Louisa A.	Bosler	Veterinary Technician	New
19	Sammi J.	Brewington	Veterinary Technician	New
20	Ashlyn N.	Carter	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
21	Delicia D.	Crosby	Veterinary Technician	New
22	Maddie N.	Dahlberg	Veterinary Technician	New
23	Emily M.	Dominguez	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
24	Marlon A.	Garcia Ramirez	Veterinary Technician	New
25	Madilynn T.	Hamilton	Veterinary Technician	New
26	Alexandria J.	Hernandez	Veterinary Technician	New
27	Chloe A.	Jackson	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
28	Yarelis D.	Lallave Velez	Veterinary Technician	New
29	Ashley B.	Mendoza	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
30	Caitlin M.	Moorman	Veterinary Technician	New
31	Kaitlin A.	Parker	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
32	Kristina M.	Pudlo	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement

Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
33	Aamee	Tatom	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
34	Alexis D.	Underwood	Veterinary Technician	New
35	Abbie L.	Barnes	Euthanasia Specialist	New
36	Courtney B.	Bradley	Euthanasia Specialist	New
37	Amy M.	Calton	Euthanasia Specialist	New
38	Jason T.	Routt	Euthanasia Specialist	New
39	Casey N.	Woods	Euthanasia Specialist	New

Table 2: Approved Applicants for New Graduate Licensure Program

Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	CVM
1	Lexie M.	Craig	Veterinarian	Auburn University
2	Emily A.	Fischels	Veterinarian	Auburn University
3	Kelsey R.	Helle	Veterinarian	Auburn University
4	Myah A.	Meredith	Veterinarian	Auburn University
5	William C.	Newton	Veterinarian	Auburn University
6	Hannah N.	Wagner	Veterinarian	Auburn University
7	Sydney K.	Schroeder	Veterinarian	Kansas State University
8	Daniel J.	Pisciotti	Veterinarian	Lincoln Memorial University
9	Brooklyn P.	Trent-Keck	Veterinarian	Lincoln Memorial University
10	Landon M.	Snapp	Veterinarian	Mississippi State University
11	Samuel T.	Kruppenbacher	Veterinarian	Oklahoma State University
12	Noah W.	Saltsman	Veterinarian	Purdue University
13	Cailey A.	Miller	Veterinarian	Texas A&M University
14	Brooke H.	Prichard	Veterinarian	Texas Tech
15	Monica L.	Shotwell	Veterinarian	The University of Illinois
16	Kimberly N.	Sprungl	Veterinarian	University of Missouri
17	Abigail C.	Hamilton	Veterinarian	University of Pennsylvania
18	Madison R.	Lofgren	Veterinarian	University of Pennsylvania
19	Garry E.	Henderson	Veterinarian	University of Wisconsin
20	Baker K.	White	Veterinarian	Virginia-Maryland CVM

Table 3: Approved Applicants for Facility Registrations & ACAs

Row #	Facility D.B.A.	Registered Facility Type	App. Type
1	All About Animals Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
2	All Creatures Veterinary Clinic, PLLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
3	Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
4	Animal Hospital of Nicholasville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New

5	Barren River Animal Welfare Association	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
6	By Pass Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
7	Country Hills Veterinary Hospital	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
8	East Kentucky Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
9	Fayette Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
10	Gainesway Small Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
11	L. Michelle Arnold, DVM	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
12	Lap of Love - Dr. Cameron Steffen	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
13	Lap of Love - Dr. Lionell Smith	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
14	Lyndon Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
15	Midway Small Animal Clinic, PLLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
16	Noble View Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
17	Omni Equine, PSC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
18	PetVet365 Richmond Rd	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
19	Russell County Animal Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
20	Silver Creek Animal Hospital PLLC	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
21	Stanton Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
22	Veterinary Clinic Inc	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
23	Veterinary Medical Center of Independence, Inc	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
24	West Liberty Veterinary Clinic	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
25	West Liberty Veterinary Clinic Jackson	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
26	West Liberty Veterinary Clinic Salyersville	Registered Facility - Veterinary	New
27	Logan County Animal Care and Control	Animal Control Agency	New

Table 4: Approved CE Requests

Course Title	Sponsor / Provider	CE Hours Requested			Date of Program(s)
		Vet	Vet Techs	AAHPs	
Exotic Animal Anesthesia and Analgesia	Cincinnati VMA (CVMA)	2	-	-	5/26/2026
The Mysterious FIP	Greater Louisville VMA (GLVMA)	2	2	-	5/6/2026
TOTAL HOURS APPROVED		4	2	0	

BUSINESS AGENDA**BUDGET AND CONTRACT MATTERS**

- **Conferences, Exhibits, and Sponsorships** (*action items*)
 - **AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference** – September 23-26, 2026 – Providence, RI

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to designate Dir. Shane as the Kentucky Delegate to AAVSB, and Dr. Dawes as the Alternate Delegate. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Gardner to approve the costs not covered by the AAVSB travel polices for the Kentucky Delegate (Dir. Shane), Alternate Delegate (Dr. Dawes), RPC Committee Member (Dr. Dawes), and Legal Counsel (Mr. Iaccarino) to travel to the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference September 22-27, 2026, in Providence, RI, including meals not covered by AAVSB, Board Member per diems, and legal counsel hourly rate for conference hours attended. The motion, seconded by Dr. Prater, carried unanimously.
 - **KVMA Mid-America Conference** – September 25-27, 2026 – Lexington, KY

KVMA is bringing in a special guest speaker for four (4) hours; this speaker will take over the spot previously allotted to KBVE for speaking. The Board still seeks to maintain an exhibitor's booth at the KVMA Mid-America Conference to engage with licensees, particularly during the veterinarian licensee renewal year.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Velasco to approve the costs for a non-profit exhibit table, meals, and travel for Ms. Briggs and Ms. Crowder for the KVMA Mid-America Conference September 25-27, 202, in Lexington, KY, not to exceed \$800. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.
 - **KACCA Annual Conference** – September, Dates TBD – Louisville, KY

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to approve the costs for a non-profit exhibit table and travel costs for Ms. Crowder and KBVE Investigators Dr. Williams and Dr. St. Clair for the KACCA Conference in September 2026, in Louisville, KY, not to exceed \$650 in addition to contracted hourly rates for Investigators and mileage reimbursements for staff and contractors attending the meeting. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

- **Other Budget Requests** (*action items*)

- **OAG MOA for Hearing Officer and Mediation Services** (*separate file*)

Kentucky Office of the Attorney General (OAG) services are required to carry on administrative hearings and other board actions that were unable to be settled without additional legal intervention

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to approve the MOA as presented for Hearing Officer and Mediation Services from the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General for the F.Y.2027-F.Y. 2028 biennium at \$125 / hour. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, carried unanimously.

