



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2023

Meeting Location: Office of the State Veterinarian, 109 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601
with Public Zoom Meeting Option

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

(V) = video (A) = audio only (I) = In-person

All Board Members, Staff, and Others present in-person unless otherwise noted.

- Steven J. Wills, DVM – Chairman
- Gene Smith, DVM – Vice Chair
- Dianne Dawes, DVM
- Tom Dorman, Citizen-at-Large
- Dale Eckert, DVM
- Tim Gardner, DVM
- Stephanie Kennedy, DVM
- John Park, DVM
- Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT
- Keith Rogers, KDA General Counsel --
Proxy for the Commissioner of
Agriculture

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- n/a

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STAFF PRESENT

- Michelle Shane, KBVE Executive Director
- Amanda Briggs, KBVE Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

- Mark Brengelman, JD, MA, Attorney at Law, KBVE Legal Counsel
- Coy St. Clair, DVM, KBVE Investigator
- L. Dena Fitzpatrick, DVM, KBVE Investigator
- Debra Hamelback, Executive Director, Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)
- Karen Young, DVM
- Emily Schell, DVM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Chairman Steven Wills, DVM, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM EDT. Chairman Dr. Wills welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms. Michelle Shane read the roll call. Per [KRS 321.240\(2\)](#), a quorum of the Board was achieved.

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Ms. Shane confirmed the public notice for this meeting was sent on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) media contact list, and also posted on the KBVE website Meetings page.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Vice Chair Gene Smith, DVM read aloud the KBVE mission statement.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Meeting Agenda for May 25, 2023
- Board Meeting Minutes from March 23 and May 11, 2023
- Budget Summary Report
- Licensure Status Report
- Applications Committee Report on New Applications
- Applications Committee Report on New CE Requests
- Approval of Board Per Diem and Mileage

A MOTION was made by Dr. Tim Gardner to approve the consent agenda. The motion, seconded by Dr. John Park, passed unanimously.

Budget

The budget expenditures and revenue approved are summarized for F.Y. 2023, July 1, 2022, through May 18, 2023, as follows:

- F.Y. 2023 –
 - Receipts = \$563,755
 - Expenditures = \$386,601
 - Current Balance = \$1,034,211

Licensure Status Report			
Date of Database Report	5/19/2023	Number Credentials on Date of Report	
License Type / Status	5/19/2023	03/23/2023	05/26/2022
Active Veterinarians	2,522	2,463	2,586
Inactive Veterinarians	82	82	36
Special Permits	10	9	2
Active Veterinary Technicians	539	525	507
Inactive Veterinary Technicians	25	24	14
Active Certified Animal Control Agencies	48	50	48
Active Certified Animal Euthanasia Specialists	155	153	154
Inactive Animal Euthanasia Specialists	58	58	32

Applications Committee Reports

- Report on New Applications
- Report on New CE Requests

The Applications Committee Reports are as follows in Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification, and Table 2: Approved CE Requests. The Board approved 51 veterinarian, two (2) Special Permits, 16 veterinary technicians, five (5) animal euthanasia specialist, and one (1) animal control agency applications. The Board approved CE requests for 42.5 hours of CE for veterinarians and 21.5 hours of CE for veterinary technicians.

Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification				
Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Bisoye T.	Adedeji	Veterinarian	Special Permit
2	Kristen N.	Back	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
3	Caroline H.	Bosler	Veterinarian	New
4	Gentry S.	Brown	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
5	Tommi L.	Butler	Veterinarian	Endorsement
6	Alexandra L.	Byers	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
7	Ava M.	Capper	Veterinarian	New
8	Benjamin M.	Cornett	Veterinarian	New
9	Benjamin M.	Cornett	Veterinarian	New
10	David G.	Crabtree	Veterinarian	New
11	Kylie S.	Davis	Veterinarian	New
12	Gunnar R.	Dunnam	Veterinarian	Endorsement
13	Carrie L.	Everett	Veterinarian	Endorsement
14	Claire E.	Foster	Veterinarian	New
15	Melanie A.	Fratto	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
16	Madison R.	Futrell	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
17	Melody K.	Gayheart	Veterinarian	New
18	Courtney L.	Gilreath	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (LMU)
19	Jonathan R.	Haldeman	Veterinarian	Endorsement
20	Heather P.	Hamilton	Veterinarian	New
21	Heather P.	Hamilton	Veterinarian	New
22	James P.	Hassinger	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
23	Emily N.	Hayre	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (LMU)
24	Grace E.	Higgs	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
25	Caitlin R.	Hosea	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
26	Jane P.	Hostomsky	Veterinarian	New

