



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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Special Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024

Meeting Location: Zoom Option Only

KBVE Special Board Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

All Board Members, Staff, and Others present via Zoom: (A) = Audio, (V) = Video

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Vacant seat (AAHP permittee)

KBVE STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

- Trish Holstein, Executive Director, West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine
- Jessica Siefertman, Executive Director, California Board of Veterinary Medicine

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Chair John C. Park, DVM, called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM EDT. Chairman Dr. Park welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Ms. Shane confirmed the public notice for this meeting was published on the KBVE website meetings page on Wednesday, August 7.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Shane read aloud the KBVE mission statement.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Meeting Agenda for August 8, 2024
- Approval of Board Per Diem

A MOTION was made by Dr. Gardner to approve the consent agenda. The motion, seconded by Mr. Dorman, passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA**OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS**

- **Progress on Board relocation and migration**

Ms. Shane provided an update on the KBVE's office relocation and an update on IT issues. Staff continue to experience issues with network connectivity and data file management. Staff have been working with COT daily to report and resolve problems.

The new office suite floors are still pending install due to Finance Cabinet's rejection of the initial quote. An updated quote is pending, and the floors should be installed prior to the September meeting.

- **National strategic partnerships – Equine Dental**

- **West Virginia Equine Dental Forum – July 15, Charleston, WV**

The West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine held a large stakeholder meeting on July 15, 2024. Dr. Quammen was in attendance and shared her notes with the Board prior to the meeting. She reported that the participants were comprised of regulatory board members, non-veterinarian equine dental providers, and equine dental specialists. Major concerns that were addressed included the need for a business license, insurance and liability, public harm/animal injury.

Ms. Holstein spoke briefly about West Virginia's stance on equine dental providers. She has concerns that if a pathway to licensure is opened, there will still be providers who choose to operate outside the legal parameters. The West Virginia board will be watching Kentucky's progress closely.

- **KVMA Board Meeting – August 7, Frankfort, KY**

Dr. Quammen and Ms. Shane provided an overview of their observations from the KVMA board meeting and the legislative work stakeholders are undertaking on the issue of equine dental. The KVMA working group is looking closely at the Texas model. The group intends to outreach to key legislators.

Accessibility of drugs will be a key factor in this discussion. Dr. Smith relayed a recent incident in Morgan County where during a traffic stop police discovered xylazine in the vehicle, two boxes of six bottles each.

Dr. Dawes arrived at 4:26pm.

Ms. Shane requested that KVMA's Equine Dental working group return the draft legislation to KBVE for review prior to any final copies being publicly distributed or submitted to legislators.

Ms. Holstein relayed she learned from the Virginia Board Chair that they have 22 licensed equine dental providers.

Dr. Prater expressed concerns regarding equine dental and young veterinarian practitioners. They are getting more training in this area and are more excited to do this work than older practitioners. This may impact the available market for the non-veterinarian equine dental practitioners. He cited the Board's mission statement and that Members of the Board are required to protect the public.

Dr. Park stated agreement. He relayed challenges with hiring and frustrations of practitioners. He cited statements from AVMA, AAEP, and KAEP. He expressed desire to see a firm statement from KVMA on their position on this subject.

Dr. Dawes emphasized the need to educate legislators about the complexities of the issues facing the profession of veterinary medicine and the ability of the board to protect the public and their animals.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Ms. Shane provided an update on regulation filing progress. The board has voted to file 23 regulations, new and amended, with LRC as soon as possible. The office move and continuing IT issues have caused delay in finalizing the filings. Staff continue to work diligently to have the regulations filed as soon as possible. Ms. Shane hopes to have some regulations filed in August, and the remainder in September. Much depends on the IT situation and LRC feedback on the drafts.

201 KAR 16:563 (Responsibilities for allied animal health professionals; limitations on practice) is one of the regulations scheduled for filing. Some clarity is needed on a couple of items that came out of the WV Forum and KVMA equine dental discussions to ensure AAHP works for multiple scopes of practice. Members of the Board discussed issues with:

- Liability waiver from client regarding VCPR/veterinarian responsibility if a non-veterinarian administers the drugs when the veterinarian is not onsite.
- Medications / sedation drugs going to client or AAHP
- Communication timelines between the AAHP and the veterinarian

Members requested to agendize this topic on Sept 19 meeting. This is ideal since this KBVE meeting falls after the KVMA Mid-America Conference.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Location: *Tentative*

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- **September 19, 2024**
- **November 21, 2024**

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Dr. Smith departed at 4:36 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dr. Park thanked everyone for attending. He spoke about why Kentucky has such a great board, the dedicated involvement of Board Members making the work of this Board successful, as well as the hard-working staff at the board's office. Dr. Park stated he will continue to represent KBVE on this and other issues going forward.

Chairman Dr. Park adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by Members of the Board on August 29, 2024.



John C. Park, DVM, Chair of the 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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