- **PPC MOA for Administrative Services**

Dir. Shane noted that after further review with PPC Deputy Executive Director -UG in the Office of the Secretary, a renewal of the MOA for administrative services with PPC may not be necessary. She is meeting with a PPC Assistant Director over HR tomorrow to learn more. Members of the Board discussed that if this contract is unnecessary, this will save the Board money during the next fiscal biennium. They supported not renewing the MOA with PPC for Administrative Services.

- **Dues – Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB)** (*page 74*)

The Board budgeted to pay these dues. Dir. Shane attends regulatory roundtables, and membership affords access to FARB library of model documents like application forms, regulations, etc.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to approve the annual dues for FARB in the amount of \$250. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

- **Dues – Kentucky Livestock Coalition (KLC)** (*new*)

The Board budgeted to pay these dues. Members of the Board discussed the value in relationships with agricultural producers. Dr. Velasco and Ms. Hamelback spoke highly of the group and their involvement with and support of veterinarian issues. Staying involved is a way for the Board to maintain connections with producer groups and other members of the public agricultural community.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Gardner to approve the annual dues for the Kentucky Livestock Coalition in the amount of \$1,500. The motion, seconded by Mr. Dorman, carried unanimously.

- **E&O Meetings – Venues and food costs for CE meetings**

These education and outreach meetings are to provide free CE to licensees, and to assist in meeting the new CE requirements established in 201 KAR 16:590. The plan is to partner with DEA and KVMA on outreach.

Chair Dr. Park asked if KVMA would be contributing any dollars or seeking sponsors to support this coordinated effort. Ms. Hamelback indicated the KVMA Board meets on May 20 and she anticipated they would approve supporting funds.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Velasco to approve the estimated costs to host 10 regional education and outreach meetings for licensees in 2026 to provide free CE on new regulations and other laws, at a cost for meeting spaces and meals not to exceed \$7,500, and travel costs for staff and Board Members not to exceed \$3,000. Staff should also seek support from DEA, KVMA, and other sponsors to assist with costs as appropriate for these meetings. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, carried unanimously.

- **RFPs** (*action item*) (*separate file*)

- **Wellness / Intervention Services**

This RFP is required to support the statutory Wellness Committee established in [KRS 321.237](#). Members of the Board discussed the bidders and Ranking Committee recommendation.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Quammen to approve the award of the Wellness / Intervention Services contract to KYPRN, the highest scoring bidder on RFP 310 2600000375, for the duration of F.Y.2027 -F.Y.2028 biennium with two possible two-year renewals. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION – PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGE

Chair Dr. Park discussed the need to cancel the July 23 Board Meeting. Staff are working with new programming and the Board needs to support their work to issue all facility registrations. To date, staff has been keeping the regular Board schedule despite new programming with 200% more annual applications, a suite of more than 20 new regulations and their filings with LRC, a renewal year for veterinarians in 2026, and the upcoming Board Retreat in about two weeks.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to cancel the July 23 Board meeting to allow more time for staff to complete reviews and issue facility registrations, and to prepare sunset regulations and other regulations approved at the retreat for filing with LRC. The motion, seconded by Dr. Velasco, carried unanimously.

Discussion – HB 387 action items

- [HB 387](#) (*copy of bill available in a separate file*) – Related to Membership of the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC), this bill adds two (2) veterinarian seats (one livestock per [KRS 257.010\(11\)](#), one equine) to the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC), while at the same time prohibiting any agency except KBVE to require veterinarians to report

controlled substances. The bill **passed the House 91-1 as an EMERGENCY**; passed the Senate 38-0; **vetoed by the Governor on 4/13/2026; General Assembly overrode the veto (House 83-16, Senate 32-6)**. (Acts Ch. 170 – effective immediately).

KBVE ACTION ITEMS:

KBVE must now select one (1) equine veterinarian and one (1) livestock veterinarian for appointment to the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC). OIG sent a letter to KBVE on May 1 requesting appointments by May 15. The Council next meets on Monday, July 20, 2026, from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm.

[KRS 257.010\(11\)](#) – "Livestock" means:

- (a) Cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, llamas, buffaloes, or any other animals of the bovine, ovine, porcine, caprine, equine, or camelid species; and
- (b) Deer, elk, and any other animal of the cervid species whose regulatory requirements are under KRS Chapters 150 and 246, and are privately owned and raised in a confined area for breeding stock, food, fiber, and other products;

Members of the Board discussed the appointment process for the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC) and determined they needed more time to select appropriate candidates for these positions. They directed that the draft letter (*pages 126-129*) be finalized and sent back to OIG detailing that more time was needed and that appropriate candidates would be forwarded to OIG following the KBVE board retreat.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Chair Dr. Park introduced guest speakers from the University of Kentucky, speaking about UK Cooperative Extension producer outreach programs.

- Jessie Lay, DVM - Extension Animal Health Veterinarian - jess.lay@uky.edu
- Craig Wood - Assistant Director of Extension for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Horticulture - craig.wood@uky.edu

Presentation Notes:

- Dr. Lay is an Auburn graduate, and did private practice for about 10 years.
- She is a farmer and now works in education.
- One Health Initiative through Bill Gatton Foundation.
 - Teaching, Research, Extension.
 - Brings together specialists from different areas, including agriculture, animal science, public health, pharmacology, entomology, food safety and processing, etc.
 - Goal is to build bridges to connect different researchers and branches of research.
 - Outside the university, work goes on with multi-agency partnerships, including CHFS-KDPH, OSV, KDA, KDFWR, USDA, UK, etc.
 - Extension Agents.
 - Someone in all 120 counties.