Row #	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
27	Taylor B.	Howell	Veterinarian	New
28	Zachary T.	Jolly	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
29	Dana C.	Jordan	Veterinarian	Endorsement
30	Irshad A.	Khan	Veterinarian	Foreign Grad.
31	Laura R.	Kirk	Veterinarian	Endorsement
32	Kathleen A.	Kivi	Veterinarian	Endorsement
33	Benjamin D.	Maddox	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
34	Mary E.	Martin	Veterinarian	Endorsement
35	Rachel M.	Miller	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (LMU)
36	Jessica M.	Nance	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
37	Jessie L.	Parsons	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (LMU)
38	Amanda N.	Picking	Veterinarian	New
39	Dustin J.	Pulliam	Veterinarian	Foreign Grad.
40	Amanda S.	Reilly	Veterinarian	Reinstatement
41	Cecelia G.	Roberts	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
42	Cayce L.	Rose	Veterinarian	Endorsement
43	Alexis D.	Scarlett	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (LMU)
44	Emily E.	Schell	Veterinarian	Special Permit
45	Miranda P.	Starr	Veterinarian	New
46	Serena D.	Stoddard	Veterinarian	New
47	Tessa F.	Teardo	Veterinarian	New
48	Samantha L.	Thomas	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (AU)
49	Ruth E.	West	Veterinarian	Endorsement
50	Haley J.	White	Veterinarian	New
51	Laura A.	Wodzinski	Veterinarian	Endorsement
52	Courtney N.	Wood	Veterinarian	New Grad Program (LMU)
53	Kaitlyn E.	Wooton	Veterinarian	New
54	Versie N.	Avent	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
55	Briley M.	Brink	Veterinary Technician	New
56	Monique M.	Cross	Veterinary Technician	New
57	Kimiko R.	Dawes	Veterinary Technician	New
58	Brooke N.	King	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
59	Karen N.	LeMessurier	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
60	Brennon L.	Lilly	Veterinary Technician	New
61	Carrie L.	Long	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement
62	Kimberly M.	Mardis	Veterinary Technician	New
63	Paige E.	McDowell	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
64	Danielle E.	Mullen	Veterinary Technician	New
65	Teresa A.	Nagle	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement

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66	Kristin-Earlena H.	Sheets	Veterinary Technician	New
67	Rachael A.	Stephenson	Veterinary Technician	Reinstatement
68	Jacinda M.	Vertrees	Veterinary Technician	New
69	Khorynne L.	Weaver	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
70	Katrina L.	Gann	Euthanasia Specialist	New
71	Yana	Gritsko	Euthanasia Specialist	New
72	David J.	Haskins	Euthanasia Specialist	New
73	Skylar L.	Luttrell	Euthanasia Specialist	New
74	Richard W.	Meade	Euthanasia Specialist	New
75	Russell County Animal Shelter		Animal Control Agency	Reinstatement

