



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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Special Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2020 – Special Meeting, per [Executive Order 2020-215](#) & [KRS 61.823](#)

Meeting Location: Video Teleconference Only

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

(V) = video (A) = audio only

- Steven J. Wills, DVM – Chairman (V)
- Gene Smith, DVM – Vice Chair (V)
- Dale Eckert, DVM (V)
- Tim Gardner, DVM (V)
- Judith Piazza, Citizen-at-Large (A)
- Jeff Pumphrey, DVM (A)
- Amanda H. Rowland, DVM (V)
- Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT (V)
- Robert Stout, DVM -- Proxy for the Commissioner of Agriculture (V)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Leah Miller, DVM

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STAFF PRESENT

- Joe Bilby, Legal Counsel (A)
- Michelle Shane, Executive Director (V)

OTHERS PRESENT

- Loran Wagoner, DVM, Board Investigator (V)
- MJ Wixsom, DVM, Board Investigator (V)
- Coy St. Clair, DVM, Board Investigator (V)
- Debra Hamelback, KVMA Executive Director (V)
- Dr. Bonnie Barr, KVMA President (A)
- William T. Fannin, M.D., wellness expert (V)
- Ms. Emily Caporal, PharmD, KYPRN (V)
- Sam Vaughn, DVM, KYPRN Liaison (V)
- Kelly Giesbrecht, DVM, MPH, State Public Health Veterinarian (A)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Steven Wills, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM EDT. Chairman Wills welcomed everyone to the online Zoom meeting.

Michelle Shane read the roll call. Members of the Board listed as present above were present; a quorum of the Board was noted as achieved.

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Mrs. Shane confirmed the public notice for this meeting was sent on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) media contact list.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Dr. Gene Smith, Vice Chair, read aloud the Board's mission statement.

GUESTS SPEAKERS

- **Ms. Emily Caporal, PharmD** with the Kentucky Professional's Recovery Network (KYPRN) presented on wellness, KYPRN programming, and wellness monitoring requirements. Members of the Board asked questions and discussed the KBVE Wellness Committee and current licensee contracts with KYPRN.
- **William T. Fannin, M.D.** presented on addiction medicine and current statistics related to this field, including top substances being abused, trends over time, and predictions for the future.

According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), the definition of "addiction" was updated in Sept 2019. "Addiction is a treatable, chronic medical disease involving complex interactions among brain circuits, genetics, the environment, and an individual's life experiences. People with addiction use substances or engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences.

Prevention efforts and treatment approaches for addiction are generally as successful as those for other chronic diseases."

Individuals are currently turning to about three classes of drugs for their addictions: 1) methamphetamine (increased by 5% per year since 2015), 2) opioids, and 3) cocaine and other stimulant drugs. Also seeing a lot of synthetic fentanyl. Dr. Fannin cautioned, do not forget tobacco and alcohol, two of the most abused substances.

Unintentional overdoses have been the leading cause of death in the US since 2011.

With COVID-19 quarantines and lockdowns, the availability of drugs has gone down. As restrictions lift and supply lines open again, some anticipate a huge surge in unintentional overdoses as individuals return to using.

Isolation is a huge hurdle, especially in veterinary medicine where doctors are in leadership roles and have broader access to substances due to the scope of the profession.

Research completed by Dr. Abraham Twerski indicates that the addicted brain takes 18-24 months to return to full functionality following the removal of an addictive substance.

The veterinarian profession has the highest rate of suicide of any profession. Veterinarians who are struggling, having suicidal thoughts, or suffering from depression should reach out to the community at Not One More Vet (NOMV) @ www.nomv.org.

The Board discussed wellness with Dr. Fannin and Ms. Caporal. Members of the Board directed Ms. Shane to reach out to AAVSB and AVMA to see what research has been done in this area, and if Kentucky can facilitate some sort of survey for veterinarians and veterinary technicians in Kentucky or nationally.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Board Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2020
- Budget Expenditures since last meeting
- Approval of Board Per Diem

A MOTION was made by Dr. Tim Gardner to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion, seconded by Dr. Amanda Rowland, passed unanimously by voice vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 Discussion**

Chairman Wills introduced the topic of COVID-19 and Board Orders. Ms. Shane provided an update from the Board's office based on calls and correspondence received. Chairman Wills discussed COVID-19 recommendations from Ontario VMA and Dr. Scott Weese.

Kelly Giesbrecht, DVM, MPH, State Public Health Veterinarian, provided comments. Dr. Giesbrecht indicated one of the largest dangers to veterinary practices is a client testing positive and being traced back to or through the practice. If contact tracing leads to a practice, the practice will be shut down for 14 days. Keeping good records is critical to avoid closure during a trace back.