- Local people teaching local people and communities.
 - Program offerings and publications are cross discipline in nature.
 - Dr. Lay asks the Board to partner in the area of education.
- Animal Health:
 - Morrill Act of 1862 – Establishment of centralized state universities.
 - Smith-Lever Act of 1914 – Developed Cooperative Extension at Land Grant Universities.
 - 1957 – UK and KSU came together as the Cooperative Extension System.
- UK Cooperative Extension – Public service, education, resources.
 - 4H / Youth Development.
 - Agriculture and Natural Resources.
 - Family Consumer Science.
- Ag and Natural Resources:
 - Agents trained in a variety of topics and able to consult with specialists.
 - Offer workshops, field days, farm visits, and publications.
 - Dr. Lay states these agents do not diagnose or practice as veterinarians.
- Livestock management focuses on animal husbandry:
 - Nutrition and grazing strategies.
 - Pest management.
 - Animal handling.
 - Reproduction.
 - Risk management and disaster preparedness.
 - Small ruminant hoof trimming.
 - Parasite management / prevention.
- Dr. Lay works with agents at train-the-trainer events:
 - Training agents to work with local veterinarians
 - Aim is to get a consistent relationship and build partnerships between producers and veterinarians
- How can we work together?
 - Teaching the influx of new homesteaders.
 - Pulling a calf workshop vs. workshops explaining Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs).
 - Local issues – grass tetany.
 - Pink-eye prevention – better management of flies and weed management.
- Mr. Wood emphasized that the agents are educators – They provide information based off what they learn and when they check with specialists at the college.
 - The agents are good at building relationships within their counties, including legislators; they should not be treating or diagnosing – UK is encouraging them to work with the local veterinarians.
 - He envisions a relationship where veterinarians who are seeing similar issues in the field might reach out to UK Extension agents to ask them to craft a program on better management in an area to address the issues veterinarians are seeing in the field.
 - Mr. Wood meets with all the agents the second Wed of every month and would be happy to share information from the Board to them, or have someone from the Board present.

As the presentation ended, a family of foxes with young kits was noted to be outside the meeting room window.

Chair Dr. Park thanked Dr. Lay and Mr. Wood for their presentation and opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion Notes:

- Who is contacting the UK Extension? Are these established farmers or new farmers?
- Social media seems to be doing a lot of education now:
 - Producers seem to turn online before they reach out to a veterinarian or UK Extension.
 - Right now there is something on social media saying to deworm sheep with oral lye – which is terribly wrong.
 - Feed stores often refer producers to their county agents for help.
- KVMA goes into extension offices for regional meetings, and has been working more closely with Cattleman's. They would like to work with UK Extension more – invited UK Extension to provide a write up that KVMA can include in their newsletters.
- Members of the Board pushed that it is unclear if the Extension Agents all know where the line is regarding what they can and cannot do.
 - UK invited KBVE to come speak to the agents to help make that line bright – where advice ends and the practice of veterinary medicine begins.
- Dr. Lay talked about parasites in small ruminates and the training Extension offers to producers. At one point, producers were just deworming every three months regardless if the treatment was needed or not, and now we're dealing with parasite resistance. There are no new treatments lined up for release to the market.
- Parasite management education to producers includes all of the preventative strategies, because you can't just do one thing for healthy herds:
 - Proper nutrition,
 - Breeding for parasite resistance,
 - Not overcrowding,
 - Rotational grazing,
 - Proper minerals, etc.
- Dr. Lay shows sheep and goat producers how to do fecal floatation and fecal egg counts to determine an Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) in an attempt to produce better genetics. She makes two things very clear:
 - Producers should only do this on their own animals; and
 - Producers need to consult with their veterinarian for proper medications.
- Dr. Lay also teaches looking at the eyelids to identify *Haemonchus*.
- Dr. Park provided the perspective that people often take the path of least resistance – if they believe they can ID something, they are more likely to self-medicate their own animals without consulting their veterinarians for the appropriate medicine. While the intent is good, the public is more than likely in a majority selecting their treatments without consulting a veterinarian because they feel empowered by the training, regardless of how many cautions Dr. Lay reminds them of.

- Dr. Prater relayed his experience with training non-veterinarians and non-LVTs: in his experience, there were intense difficulties in telling the difference between pollen and specific parasites such as coccidia even after 16 weeks of training.
- How many sessions are provided to producers on parasite identification? One?
- Diagnosis is the purview of veterinarians by statute, unless they practice on their own animals. However, Extension is teaching producers to make a diagnosis on their own animals. Dr. Prater asks, what if they make a mistake based on their own diagnosis? What if they overtreat, or if they don't medicate appropriately? Who is liable when they get it wrong?
- UK teaches the producers for just one (1) day. Dr. Lay reiterated that they train Extension agents to tell producers to diagnose and treat in partnership with their veterinarian.
- Their training focus is regarding genetics: identifying those animals with heavy loads so they can be culled from the breeding herd. 20% of the animals hold 80% of the parasites, and need to be identified.
- New producers are not interested in doing the parasite identification; when they see what all is involved, they don't want to do it.
- The experienced producers are the ones who are most interested and practice more.
- UK Diagnostics Lab just two (2) months ago started offering fecal count and coccidia count services.
- Dr. Prater underscored that through this service, UK now provides an accessible conduit to expertise. Instead of teaching producers to identify parasites, which is very difficult, why not teach them to rely on trained experts by appropriately packaging samples and taking them to the lab where a qualified and fully trained lab technician can run the sample and provide an accurate diagnosis?
- Dr. Lay responded that cost and efficiency are the primary factors.
- Dr. Dawes agreed that husbandry practice should be the focus, rather than any parasite identification by laypersons. Misidentification of parasites may be ultimately more problematic to recognition, control, and overall herd health.
- Dr. Lay returned to *Haemonchus* infection and identification of anemia. The Board agreed that teaching identification of anemia is very straight forward.
- The Board asked if other areas of Extension teach bovine and equine fecal eggs counts regarding effectiveness of treatment.
- Mr. Wood clarified Dr. Lay does not teach equine parasite identification, because her focus is on small ruminants. However, some UK staff who focus on other species may teach parasite identification in their area of specialty.
- Dr. Park suggested there is a prime opportunity to connect producers and veterinarians by ensuring the lab results are forwarded to the veterinarian so that the results are accurately read and an appropriate treatment is selected.
- KBVE and KVMA have multiple reports of Extension Agents who cross the line into the practice of veterinary medicine, or actively discourage the use of veterinarians. Likewise, reports of neighbors reading fecal counts or doing ultrasounds for neighbors or others in their community. In some ways, the UK Extension is providing information that encourages the practice of veterinary medicine by laypersons, despite the repeated warnings to only practice on their own animals.
- Mr. Wood noted that now is an opportunity for the Board to help with agent education to set the appropriate guardrails and establish a clear line between practice and husbandry. He

noted they have two years left on a five-year grant program for beginning farmers. They annually accept a new cohort of 30 producers. This past year they had 80 applicants.

