



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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Special Meeting Minutes

September 17, 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 (A)
- Dale Eckert, DVM (V)
- Tim Gardner, DVM (V)
- Leah Miller, DVM (V)
- 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

- Judith Piazza, Citizen-at-Large

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STAFF PRESENT

- Joe Bilby, Legal Counsel (V)
- 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)
- Stephanie Kennedy, DVM (V)
- Debra Hamelback, KVMA Executive Director (V)
- Bonnie Barr, DVM (A)
- Emily Caporal, KYPRN (V)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Steven Wills, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT. Chairman Wills welcomed everyone to the online Zoom meeting.

Ms. Michelle Shane, Board Executive Director, read the roll call. A quorum of the Board was noted as achieved.

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Ms. Shane confirmed the public notice for this meeting was sent on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) media contact list.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Shane read aloud the Board's mission statement.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Board Meeting Minutes from July 23, 2020
- Budget Expenditures since last meeting
- Applications Committee Report on New Applications
- Applications Committee Report on New CE Requests
- Approval of Board Per Diem

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

Budget

The budget expenditures and revenue approved are summarized for F.Y. 2021, July 1, 2020, through September 8, 2020, as follows:

- Receipts = \$141,990
- Expenditures = \$35,415
- Current Balance = \$1,106,368

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 19 veterinarian and seven (7) veterinary technician applications. The Board approved CE requests for 235.5 hours of CE for veterinarians and 148 hours of CE for veterinary technicians.

Table 1: Approved Applicants for Licensure and Certification				
Line No.	First Name	Last Name	License Type	App. Type
1	Ericka J.	Beck	Veterinarian	Endorsement
2	Sheri S.W.	Birmingham	Veterinarian	Endorsement
3	Mara E.	Bynum	Veterinarian	Endorsement
4	Laura E.	Faulkner	Veterinarian	Endorsement
5	Trey H.	Gellert	Veterinarian	Endorsement
6	Nicole L.	Hird	Veterinarian	Endorsement
7	Kendra A.	Jiannuzzi	Veterinarian	Endorsement
8	Kristine M.	Kaufeld	Veterinarian	Endorsement
9	Otto I.	Lanz	Veterinarian	Endorsement
10	Lynn M.	Leedhanachoke	Veterinarian	New
11	David J.	Moore	Veterinarian	Endorsement
12	Jennifer E.	Muth	Veterinarian	Endorsement
13	Amy L.	Narotsky	Veterinarian	Endorsement
14	Amanda M. N.	Perkins	Veterinarian	Endorsement
15	Matthew S.	Pochebit	Veterinarian	New
16	Jaret M.	Pullen	Veterinarian	Endorsement
17	Tracy L.	Tinsley	Veterinarian	Endorsement
18	Kaylin B.	Van Horn	Veterinarian	Endorsement
19	Xiaotong	Wu	Veterinarian	New
20	Whitney D.	Atkinson	Veterinary Technician	New
21	Jacy L.	Isaacs	Veterinary Technician	New
22	Katelyn M.	Neblett	Veterinary Technician	New
23	Trista E.	Raymer	Veterinary Technician	Endorsement
24	Tara R.	Renfro	Veterinary Technician	New
25	Dawn M.	Smith	Veterinary Technician	New
26	Mallory N.	Smithson	Veterinary Technician	New

Table 2: Approved CE Requests				
Course Title	Sponsor / Provider	CE Hours Requested		Date of Program(s)
		Vet	Vet Techs	
Cushings	BluePearl	1	1	7/15/2020

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Building Your Preparedness Toolkit: Part 1: Initial Stabilization of Common ER Cases and Part 2: Going Viral: Acute Management, Outpatient Treatment, and Ways to Improve Parvo Virus Patients	CareCenter	2	2	5/19/2020; and online
Joined at the Hip: Our Team's Approach to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Hip-Related Issues	CareCenter	2	2	6/19/2020; and online
2020 Summer Food Animal Conference	Elanco Animal Health	8	8	8/20/2020
Animal Normalization Therapy Osteopathic Approach for Small Animals	Full Spectrum Canine Therapy	30	-	1/23-26/2020
Real World Benefits of Extended Duration Products	Merck	1	1	8/18/2020 + future dates
Aquatic Animal Welfare Module: The Aquarium Vet: E-Quarist Course	Newport Aquarium	-	1	9/2/2020
E-Lasmo Conference 2020 - The Aquarium Vet	Newport Aquarium	-	4	4/-/2020
Common Diseases of Companion Animals 201	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Common Diseases of Companion Animals 201 - 202 (combined course)	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	12	12	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Common Diseases of Companion Animals 202	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 201	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 202	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
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Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 205	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 206	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 207	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 208	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Natural Veterinary Medicine 201	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Natural Veterinary Medicine 202	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Natural Veterinary Medicine 203	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Natural Veterinary Medicine 204	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Veterinary Acupuncture 201	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Veterinary Acupuncture 202	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Veterinary Acupuncture 203	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	6	6	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)