One good protocol to consider are staff bubbles/teams, so that if a client does test positive and there is trace back at the clinic and only isolated teams need quarantined rather than the whole practice. Offices should know which tech/assistant(s) saw which client. Masks are critical, especially around other staff members. The higher the exposure risk, the more likely the local health department will enforce stronger quarantine requirements. Masks with face shields offer stronger protections. Dr. Giesbrecht recommends that practices work with their local Health Department, and that masks should be required to protect the doctors, staff, and clients. For exposed individuals without a test or waiting on results, current

quarantine procedures are isolation for 10 days from date of onset, fever free for three (3) days.

Members of the Board discussed mask requirements, and were directed to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services [Infectious Disease Branch](#). The Board also discussed using a rice cooker without water to sterilize masks, as done in Taiwan.

Dr. Giesbrecht also discussed the importance of rabies clinics. For the past two years in a row, there has been a positive test in a dog. Rabies vaccines are critical, especially this time of year. Health Departments are considering hands-free as possible options, including registering and paying in advance online, drive-through service. It is critical that people are not waiting in long lines in close proximity, or people in the waiting rooms.

Rabies clinic basic plans should include considerations for:

- Crowd control
- Local Health Dept info
- Police participation
- Mask mandate

Chairman Wills pointed out that advance registration and payment in rural areas is not practical. One reason is that many of these are pop-up clinics, not held at veterinary offices. People often participate due to word-of-mouth advertising. Many individuals would not have the opportunity or access to complete steps online.

Dr. Rowland proposed potentially require rabies clinic plans be pre-approved through the Board, and require the participation of local health departments to help with safety precautions (masks, advance registrations, etc.), as well as local police for crowd control.

Chairman Wills asked for volunteers to be on an Ad Hoc Rabies Clinic Review Committee to review plans for public rabies clinics.

VOLUNTEERS: Chairman Wills, Dr. Rowland, Dr. Giesbrecht, and Dr. Dale Eckert.

The Board directed Ms. Shane to develop a form to facilitate these requests.

- **Updates to Board Orders**

Members of the Board discussed Governor Beshear's state of emergency executive orders relating to COVID-19, as well as possible changes to the current Board Order. The Office will issue the update to all licensees via email on June 1.

Dr. Giesbrecht offered a cautionary statement about ferrets and minks: ferrets can pass coronavirus amongst themselves, and there is a case in reported in the Netherlands that two people contracted the virus from minks. Extra precautions should be implemented when

treating ferrets, including tracing questions on ferret owners and N95 masks during exams. Note that testing animals for exposure is not helpful at this time.

Temperature checks do not fall under HIPAA if they are not recorded and reported.

Ms. Piazza exited the meeting at 3:02 PM.

BUDGET MATTERS

- Contracts update
 - New Board Investigators: Dr. Coy St. Clair, and Dr. MJ Wixsom.
 - New Board Investigative Consultant: Dr. Loran Wagoner.
 - KVMA Education and Outreach contract was deferred until post COVID-19.
 - Administrative Contract with KDA is only a one-year contract due to the fact that the legislative branch only passed a one-year state budget.

- Tablets update – contract finally approved for delivery in late June or early July, in time for the next in-person meeting.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed and discussed the Wellness Committee Report, and a new licensee who may need outreach. The Board directed Ms. Shane to outreach to the licensee and set-up a meeting.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Ms. Amy Staton provided an update on the review of Board approved euthanasia course curriculums. The Board agreed that more consistent and regular oversight is needed on these programs.

Chairman Wills directed Ms. Shane to distribute course materials or online links to the full Board for review. He also directed the full Board to work on review and recommendations for July meeting action.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman Wills introduced that the Board would be initiating a review of the Kentucky Practice Act. He directed Ms. Shane to send information on the Practice Act Models (PAM) from AAVSB and AVAM to the Committee.

COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE

Mr. Joe Bilby presented the Complaints Screening Committee Report. He discussed changes in procedures for COVID-19 allegations.

- **2018-21** – Administrative Hearing pending – June 18
- **2019-09** – Settlement Agreement signed; Monitoring for deliverables
- **2019-11** – tabled
- **2019-13** – tabled
- **2019-15** – ongoing
- **2019-21** – Settlement Agreement pending
- **2019-32** – Signed Settlement Agreement; Monitoring for deliverables
- **2019-35** – dismissed
- **2019-37** – ongoing
- **2020-01** – dismissed
- **2020-02** – dismissed
- **2020-03** – closed
- **2020-04** – closed
- **2020-05** – Directed new investigator Dr. Coy St. Clair to investigate this case
- **2020-06** – dismissed
- **2020-07** – ongoing
- **2020-08** – ongoing
- **2020-09** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-10** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-11** – Directed new investigator Dr. MJ Wixsom to investigate this case
- **2020-12** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-13** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-14** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-15** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-16** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-17** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-18** – ongoing
- **2020-19** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-20** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-21** – COVID-19 case – ongoing
- **2020-22** – ongoing
- **2020-23** – ongoing

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to approve the recommendations of the Complaints Screening Committee. The motion, seconded by Dr. Jeff Pumphrey, passed unanimously by voice vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS

- **Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian (OSV) Announcements** –
 - **Deputy State Veterinarian position.** Dr. Katie Flynn has accepted an offer from the State Board of Agriculture, and is anticipated to start mid-June.