Table 2: Approved CE Requests

Course Title	Sponsor / Provider	CE Hours Requested		Date of Program(s)
		Vet	Vet Techs	
Intestinal Parasites and Zoonotic Risk	Boehringer Ingelheim	2	2	5/16/2023
2023 Morehead Clinic Days	Buffalo Trace Veterinary Medical Association	15	6	6/3-4/23
Unraveling the Mysteries of Osteoarthritis in Cats: My Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment and The Emerging Role of Ketamine in Anesthesia and Pain Management	Cincinnati Veterinary Medical Association	2	-	5/23/2023
How Veterinarians are Using Liquid Biopsy for Cancer Detection in Dogs	Greater Louisville Veterinary Medical Association	2	2	6/7/2023
Mast Cell Tumors in Dogs and Cats	Greater Louisville Veterinary Medical Association	1	-	5/11/2023
Hands On Full Mouth Intraoral Radiographic Positioning Training for Dogs and Cats in Clinic	Kelly Vearil, M.Ed, RVT, VTS (Dentistry)	4	4	4/24/2023
Dr. Megan Romano, Dr. Laura Kennedy - Tape Gates and Tobacco Barns: Diagnostic large animal toxicology at the UKVDL	UK Gluck Equine Research Center	1	1	5/18/2023

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Dr. Sherry Johnson - Blood Flow Restriction Training: The Pressure to Improve Orthopedic Rehabilitation	UK Gluck Equine Research Center	1	1	6/22/2023
How to be a Superstar at Skin Cases	Vetoquinol	2	2	3/16/2023
I Hear You: How to Manage Chronic, Frustrating Otitis Externa Cases	Vetoquinol	1.5	1.5	5/24/2023
New Associate Wellness CE Lecture and Wetlab	Zoetis	9	-	6/7/2023 6/9/2023
Suffering in Silence: Osteoarthritis and Chronic Pain in Cats	Zoetis	2	2	6/15/2023

BUSINESS AGENDA

KVMA Update

Debra Hamelback addressed the board regarding updates from the Kentucky Veterinary Medicinal Association.

- Discussion about [Shively Animal Clinic fatal shooting](#) that occurred on Mother’s Day, May 14, and some of the available resources to assist survivors in times of tragedy, including:
 - Grief and Loss:
 - <https://grief.com/>
 - <https://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/mental-health-resources/grief-and-loss-resources>
 - <https://whatsyourgrief.com/about-us/>
 - Acute Stress Response:
 - <https://patient.info/mental-health/stress-management/acute-stress-reaction#:~:text=An%20acute%20stress%20reaction%20occurs,after%20an%20unexpected%20life%20crisis>
 - Louisville, KY and gun violence community resources
 - AG Victim’s Advocacy office
<https://www.ag.ky.gov/about/Office-Divisions/OVA/Pages/default.aspx>
 - National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center
<https://www.nmvvrc.org/media/3rkfyt0v/nmvvrc-resources-for-old-national-bank-louisville-ky.pdf>
 - Gun Violence Community Resources (Louisville)
<https://mccarvey.house.gov/services/gun-violence-community-resources>
 - Not One More Vet: <https://www.nomv.org/>

- KVMA Comment letter to National Congressional Delegation regarding support of Combating Illicit Xylazine Act ([H.R. 1839/S.993](#))
- KVMA Mid-America Conference updates
 - A de-escalation workshop and self-defense course will be offered at this year's conference
 - 50th Anniversary, with celebration at Muhammad Ali Center
 - The Keynote speaker will be Matt Salois, PhD, President of the Veterinary Study Groups, Inc. (VSG) and veterinary economist
- Hired new full-time lobbyists Julia Bright Crigler and Kate Wood Hall
- Continuing to build the KVMA Employee Assistance Program (EAP) as a member benefit. KVMA hopes to launch the program during the Mid-America Conference
- Exploring a bill to expand contract seat spaces at veterinary schools. Any new contract seats will likely be tied to a requirement to return to work in Kentucky, possibly in shortage areas
 - Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) is in the process of getting approved by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to host contract seats
 - KBVE will assist by compiling new graduate licensure data and as needed
 - KBVE recognizes that there are shortages in food animal work, as well as in equine and small animal, especially emergency services

Mr. Keith Rogers joined the meeting in person at 1:29 PM.