- The Board will accept reports from licensees regarding problematic reports of practice by Agents and will forward those to UK. Mr. Wood agreed that UK would address any reports, and refine the Agent training.
- Dr. Gardner spoke about the paradigm of County Extension Agents promoting that they need to get all their services within the county. There are business models where clients will call a veterinarian into the county for services on multiple farms arranged on the same day so the trip of 100 miles or more is worthwhile for the mobile veterinarian. He encouraged that Agents can teach producers to coordinate the services of a veterinarian.
- Ms. Hamelback spoke about the Veterinary Shortage Working Group (VSWG) Meetings from 2023, relaying a statement Dean Cox made in one of the meetings, “Yes, Extension has probably gone too far” in teaching producers to do more than they should. Ms. Hamelback shared her experience coordinating with Cattlemen’s and the improvement they’ve seen with coordination between veterinarians and their producers. This model makes everyone feel involved and allows everyone to have a reasonable voice; complaints about access to services have gone down.
- More solutions connecting producers and veterinarians are outlined in the VSWG report, which is available on the KBVE website at https://kbve.ky.gov/Documents/Kentucky_VSWG-Final-Report_2023-12-20.pdf.

Dr. Park thanked the guest speakers again, and stated that the Board and KVMA look forward to working with UK Extension on trainings moving forward.

The Board took respite between 2:41 - 2:52 pm.

Dr. Park exited the meeting during the break and Vice Chair Dr. Quammen took over leading the meeting.

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES

- **AAVSB Updates**
 - **Report – Recent meetings**
 - BOD meeting – April 13 & May 13 meeting notes (*pages 75-81*)

The Board directed that this discussion be laid on the desk until a future Board meeting prior to the AAVSB Annual Meeting.

- **Committee Reports**
 - Dr. Dianne Dawes – AAVSB Regulatory Policy Committee – met at the spring AAVSB meeting. The RPC finished up on the scope of practice for vet techs model regulation, and finished model regulations for AI, and PAM Article I.

- Dir. Shane – Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines Working Group. Due to the time commitment required for this group being in conflict with needs for the KBVE and existing backlogs, Dir. Shane withdrew from participation in the group.
- **Announcements and Requests**
 - April Newsletter (*pages 82-89*)
 - Call for Nominations (*action item*)
Vice Chair Dr. Quammen asked if anyone was interested in serving on the AAVSB BOD or on the Nominating Committee, however, there were no interested parties.
 - 2026 Conference – Delegate and Alternate Delegate Selection (*action item*)
Vice Chair Dr. Quammen noted this item was voted on with the vote on expenditures related to this event.
 - VTNE Language Survey (*pages 90-91*) (*action item*)
Dir. Shane conveyed that she spoke to Dr. Staton & AVTE who support offering the VTNE in Spanish. She requested that Board Members go online and complete the language survey.
 - RACE Program Update (*pages 92-94*)
Jurisdictional boards have been asking for action in this area for more than five years. Enforcement of the AAVSB RACE program is needed for jurisdictional boards to maintain their confidence in the integrity of the program and to assist with course verification during CE audits. AAVSB action in this area is welcome.
 - Proposed Resolutions and Bylaws Amendments, if available
At the time of this topic, the AAVSB Bylaws Amendments had not yet been distributed for Board discussion, so these will be reviewed at Board's September meeting. Dir. Shane noted that the Board determined not to submit any proposed resolutions this year, and that no other jurisdictions had either. However, at the AAVSB BOD meeting yesterday, the Directors indicated they may put forth a proposed resolution to support VPA credentialing and exam.
 - Call for Model Document Feedback – Veterinary Facilities (*pages 95-97*)
 - RPC Responses to KBVE Comments on Model Regs (*separate file*)
Dir. Shane will bring back proposed comments from KBVE at the Board's September meeting for full Board review. Board Members with comments should forward those for consolidation.

- **KVMA / AVMA Updates**

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

Ms. Hamelback provided a report to the Board.

- Amazing Mid-America Conference Offerings, including:
 - Equine labs at Rood and Riddle,
 - Scoping lab,
 - Injection lab for canines,
 - Dental wetlab with Dr. Stein from Ohio,
 - And more!
- KVMA to partner with OSV and KBVE to redo shortages map.
- UGA had applications from 50 Kentucky applicants this year for three (3) contract seat spaces.
- KVMA Board will meet at AAEP next week.
 - Dean Hoffman from Murray State to attend.
 - Zoom link will be sent for distribution to the Board.
- KVMA Spring Newsletter (60 pages) will be issued tomorrow.
- Legislative Update regarding the Contract Spaces –
 - The contract seat spaces have been shifted into a service requirement beginning in Fall 2027. They will be allowed to do internships / residencies, but they must return to Kentucky at some point or be forced to repay a small interest loan.
 - This service requirement was added to Kentucky's optometrists and ophthalmologists contract seats.
 - Idaho passed a similar payback law this year.
 - The assumption is that as soon as Murray State opens their doors, the contract seats negotiated through SREB will be finished.
 - KHEAA will take over negotiations to secure contract seats, and Auburn seems committed. However, the General Assembly may pull funding for the seats at any time.
 - The current understanding is that Murray State is looking to host a class of 100, with approx. 50 out of state.
 - In comparison, Auburn had 160 applicants from Kentucky this year, 140 qualified academically, then had to complete a qualifying interview.
 - There are zero states that have continued to maintain contract seat spaces at a CVM when they open a veterinarian college in the state.

- **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)**

Dr. Quammen and Ms. Hamelback provided a report to the Board.

- AVMA Convention in July in Anaheim. Keynote speaker is from Disney, and podcast just released today.
- AVMA next meeting in June and then the Convention.
- New Vice President to be elected this year.
- Dr. Bob Knapp from Columbus running for President (uncontested)
- Dr. Elizabeth Boggier from New Jersey is running as VP (uncontested)

- There are always positions open – More licensees should consider volunteering in leadership positions with the national organization.
- COE timelines for new school approval is published on their website. Murray State's first consulting visit is slated for fall 2027. Clemson and LMU Orange Park are bringing in their first class this year.