- Dr. Beth Johnson appointed Director of Animal Health.
- Currently animal testing for COVID-19 has no validated tests; current tests are not reliable. There have been very few cases of animal transmission of the virus to humans. OSV has no plans to approve a test for use in Kentucky, given some of the challenges with false negatives and false positives.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE

- Applications Committee Report on New Applications
- Applications Committee Report on New CE Requests

The Applications Committee Reports are as follows in the 1) Table of Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification, and 2) Table of Approved CE Requests. There were 53 veterinarian, 11 veterinary technician, and one (1) animal euthanasia specialist applications. There were CE requests for 27.5 hours of CE for veterinarians and five (5) hours of CE for veterinary technicians.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Rowland to accept the recommendations of the Applications Committee on new applicants and CE. The motion, seconded by Dr. Eckert, unanimously passed by voice vote.

| Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification | | | | |
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| | First Name | Last Name | License Type | App. Type |
| 1 | David L. | Alexander | Veterinarian | New |
| 2 | Jesús M. | Aramendi | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 3 | Jessica A. | Austin | Veterinarian | New |
| 4 | Alison B. | Baileys | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 5 | Evan C. | Becker | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 6 | Luke H. | Bosse | Veterinarian | New |
| 7 | Kayla M. | Bulava | Veterinarian | New |
| 8 | Martin H. | Caldwell | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 9 | Mary W. | Carter | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 10 | Megan M. | Cassidy | Veterinarian | New |
| 11 | Hannah E. | Chenail | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 12 | Mallory M. | Crafton | Veterinarian | New |
| 13 | Amanda K. | Cvengros | Veterinarian | New |
| 14 | Meagan M. | Darby | Veterinarian | New |
| 15 | Ashley N. | Flener | Veterinarian | New |
| 16 | Tatiana A. | Fraguela-Gutierrez | Veterinarian | New |
| 17 | Alycia K. | Frampton | Veterinarian | New |
| 18 | Isaac D. | Gover | Veterinarian | New |

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| 19 | Michael E. | Graham II | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 20 | Maya A. | Gruseck | Veterinarian | New |
| 21 | Sarah E. | Hamblin | Veterinarian | New |
| 22 | Sarah E. | Hargrove | Veterinarian | New |
| 23 | Taylor A. | Huffman | Veterinarian | New |
| 24 | Sara L. | Humphrey | Veterinarian | New |
| 25 | Jacqueline E. | Johnson | Veterinarian | New |
| 26 | Virginia L. | Johnson | Veterinarian | New |
| 27 | Danielle L. | Keating | Veterinarian | New |
| 28 | Rachael M. | Lander | Veterinarian | New |
| 29 | Emma B. | LeBlanc | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 30 | Kathleen A. | Lennon | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 31 | Melissa A. | Livesay | Veterinarian | New |
| 32 | Michon A. | Martin | Veterinarian | New |
| 33 | Logan A. | Matney | Veterinarian | New |
| 34 | Robert E. | McFarlin | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 35 | Kaitlin J. | McKenzie | Veterinarian | New |
| 36 | Morgan I. | Miller | Veterinarian | New |
| 37 | Gabrielle L. | Montone | Veterinarian | New |
| 38 | David K. | Moore | Veterinarian | New |
| 39 | Bailey L. | Owens | Veterinarian | New |
| 40 | Samantha C. | Page | Veterinarian | New |
| 41 | Staci L. | Palmer | Veterinarian | New |
| 42 | Madelyn K. | Pelletier | Veterinarian | New |
| 43 | Benjamin W. | Poehlein | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 44 | Sarah | Sawayanagi | Veterinarian | New |
| 45 | Joseph T. | Schifano | Veterinarian | New |
| 46 | Jaclyn J. | Schutt | Veterinarian | New |
| 47 | Emily J. | Scott | Veterinarian | New |
| 48 | Kaitlyn N. | Seibert | Veterinarian | New |
| 49 | Aniko G. | Takacs | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 50 | Natasha L. | Taylor | Veterinarian | New |
| 51 | Samantha N. | Weatherford | Veterinarian | New |
| 52 | Amanda J. | Windham | Veterinarian | New |
| 53 | Taylor B. | Zumbusch | Veterinarian | Endorsement |
| 54 | Erica A. | Carter | Veterinary Technician | New |
| 55 | Cynthia A. | Dunn | Veterinary Technician | Endorsement |
| 56 | Erica D. | Ebelhar | Veterinary Technician | New |
| 57 | Bethany N. | Edwards | Veterinary Technician | New |