BUDGET MATTERS

- **Kentucky Animal Care and Control Association (KACCA)**
2023 Annual Conference, Duruy Inn, Louisville (North)
September 19-21, 2023 – Ms. Shane was invited to speak September 20

A MOTION was made by Dr. Smith to approve sponsorship of the KACCA 2023 annual conference at Silver level, including associated fees and registrations for Ms. Shane and both KBVE Investigators. The motion, seconded by Dr. Gardner, passed by a majority show of hands.

- **Budget Discussion - Board Staffing Needs, Executive Director Salary, and KDA Contract for Administrative Services**

The Budget Committee met twice since the last regular board meeting. They reviewed data researched by Ms. Shane, including contractual options available to the board and 5-year budgetary projections. Dr. Wills and Dr. Park also met with Keith Rogers yesterday to discuss staffing and contractual options.

Items of discussion:

- Office help is needed, especially to support new programs enacted in the modernized Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act ([23 RS HB 167](#))
- Executive Director salary is below average for similar positions, both within Kentucky and nationwide

- The board's reserve funds are dwindling, and are projected to decrease further with additional staffing costs, appropriate salary adjustments, database upgrades needed for new programming, and updating current program applications completely digital

Mr. Keith Rogers indicated KDA is pleased with the coordination between KBVE and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, particularly related to initiatives to address veterinary shortages. The current KDA administration is in office for another seven (7) months. The Personnel Cabinet must be consulted regarding direct hiring of staff.

Dr. Wills would like the Board to move toward direct hire to ensure continuity of staffing, to allow the KBVE to establish salaries for its own employees, and to ensure employee retention. He directed Ms. Shane to collect additional information to discuss at the Board Retreat in June.

Dr. Wills and Ms. Shane discussed the historical fee structures of KBVE and where they fall regarding national averages, as reflected in the 2022 AAVSB Member Board Profile Survey. Current veterinarian licensing fees have not changed in approximately 12 years, and are comparatively low for independent boards like the KBVE. Other fees have not changed in an even longer period.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- **AAVSB Updates**

- **2023 Annual Meeting & Conference – September 28-30, 2023 in Kansas City, Missouri**

Currently Ms. Shane and Dr. Dawes are planning to attend. Any other board members who wish to attend should contact Ms. Shane.

- **Nomination of Ms. Amy Staton to AAVSB Nominations Committee**

KBVE submitted a nomination package for Ms. Amy Staton to be included on the Annual Meeting ballot for the open position on the Nominations Committee. Members of the Board discussed this letter without objection.

- **AAVSB Member Application from Quebec**

Quebec has applied to AAVSB to become a Member Board of the organization. Members of the KBVE reviewed the application, and noted no objections.

- **Other Reports:**

Keeping in line with the limitations of non-disclosures signed by AAVSB Volunteers, a brief update was shared about KBVE participation in the following:

- **Board of Directors**

AAVSB is preparing to release model regulations that will be available for board review and comment prior to adoption. Ms. Shane is not able to disclose much at this time, but many exciting things are happening.

- **AAVSB Regulatory Policy Task Force**
The Task Force has formed subcommittees to work on individual projects. Dr. Dawes volunteered for the subcommittees covering facilities, medical standards, and medical records.
- **AAVSB Program and Services Think Tank**
Ms. Amanda Briggs met with the Think Tank on May 9, 2023. Updates were provided on the ongoing initiatives to develop a midlevel veterinary practitioner and streamlining the NAVLE approval process.
- **AVMA**
 - The AVMA National Convention is being held in Denver, CO July 14-18, 2023.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Stephanie Kennedy, Dr. Gene Smith, and Dr. Tim Gardner discussed topics related to applications.