- **KBVE**

- **AAHP Advisory Committee**

- The May 13 meeting was cancelled. Dir. Shane relayed that the materials for this meeting were not yet ready and the meeting would be rescheduled this summer.

- **Euthanasia-by-Injection (EBI) 16-hour Course Offerings** (*pages 98*)

- May 28-29 – Lexington – full class
 - July 14-15 – Lexington

- EBI Courses offerings are available with registration information on the KBVE website at <https://kbve.ky.gov/forms-verification/Pages/default.aspx> under the heading "Animal Euthanasia Specialist (AES) Applications".

- **Board Executive Director Review Procedures**

- This topic was laid on the desk until the Board retreat.

- **OSV**

State Veterinarian Dr. Velasco provided a report to the Board.

- Good news: no more HPAI in flocks since earlier this year. Last quarantine facility released last week.
 - Dairy cattle with HPAI no longer required additional testing for lactating cows for interstate transport, except for four provisional states.
 - FMDA / CFS response planning ongoing.
 - New World Screwworm – two meetings already this year.
 - Natural infections (not related to transport) detected about 80 miles south of Texas border.
 - Dispersal has been shifted from Mexico to Texas border – The one dispersal facility that is open is only producing 100 million sterile flies per week.
 - Mexico is retrofitting a fruit fly facility for sterile NWS production, to open this summer, full production by fall, providing 80-100 million flies per week.
 - The U.S. broke ground on a new Texas facility very recently, however, it will not be operational for something like 30 months, even though it will produce 300 million flies.
 - More production will be required to achieve the sterile fly density needed to fight back the fly.
 - In the 1950's-60's, the U.S. and Mexico were producing something close to 900 million flies per week to fight it back.
 - Today, climate change is having an exacerbating impact on natural fly populations.
 - Expect that the NWS will be in Kentucky in two (2) years or less.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **DSCSA / NOSA**

- AAVSB response letter (*pages 99-101*)
- Wholesaler appeals information (*page 102*) –

Members of the Board directed that the appeals information should be posted on the Board's website if legally appropriate, and also forwarded to KVMA to share with their Membership. Another place to publish would be the KBVE newsletter.

- **Questions pending from the Board's Office** (*action items*)

- Sedating animals for transport (*pages 103-104*)

Members of the Board discussed this. EMS professionals are not trained in species or drug dosages in species even though they may have access to drugs. The Board has consistently interpreted KRS 3210.200(1)(a) to mean that EMS may stabilize an animal for transport to a veterinarian, but may not practice veterinary medicine beyond stabilization. EMS professionals are not permitted to sedate or provide pain medicines. Members of the Board discussed that there would be more unintentional deaths from the wrong application of sedation or pain medicine. They further noted that some animals systems are too sensitive when under trauma. Oxygen does provide a sedative effect. Anyone may obtain a pet oxygen mask from Amazon or other online vendor.

- **Other Items for Discussion**

- ICVA In Focus Newsletter – March 2026 (*pages 105-108*)
- AVMA COE Report of Accreditation Actions – Spring 2026 (*pages 109-113*)

The Board reviewed these items, but there was no discussion.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (*pages 114-115*)

Committee Chair Dr. Kennedy provided the Applications Committee Report to the Board.

- **New Applications received** March 14 – May 1

- 43 Veterinarian
- 0 Special Permits
- 22 LVT
- 2 Veterinary Facilities
- 1 AAHP-ACP
- 3 AAHP-EDP
- 2 AAHP Facilities
- 9 AES
- 1 ACA

- **Registered Facility Applications update**

Status Update as of 5/08/2026*

- ~693 = Veterinary Facility Applications received
- ~278 = Initial application reviews completed
- 234 = Applications approved by Committee
- 661 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
- Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress

* Numbers vary from previous reports due to incorrect or duplicate facility application types received. (The number above includes approved applications, applications listed the “2026 pending applications spreadsheet”, and the new applications received this week.)

Dr. Kennedy commended staff for the monumental task of processing the 200% increase in volume of applications.

- **2026 Renewal for Veterinarians**

“In June 2023, title protections were established for licensed veterinary technicians (LVTs) in KRS 321.190(2)(b) and KRS 321.441(2). Given these new laws, is it acceptable to use the titles “technician” or “tech” for a veterinary assistant (KRS 321.443) in Kentucky?”

A MOTION was made by Dr. Dawes to ratify the 2026 variable question on the veterinarian renewal application as presented by the Applications Committee. The motion, seconded by Dr. Prater, carried unanimously.

Members of the Board discussed the need for more LVTs in Kentucky. Staff shared statistics about the number of LVTs going up, slow and steady.

Ms. Hamelback shared that KVMA has reached out to KCTCS asking for more community colleges to offer these associate programs in Kentucky. The Association’s summer newsletter is going to have a lot more about LVTs. The bottom line is that veterinarians need to pay LVTs a livable wage commensurate with their education – their training and experience are worth it.

- **Waiver Requests** (*action items*)

- **Medical Waiver**

A MOTION was made by Dr. Prater to approve the medical waiver for CE method of delivery for a veterinarian, pursuant to 201 KAR 16:590, Section 7. The motion, seconded by Dr. Dawes, carried unanimously.

- **Facility Fee Waiver/Reduction Request**

Dr. Gardner indicated he understood that there may still be some veterinarians who work in the field and don’t know about the facility requirements. However, following discussion, Members of the Board denied the request from the applicant for a reduced fee. The full Board noted the following:

- The Board has been conducting outreach about required facility registrations since 2022 with the modernization of the Practice Act.
- The Board developed and disseminated white papers which included the facility registration requirement.
- A paper mailer was sent about the updates to the Practice Act and regional stakeholder meetings in 2022.
- Further, in 2022, the Board asked for feedback on the Practice Act changes in the veterinarian license renewal form.
- A press release about the changes went out in March 2023.
- Multiple, regional in-person meetings were held with licensees in the evening hours in 2022 and 2024.
- Board staff also presented at multiple KVMA conferences, including in 2022 when KBVE was the Keynote speaker.
- Announcements were made repeatedly by email and in the KBVE newsletters.
- An extension on the registration deadline was already provided in 2025 to all licensees: from June 30, 2025, to September 30, 2025.

- **Waiver of Background Checks for Veterinarian Managers**

Members of the Board directed staff to modify the form “Request for a New Veterinarian Manager” to clarify that the background check requirement is not required for those who have had a background check during the licensure process. ([201 KAR 16:762, Section 7\(4\)](#)).