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| 58 | Braelyn D. | Heightchew | Veterinary Technician | New |
| 59 | Samantha | Heneisen | Veterinary Technician | New |
| 60 | Hannah L. | Hite | Veterinary Technician | New |
| 61 | Lizabeth J. | Lopez | Veterinary Technician | New |
| 62 | Paul E. | Nave | Veterinary Technician | New |
| 63 | Hannah L. | Parr | Veterinary Technician | New |
| 64 | Malori J. | Stewart | Veterinary Technician | Endorsement |
| 65 | Kara | Thomas | Euthanasia Specialist | New |

Table 2: Approved CE Requests

| Course Title | Sponsor / Provider | CE Hours Requested | | Date of Program(s) |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Vet | Vet Techs | |
| AVCA Annual Meeting | American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) | 18 | - | 11/8-10/2019 |
| Nipping disease in the bud, preventing treatment errors: unleash the power of the microchip | University of Kentucky (UK) Dept. of Veterinary Services | 1 | 1 | 5/28/2020 |
| Topical Therapy in Dermatology | Virbac Animal Health | 2 | 2 | 4/28/2020 |
| Make the Plain Thing the Main Thing - Vaccination Programs | Zoetis | 1.5 | - | 4/2/2020 |
| Mannheimia haemolytica Pathogenesis and Vaccine Design | Zoetis | 1.5 | - | 4/16/2020 |
| Positive Impacts for Early Breed Up | Zoetis | 1.5 | - | 4/9/2020 |
| Clinical Interpretation of Selected Laboratory Findings | Zoetis / ZN Labs | 2 | 2 | 4/14/2020 4/16/2020 4/21/2020 |

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

Mrs. Shane provided an overview of the current license numbers. As of May 21, 2020, the total active licenses were as follows:

- Veterinarians. 2,606 active licenses, up 43 licenses from the last report, and up 208 from the same time period in 2019;
- Veterinary Technicians. 453 active licenses, up 11 licenses from the last report, and up 28 licenses from the same time period in 2019;
- Certified Animal Control Agencies. 59 active certificates, the same as the last report, and two (2) more than the same time period in 2019; and

- Certified Animal Euthanasia Specialists. 225 active certificates, up five (5) from the last report, and up 26 licenses from the same period in 2019.

- **Consideration of CE extension**
Members of the Board discussed extending the CE deadline for the 2020 renewal. The Board did not feel a CE extension is warranted given that licensees have had three quarters of the renewal cycle to earn CE prior to any COVID-19 shutdowns, and that some conferences are going virtual since the pandemic closures began. In Kentucky, all CE can be earned online per [201 KAR 16:590, Section 1\(3\)](#). A summary of CE information is located on the Board's website at www.kybve.com/continuing-education.html.
 - Jefferson Co. VMA meeting in Burlington, AL is currently still planned
 - KVMA is going to move to virtual conference offering

- **Delays in background check results and transcripts.**
The Board discussed these issues. The Board determined to defer requirement of background checks until the new regulations go into effect in June; when the regulations become effective, background checks will be required. On the issue of transcripts, colleges should be able to issue digital transcripts so there will be no waiver or deferral on this requirement for applicants.

NEXT MEETING

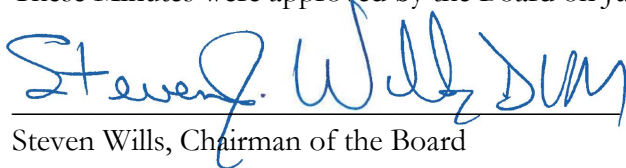
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Location TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Steven Wills adjourned the meeting at 3:50 PM.

These Minutes were approved by the Board on July 23, 2020.


Steven Wills, Chairman of the Board

PRESIDING OFFICER: Steven Wills, Chairman
Minutes Recorded by: Michelle Shane
Minutes Reviewed by: Joe Bilby



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10:00 AM COMMITTEE MEETINGS – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

- Complaints Screening Committee
- Applications Committee

1:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

GUESTS SPEAKERS

- William T. Fannin, M.D.
- Ms. Emily Caporal, PharmD
- Kelly Giesbrecht, DVM, MPH, State Public Health Veterinarian

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BUSINESS AGENDA

SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 Discussion

- Updates to Board Orders
- Consideration of CE extension
- Dr. Scott Weese / Ontario VMA Recommendations

BUDGET MATTERS

- Contracts update
- Tablets

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion on application material delays due to COVID-19

- Background checks
- Transcripts

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Euthanasia Course Curriculum update

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- Initiating the Practice Act Review

COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT

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OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS

- Announcement – Deputy State Veterinarian position
- Other Questions for Discussion

NEXT MEETING

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ADJOURNMENT