- **Board Office Authorization to Review Clear Applications and Issue Licenses**
Members of the Committee expressed they have found it very helpful for Ms. Shane to be authorized by the Board to issue licenses to candidates with no red flags in their applications. This process has worked well, and helped applicants become licensed more quickly.
- **New Graduate Licensure Report**
A new report was provided in the board packet that provided an overview of new graduate applications from Auburn, LMU, and other CVMs from which applicants applied for licensure in 2023.
- **Special Permits – Duration**
Members of the Board discussed [KRS 321.201](#), special permit issuance period, and duration. The statute ties the special permit to a testing registration window. However, in order to assist the current pool of applicants continue to work while preparing for a future testing window, as determined during the January 26, 2023 meeting of the board, the KBVE determined they may opt to allow an applicant to register for an exam up to one (1) window later than the most immediate next exam window opening. This will allow more time for on-the-job mentorship and skills development.
- **Special Permit # 283421 – Failure to Test**
The board discussed a special permit holder who registered for the NAVLE but failed to test. The special permit has now been moved to an expired status. No further board action is needed at this time unless the candidate applies for another permit or licensure.
- **NAVLE and VTNE Pass Rate**
The high failure rate of NAVLE candidates during the last testing window is cause for concern to Members of the Board. Nationally, the NAVLE pass rate is approximately 92%, however Kentucky continues to see an increased number of candidates who test for the

Commonwealth fail the exam on repeated attempts. Consequently, KBVE has seen a surge in special permit Applications. Members of the Applications Committee have directed that Ms. Shane coordinate special permit monitoring with the Board investigators.

Also of concern is the VTNE national pass rate, with reportedly around only a 70% or lower pass rate. AAVSB has not authorized an exception for Kentucky candidates to test prior to graduation. KBVE understands from constituents in Kentucky that graduate veterinary technicians are very frustrated with the testing policy, and some of them give up trying to become licensed due to the difficulties with testing so far past graduation. This is a loss for Kentucky, and a burden to graduates.

Both ICVA and AAVSB testing policies limit applicants to five (5) attempts at each respective exam. However, a state board may petition on the behalf of a candidate for additional testing attempts. KBVE should investigate reflecting the board's testing policies in administrative regulations. It was noted that testing greater than five (5) times or reducing the passing score can cause issues with licensure portability.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Tom Dorman presented the Wellness Committee Report. There are four (4) licensees currently being monitored.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- **KVMA E&O contract**

Ms. Shane presented a rough preliminary schedule for planned Education and Outreach Contract meetings with KVMA. Ideally, at least one Board Member would be present at each meeting. Eastern Kentucky region will have two (2) meetings to accommodate travel times. Each meeting will offer dinner and two (2) hours of CE credit. Tentative Schedule:

- October – 2 meetings (one will be KAEP)
- November – 1 meeting
- January – 2 meetings
- February – 2 meetings
- March – 2 meetings
- April – 1 or 2 meetings

- **Interagency and Stakeholder Coordination and Outreach**

Several agencies and stakeholders have requested meetings, and ideally at least one Board Member would attend each meeting. Scheduling is in progress.

- Kentucky Board of Pharmacy (KBOP)
- Keeneland
- Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC)
- Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (KBLMT) and their association
- Kentucky Cattlemen's Association

PERIODIC CERTIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY INSPECTIONS

Dr. St. Clair presented the following periodic certified animal control agency (ACA) inspections:

- Russell County Animal Shelter (certificate # 246860) - reinstatement

COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Eckert provided the Committee’s report.

Case Status Recommendations	Case Numbers
Ordered Appearance (Before Committee Only)	• 2023-06 (new)
Dismissed, no violations of the Practice Act identified	• 2023-01 • 2023-07 (new) • 2023-06 (new) • 2023-08 (new)
Assigned to Investigator	• 2023-03 (new) • 2023-05 (new)
Assigned to Legal Counsel for Settlement Negotiations	• 2020-08 • 2020-29
Assigned to Legal Counsel for Administrative Hearing	• 2021-47
Direction to Issue Private Admonishment	• 2022-58
Closed following KBVE action and fulfillment of terms	• 2022-29 • 2022-40
New – Waiting on Responses	• 2023-02 • 2023-04

A MOTION was made by Ms. Staton to approve the recommendations of the Complaints Screening Committee. The motion, seconded by Dr. Kennedy, passed unanimously.