- **Murray State Breathitt Lab Request** (*action item*)

Dr. Narayan, Director of the Breathitt Veterinary Center, has requested a letter from KBVE clarifying statutory citations that provide a waiver of licensure for research work at Breathitt Lab. ([KRS 321.200\(1\)\(h\)](#))

Members of the Board directed that a response letter be issued to Murray State regarding the Committee’s review of the position description that was provided.

- **Foreign Equivalency Program letters** (*pages 116-117*) (*action item*)

The Board approved issuance of the letter to the ECFVG program regarding an inquiry into testing delays.

- **ICVA Updates**

Members of the Board discussed the pass rates, and how much they decrease with additional test taking attempts.

Members discussed why the NAVLE and the VTNE are good criteria for licensure. National exams such as these are needed to have a standard assessment for all licensees. Without these exams, there is no way to compare the skills and abilities of applicants to a baseline standard to ensure competency and protect the public.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS, if pulled from consent agenda

No reports were pulled for discussion.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT (*page 118*)

Mr. Dorman provided the Wellness Committee Report. He confirmed with the Grievance Committee that the Board is taking appropriate action where necessary.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dr. Quammen provided a report to the Board.

- **KBVE Newsletter Report** (*pages 119-125*)

A copy of the most recent newsletter was provided in the Board packet.

- Due to changes with Constant Contact billing, no April newsletter
- Constant Contact – KBVE May 2026 Newsletter – issued May 12, 2026
 - Sent to 5,602 individual emails
 - Open rate – 57%, as of 5/13, 4:25 pm

- **KBVE Newsletter Survey**

The current survey is related to wholesale drug orders and order rejections. As the survey was just issued this week, there was a low response rate to date.

- **Regional Outreach Meetings**

KBVE to begin regional education and outreach meetings with KVMA and DEA. The current dates are listed below, and Vice Chair Dr. Quammen asked for Board Member volunteers to ensure at least one Board Member would be present at each meeting. Additional meetings for the other regional VMAs are still being scheduled.

- Sat, June 6, 8-10 am – Buffalo Trace VMA @ Morehead Clinic Days, Morehead Research Farm, 25 MSU Farm Dr., Morehead, Ky. 40351 – Dr. Staton
- Thu, June 11, 6-8 pm EDT – South East VMA @ Location TBD in London – Dr. Dawes (tentative)
- Tue, June 16, 6-8 pm EDT – Northern Kentucky VMA @ Location TBD – Dr. Quammen
- Thu, July 16, 6-8 pm CDT – South Central VMA @ Location TBD in Bowling Green (SCVMA) – Dr. Dawes & Dr. Gardner
- Tue, Aug 18, 6-8 pm EDT – Greater Louisville VMA @ Location TBD in Louisville – Dr. Velasco

- **AAHP Outreach Meeting Results**

- First outreach meeting held on 3/31/2026 at KBVE Offices
- 12 attendees – plus two staff and AAHP Advisory Committee Member Dr. Tanner
- Five of the attendees had already applied

- One new application for licensure received at the meeting, no other new AAHP applications have been received to date.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS UPDATE

- **Kentucky Board of Pharmacy (KBOP)**
 - KBVE Investigators partnering with KBOP inspectors on multiple cases.
- **Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (KBLMT)**
 - Meeting with Vice Chair Ms. Fraizer next week on an update.
- **Kentucky Livestock Coalition (KLC)**
Typical schedule:
 - During the National Farm Machinery Show in February
 - During the Kentucky State Fair in August
 - And during the Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in December.
- **PILLS**
 - Next meeting June 9 – Dir. Shane to attend with Investigator St. Clair due to recent DEA outreach on multiple cases.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes provided a hard copy of Committee Report, as in the table below.

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	• 2025-31 (A) • 2025-41 • 2025-49 • 2025-67 (A)-(B)	• 2025-69 • 2025-70 • 2025-80	• 2025-81 • 2025-82 • 2025-90 (A)-(C)
Investigation	• 2024-61 • 2024-75 • 2025-28	• 2025-32 • 2025-36 • 2025-47 (A)	• 2025-66 • 2025-75 • 2026-02

With Legal Counsel for Negotiations	• 2020-43 • 2024-44(A)-(C) • 2024-49(B)	• 2024-81 • 2025-14 • 2025-46 (A)-(B)	• 2025-83 • 2025-84 • 2026-01
Refer to other State or Federal Agency	• n/a		
Settlement Agreement Reached	• 2024-78	• 2024-71	
Monitoring	• 2020-36 • 2021-47 • 2022-21(A) • 2023-12 • 2023-59 • 2024-04	• 2024-05 • 2024-07 • 2024-51 • 2024-38 • 2024-41 • 2024-65	• 2024-71 • 2024-73 • 2024-78 • 2024-79 • 2025-02
In Franklin Circuit Court	• n/a		
Administrative Hearing Procedures	• 2023-17	• 2024-19	• 2024-30
Cease & Desist Demand Letter	• 2026-03		
Admonishment / Private Admonishment and Closure	• 2025-33	• 2025-52	
Closed following KBVE Disciplinary Action and fulfillment of terms	• 2024-69		
Open Pending Committee Recommendation	• 2023-53 • 2024-68 • 2024-70 • 2025-05 • 2025-16 (A) – (B) • 2025-19 • 2025-25 • 2025-29 • 2025-31 (B)-(C) • 2025-34 • 2025-38 • 2025-53 • 2025-54 • 2025-55 • 2025-58 • 2025-56 • 2025-57	• 2025-63 • 2025-64 • 2025-68 • 2025-71 • 2025-78 • 2025-86 • 2025-87 • 2025-88 • 2025-89 • 2025-91 • 2026-04 • 2026-05 • 2026-06 • 2026-07 • 2026-08 • 2026-09 • 2026-10 • 2026-11	• 2026-15 • 2026-16 • 2026-17 • 2026-18 • 2026-19 • 2026-20 • 2026-21 • 2026-22 • 2026-23 • 2026-24 • 2026-25 • 2026-26 • 2026-27 • 2026-28 • 2026-29 • 2026-30 • 2026-31 • 2026-32

	• 2025-59 • 2025-62	• 2026-12 • 2026-13 • 2026-14	• 2026-33 • 2026-34
New Cases	• 2026-22	through	• 2026-34
Cases Laid on the Desk	• 2024-72	• 2024-67	

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

Extra Committee meetings scheduled in addition to those held in conjunction with future Board meetings.