Chairman Dr. Wills discussed the board’s current grievance case backlog. Public protection is the one of the primary duties of the Board, and grievance processing is one way the Board achieves this mission. Cases need to be processed and completed. Dr. Wills directed that cases receive swifter action following meetings, generally within seven – ten (7-10) days of a Board or Committee meeting. The Board anticipated that the legislative effort with the Practice Act diverted resources, and the transition to new general counsel last year delayed progress to some degree. However, Dr. Wills also emphatically stated that clearing the grievance case backlog must be prioritized by both staff and legal counsel.

The board took a break 2:31 pm – 2:43 pm.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- **Practice Act Update – 23 RS HB 167**

Members of the Board reviewed documentation showing the complete timeline of work for all activities related to the Practice Act Modernization initiative, as well as a proposed timeline for the required administrative regulations work now required with the passage of [23 RS HB 167](#).

- **Administrative Regulations**

Ms. Shane lead Members of the Board through discussions about proposed edits to the following administrative regulations:

- **201 KAR 16:550** Authorization for animal control agencies to apply for a restricted controlled substances certificate from DEA
 - Members of the Board discussed what limitations exist on an animal shelter to qualify it as an animal control agency (ACA). Members of the Board do not feel the scope of the KBVE overlaps with the responsibilities of the KDFWR when it comes to wildlife management, and discussed ways to clarify that care for sick and injured wildlife does not qualify under the definition of an animal shelter nor an animal control agency. Additionally, they do not want backyard rescues trying to apply to gain access to controlled substances.
- **201 KAR 16:552** Responsibilities for certified animal control agencies; limitations on drugs
- **201 KAR 16:560** Certification as an animal euthanasia specialist
- **201 KAR 16:590** Continuing education requirements, veterinarians and veterinary technicians
- **201 KAR 16:750** Scope of Practice and Supervisory Requirements for Licensed Veterinary Technicians
- **201 KAR 16:701** Standards for Medical Records
- **201 KAR 16:702** Standards for Veterinary Surgery

Edits to these administrative regulations shall be posted on the KBVE internal file sharing site for Board Member review, pending a vote for filing at the June 2023 Board Retreat.

- **Equine Dental**

Ms. Shane reached out to Cathy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, regarding their rules on equine dentists and work related to reproduction.

Ms. Kirkpatrick indicated that the OK animal husbandry bill was initially passed in 2011, with changes passed in 2021 and 2022. Under this law, equine dentists are not required to be certified by the board in OK. However, they do have the option to become certified. Those that become certified with the board have to meet certain requirements established by the OK Board, such as graduation from an approved school and annual CE. If they become certified, they can work on the racetracks. (The OK Racing Commission enforces this, and will not let the equine dentists on the track without a license from the OK Board). Also, any drugs used by the dentist are supposed to be obtained by the owner from a licensed

veterinarian under a current VCPR. Regarding the non-veterinary reproductive services, they limited this work to veterinarians, human PhDs with special training, and LVTs.

Ms. Shane reached out to both IAED and Kentucky Cattlemen's in an effort to partner in any legislation being developed.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS

- **Questions pending from the Board's Office**
 - **Microchips – Veterinarian responsibilities in owner contact**

This request asks the board to consider writing a regulation to provide standard operating procedures about owner notification when an animal presented to a licensee's clinic has a microchip. Members of the Board concluded that each practice should develop their own guidelines and consult a liability attorney.
 - **Relief Veterinary Medical Association (Relief VMA) – Temporary Permits**

Kentucky does not offer any temporary or reciprocal licenses. All veterinarians who wish to practice in Kentucky must obtain a full Kentucky veterinarian license. Members of the Board discussed the request to develop a new temporary license for veterinarians. This topic was debated at length during the development of the modernized Kentucky Practice Act. At that time, board members discussed:

 - Board scope of authority
 - Board authority over practitioners
 - KRS 321.200 already containing a provision for veterinarians to work in the Commonwealth under states of emergency
 - Challenges with registration of practitioners for a temporary licenses, and the administrative burden on staff
 - Authentically tracking number of days worked on a temporary permit in a given year
 - Reporting requirements to the board
 - Etc.