- July 23 – 9:00 am – noon EDT via Zoom
- August 27 – 2:00-4:00 pm EDT
- October 1 – 2:00-4:00 pm EDT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- **LRC / General Assembly Legislative Session Review and Action Items on Key Bill that passed**
 - Last day of session: April 15, 2026.
 - Board Members provided list of key bills and proposed KBVE action items, to be discussed more in-depth at Board Retreat.

A summary of the key bills that passed and required action items was emailed to the Board. This topic has been laid on the desk until it may be picked up again at the Board retreat.

- **Administrative Regulations**
 - 201 KAR 16:767 – Negotiations ongoing with stakeholders PetIQ/ VIP Petcare. They intend to offer a draft of a proposed limited service license for their facilities.
- **Discussions Laid on the Desk**
 - MLP / VPA -
 - Notes from the NAVTA Listening Session on Mid-Level Practitioner (MLPs) / VPAs (*March 2026 Board packet, pages 284-298*)
 - Notes from CO State University student outreach presentation on M.S. in Veterinary Clinical Care (*March 2026 Board packet, pages 299-305*)
 - Board Operational Policies Required regarding [Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee recommendations for Licensing Boards](#). (*March 2025 meeting minutes*)

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Obituary Notifications**

None reported.

- **Open Discussion**

Vice Chair Dr. Quammen opened the floor for discussions, but no topics were brought forward by the Members of the Board or audience.

FUTURE MEETING DATES *(page 130)*

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

- **2026:**
 - June 2-3 – Board Retreat
 - July 23 – CANCELLED
 - September 10
 - November 19

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Dr. Quammen adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by Members of the Board on June 2, 2026.

/s/ John C. Park, DVM, Chair

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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May 14, 2026

Meeting Location: KBVE Offices, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511Public 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 May 14, 2026 (*pages 1-4*)
- Board Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2026 (*pages 6-41*)
- Committee Meetings:
 - Applications Committee Minutes – March 26, 2026 (*pages 42-46*)
 - Grievance Committee Minutes – March 26 and April 14, 2026 (*pages 47-54*)
 - Education and Outreach Committee Minutes – April 1 and April 27, 2026 (*pages 55-61*)
- Budget Summary Report (*pages 62-64*)
- Licensure Status Report (*page 65*)
- Applications Committee Reports:
 - New Applicants (*pages 66-67*)
 - New Graduate Licensure Program Candidates (*pages 68-69*)
 - New Facility Registration Applications (*pages 70-71*)
 - New CE Requests (*page 72*)
- Equine Sales Reports
 - Keeneland – Select Horses of Racing Age (*page 73*)

- 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 UK Extension Programs and Producer Education

- Jessie Lay, DVM - Extension Animal Health Veterinarian - jess.lay@uky.edu
- Craig Wood - Assistant Director of Extension for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Horticulture - craig.wood@uky.edu

BUDGET AND CONTRACT MATTERS

- Conferences, Exhibits, and Sponsorships (*action items*)
 - AAVSB - Annual Meeting & Conference – September 23-26, 2026 – Providence, RI
 - KVMA Exhibit & Present – September 25-27, 2026 – Lexington, KY
 - KACCA Exhibit & Present – TBD – Louisville, KY
- Other Budget Requests (*action items*)
 - OAG MOA for Hearing Officer Services (*separate file*)
 - Dues – FARB (*page 74*)
 - E&O Meetings – Venues and food costs for CE meetings
- RFPs (*action item*)
 - Wellness / Intervention Services

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION UPDATES

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- **KVMA / AVMA Updates**
 - Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)
 - American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
- **KBVE**
 - AAHP Advisory Committee
 - EBI 16-hour Course Offerings (*pages 98*)
 - Board Executive Director Review Procedures
- **OSV**
 - State Veterinarian Report to the Board

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APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (*pages 114-115*)

- New Applications update
- 2026 Veterinary Application Renewal Question (*action item*)
- Waiver Requests (*action item*)
- Background checks for veterinarian managers (*action item*)
- Murray State Breathitt Lab Request (*action item*)
- Foreign Equivalency Program letters (*pages 116-117*) (*action item*)
- NAVLE Score Reports
- Outlier Applicants, if any (*action items*)
- Other Items for Discussion

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS, if pulled from consent agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION, if needed

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT (*page 118*)

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- KBVE Newsletter Report (*pages 119-125*)
- Regional Outreach Meetings
- AAHP Outreach Meeting

STRATEGIC PARTNERS UPDATE

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT *(action item)*

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- LRC / General Assembly – Legislative Session Review and Action Items on Key Bill that passed: *(action items)*
 - [HB 500](#)
 - [HB 212](#)
 - [HB 387](#) *(pages 126-129)*
 - [HB 111](#)
 - [HB 185](#)
 - [HB 459](#)
 - [HB 10](#)
 - [SB 155](#)
- Administrative Regulations *(action items)*
- Other Items for Discussion

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Obituary Notifications
- Open Discussion

FUTURE MEETING DATES *(page 130)*

ADJOURNMENT



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Applications Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026

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
- Amanda Briggs, KBVE Applications Specialist

Absent Committee Members:

- Jennifer Quammen, DVM, KBVE Board Member, Applications Committee Member

Guest Attendees:

- n/a

Proceedings:

Committee Chair Dr. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:16 am.

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

1. Applications received March 14 – May 1

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- ~693 = Veterinary Facility Applications received
- ~278 = Initial application reviews completed
- 234 = Applications approved by Committee
- 661 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
- Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress

* Numbers vary from previous reports due to incorrect or duplicate facility application types received. (The number above includes approved applications, applications listed the “2026 pending applications spreadsheet”, and the new applications received this week.)

3. 2026 Renewal for Veterinarians

- The Committee discussed and reaffirmed their choice of the following question for inclusion on the 2026 Renewal form for veterinarians
“In June 2023, title protections were established for licensed veterinary technicians (LVTs) in KRS 321.190(2)(b) and KRS 321.441(2). Given these new laws, is it acceptable to use the titles “technician” or “tech” for a veterinary assistant (KRS 321.443) in Kentucky?”
- The Committee also reviewed the request from Dr. Philip Hays, Sr. to waive the real-time CE requirement pursuant to 201 KAR 16:590, Section 7(1). The Committee will put these determinations before the full Board for approval.

4. Fee Waiver Request

The Committee discussed a request for fee reduction from Dr. Ryan Wonderlich for his Application for Veterinary Facility Registration. Due to the time elapsed since the application deadline and the numerous email communications, regional outreach meetings, and other methods of communication to all licensees about facilities registration requirements, the Committee has denied this request.

5. Waiver of background checks for Veterinarian Managers

Members of the Committee directed that the “Request for a New Veterinarian Manager” form be edited to match the regulatory requirements for a background check, as this requirement is redundant for many licensees who have undergone a background check during the licensure process (201 KAR 16:762, Section 7(4)). The Board may still request an applicant background check if determined appropriate.

6. Murray State Breathitt Lab Request

KBVE has received a request from Dr. Narayan Paul, Director of the Breathitt Veterinary Center. The request is for a letter from KBVE clarifying statutory citations that provide a waiver of licensure for work at the university, of which Breathitt Lab is a part, pursuant to KRS 321.200(1)(h). The Committee determined that this position description is appropriate

for an unlicensed DVM who would otherwise qualify for licensure, and will present their recommendation to the full Board.

During discussions, the Committee considered that KBVE may develop a faculty license for Murray State's proposed college of veterinary medicine. The Committee will bring this forth for discussion with the full Board at a future meeting.

7. Special Permit – Foreign Equivalency Program letters

The Committee reviewed a draft letter to ECFVG and PAVE seeking clarification about exam scheduling bottlenecks, as directed from the November 2025 Board meeting. They determined that this letter is appropriate and directed it to be issued.

8. ICVA Updates

- NAVLE testing window – March 1-21 – Scores released 4/20/26
 - Kentucky candidates: pass - 9, fail - 11
- Prior NAVLE testing window - October 15 – November 15 – Scores released 12/16/25
 - Kentucky candidates: pass - 40, fail – 13

The Committee discussed the relevance of the NAVLE and VTNE for licensure determinations, and the Committee values these exams as an evaluation of the qualifications of applicants. It's the only objective measure they see in an application to compare candidate to candidate.

9. AAVSB Updates

The Committee reviewed updates from AAVSB. The Committee was in favor of the proposal to begin offering the VTNE with a Spanish translation.

10. Discussion: July meeting

Due to workload associated with facility registrations and upcoming Board retreat, staff requested that the Board consider cancelling the July meeting to allow staff to focus on facility registration review and issuance. The Committee was not opposed to this.

11. Application and Reports Review

The Committee reviewed applications for licensure and reports and discussed flagged applications. No inspection reports were pulled for discussion.

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 unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:38 AM.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Applications Committee on June 2, 2026.

/s/ Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM
Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM, KBVE Applications Committee Chair

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



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Grievance Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026, 9:00 AM EDT

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

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
- 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:

- Amy Staton, EdD, LVT, Board Member, Grievance Committee Member

Guest Attendees:

- n/a

ORDERED APPEARANCES

- n/a

PROCEEDINGS

Committee Chair Dr. Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 am EDT.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Prater to approve the meeting minutes from April 16. The motion, seconded by Dr. Smith, 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. Smith, carried unanimously.

The Committee entered into executive session at 9:01 am.

The Committee returned to regular session at 11:51 am.

There may be a motion to cancel the July 23 Board meeting during the full Board meeting today. Members of the Committee agreed to keep the Committee meeting at 9:00 am that day, however, the meeting will switch to a virtual format.

Members of the Committee reconciled their case notes and agreed to report the following case statuses and recommendations to the full Board during the May 14 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	• 2025-31 (A) • 2025-41 • 2025-49 • 2025-67 (A)-(B)	• 2025-69 • 2025-70 • 2025-80	• 2025-81 • 2025-82 • 2025-90 (A)-(C)
Investigation	• 2024-61 • 2024-75 • 2025-28	• 2025-32 • 2025-36 • 2025-47 (A)	• 2025-66 • 2025-75 • 2026-02
With Legal Counsel for Negotiations	• 2020-43 • 2024-44(A)-(C) • 2024-49(B)	• 2024-81 • 2025-14 • 2025-46 (A)-(B)	• 2025-83 • 2025-84 • 2026-01
Refer to other State or Federal Agency	• n/a		
Settlement Agreement Reached	• 2024-78	• 2024-71	
Monitoring	• 2020-36 • 2021-47 • 2022-21(A) • 2023-12 • 2023-59 • 2024-04	• 2024-05 • 2024-07 • 2024-51 • 2024-38 • 2024-41 • 2024-65	• 2024-71 • 2024-73 • 2024-78 • 2024-79 • 2025-02
In Franklin Circuit Court	• n/a		

Administrative Hearing Procedures	• 2023-17	• 2024-19	• 2024-30
Cease & Desist Demand Letter	• 2026-03		
Admonishment / Private Admonishment and Closure	• 2025-33	• 2025-52	
Closed following KBVE Disciplinary Action and fulfillment of terms	• 2024-69		
Open Pending Committee Recommendation	• 2023-53 • 2024-68 • 2024-70 • 2025-05 • 2025-16 (A) – (B) • 2025-19 • 2025-25 • 2025-29 • 2025-31 (B)-(C) • 2025-34 • 2025-38 • 2025-53 • 2025-54 • 2025-55 • 2025-58 • 2025-56 • 2025-57 • 2025-59 • 2025-62	• 2025-63 • 2025-64 • 2025-68 • 2025-71 • 2025-78 • 2025-86 • 2025-87 • 2025-88 • 2025-89 • 2025-91 • 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 • 2026-22 • 2026-23 • 2026-24 • 2026-25 • 2026-26 • 2026-27 • 2026-28 • 2026-29 • 2026-30 • 2026-31 • 2026-32 • 2026-33 • 2026-34
New Cases	• 2026-22	through	• 2026-34
Cases Laid on the Desk	• 2024-72	• 2024-67	

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- **2026:**
 - July 23 (V) – 9:00 am
 - August 27 – tentative added meeting (V)
 - September 10 – 9:00 am
 - October 1 – tentative added meeting (V)

- o November 19 – 9:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Dawes adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Grievance Committee on June 2, 2026.

/s/ Dianne Dawes-Torre, DVM

Dianne J. Dawes, DVM, KBVE Grievance Committee Chair

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

Minutes Recorded by: Briana Crowder, KBVE Grievance Case Specialist

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