Members of the Board reaffirmed their earlier decision that anyone wishing to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth would be required to apply for and obtain a full license from the KBVE, unless they met one or more exemption under [KRS 321.200](#).

- **Other Items for Discussion**

- **Interagency meeting with KDFWR**

KBVE Vice Chair Dr. Smith, Dr. Eckert, Dr. Park, Dr. Dawes, KBVE Investigator Dr. St. Clair, KBVE Counsel Mr. Brengelman, and Ms. Shane met with enforcement staff of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), as well as the State Wildlife Veterinarian, Dr. Christine Casey, via Zoom on May 19. Notes from the meeting were included for review in the Board packet. Ms. Shane presented an update of the interagency meeting. Both agencies are working to clarify euthanasia duties in regulations to prevent unqualified individuals from performing this task, particularly in unauthorized situations.

- **KBVE Comment Letter to HISA regarding stakeholder feedback on Rule Series 2000**

In response to an informal invitation from the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA), which put out a request for comments on a preliminary draft of changes to Rule Series 2000, Ms. Shane worked with KBVE Chairman Dr. Wills and Dr. Park to compose and issue a letter from the KBVE to HISA providing feedback. The proposed rule changes would allow HISA to extinguish state rights by abolishing state licensing boards' requirements for veterinarians to be licensed in a their jurisdiction when the veterinarian is working on a HISA covered racetrack. KBVE is opposed to this rule change. The board supported the letter as written.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- **Board Retreat**
June 21-22, 2023 @ 8:00 AM EDT
Cliffview Lodge, Campton, KY
- **Regular Board Meeting**
Thursday, July 27, 2023 @ 1:00 PM EDT
Office of the State Veterinarian, Frankfort, KY

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dr. Wills adjourned the meeting at 3:51 pm.

These Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board on July 27, 2023.



Gene Smith, DVM, Vice Chairman of the Board

PRESIDING OFFICER: Steven J. Wills, DVM, Board Chairman
Minutes Recorded by: Michelle M. Shane, Executive Director



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COMMITTEE MEETINGS – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

- 9:00 AM • Complaints Screening Committee
- 11:00 AM • Applications Committee

1:00 PM BOARD MEETING – PUBLIC MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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BUDGET MATTERS

- **Kentucky Animal Care and Control Association (KACCA)**
2023 Annual Conference, Duruy Inn Louisville North
- **Board Staffing Needs, Executive Director Salary, and KDA Contract for Administrative Services**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- AAVSB Updates

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COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- **Practice Act Update – 23 RS HB 167**
- **Administrative Regulations**
 - 201 KAR 16:550 Authorization for animal control agencies to apply for a restricted controlled substances certificate from DEA
 - 201 KAR 16:552 Responsibilities for certified animal control agencies; limitations on drugs
 - 201 KAR 16:560 Certification as an animal euthanasia specialist
 - 201 KAR 16:590 Continuing education requirements, veterinarians and veterinary technicians
 - 201 KAR 16:750 Scope of Practice and Supervisory Requirements for Licensed Veterinary Technicians
 - 201 KAR 16:701 Standards for Medical Records
 - 201 KAR 16:702 Standards for Veterinary Surgery

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS

- Questions pending from the Board's Office
 - Microchips – Veterinarian responsibilities in owner contact
 - Relief Veterinary Medical Association (Relief VMA) – Temporary Permits
- Other Items for Discussion
 - Interagency meeting with KDFWR
 - KBVE Comment Letter to HISA regarding stakeholder feedback on Rule Series 2000
 - KVMA Comment Letter to National Congressional Delegation and Governor Beshear regarding support of Combating Illicit Xylazine Act ([H.R. 1839/S.993](#))
 - Equine Dental
 - Obituary Notifications

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- **Board Retreat**
June 21-22, 2023
- **Regular Board Meeting**
Thursday, July 27, 2023

ADJOURNMENT