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Veterinary Acupuncture 204	OnlineCE.com (Dr. Richard Saporito)	12	12	Online - offered continuously (Approved through 11/30/2022)
Cardiology in General Practice	Southwestern Indiana VMA	2	-	11/21/2019
Dermatology Potpourri	Southwestern Indiana VMA	2	-	7/16/2020
Fever of Unknown Origin: A Practical Approach to a Problem with Endless Possibilities	Southwestern Indiana VMA	1.5	-	1/16/2020
I got to Go - A Practical Guide to Working up the dog with Urinary Accidents; and Down the Hatch - A Clinician's Guide to the Canine Esophagus	Southwestern Indiana VMA	2	-	1/17/2019
Southwestern Indiana VMA Annual Meeting	Southwestern Indiana VMA	7	-	2/17/2019
The Two Year Review (Equine Pathology)	UK Gluck Equine Research Center	1	1	8/27/2020
University of Kentucky Department of Veterinary Science Seminar Series: "Bruno Menarim" Seminar	UK Gluck Equine Research Center	1	1	9/3/2020
University of Kentucky Department of Veterinary Science Seminar Series: "Dr. Ted Kalbfleisch" Seminar	UK Gluck Equine Research Center	1	1	9/24/2020
USAHA Annual Conference, 2018	United States Animal Health Association	23	-	10/18-24/2018
USAHA Annual Conference, 2019	United States Animal Health Association	25	-	10/24-30/2019

BUSINESS AGENDA

SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 Update and Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed an inquiry from a licensee about potential changes to current Board Orders.

The Board discussed current protocols and made a determination that no changes were required to current Board Orders. Ms. Shane was directed to issue an update confirming current orders are to remain in place.

OLD BUSINESS

- **AAVSB Annual Meeting – Virtual Offerings**

The Board discussed attendance at the virtual annual meeting hosted by the American Association for Veterinary State Boards. As approved by the Board Chairman, the full Board was registered at a total cost of \$250, including inspectors and staff for a total of 15 registrants.

- **Industrial Hemp Statement.** The Board reviewed the industrial hemp statement on the KBVE website. After some discussion, the Board determined that any edits would be deferred to provide an opportunity for Board Members to attend upcoming CE courses addressing this trending topic. The AAVSB annual meeting has a cannabinoid presentation scheduled on Oct 1. Dr. Smith is scheduled to attend several courses through the AVMA which will address cannabis. Dr. Miller also took training in the past. The Board directed Ms. Shane to collect all the course information and distribute to the full Board as optional CE, providing more current information for this discussion.

- **Update on Auburn Presentation**

Chairman Wills and Ms. Shane provided an update on the education and outreach effort coordinated with Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Calvin Johnson, DVM. A presentation on KBVE, including several complaint case studies was provided to incoming freshman. The presentation was well received. All parties hope to continue developing outreach opportunities so students become more acquainted with Board operations, licensing requirements, and regulations.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

- **Veterinarians.** 2,646 Active licenses, down three (3) licenses from the last report, and up 133 from the same time period in 2019; there are also currently nine (9) Inactive veterinarian licenses and two (2) Special Permits. Three (3) veterinarians retired their licenses. The following veterinarians have been reported deceased since the opening of the 2020 renewal cycle, may they rest in peace.
 - Gisele West Alvey, DVM – 6/24/2019
 - Monty C. Freshwater, DVM – 8/21/2019
 - Fred H. Lawson, DVM – 06/23/2020
 - Gerald H. “Jerry” Lowry, DVM – 09/05/2020
 - Walter H. Marsch, DVM – 07/19/2020
 - Roy D. Mertz, DVM – 07/10/2020
 - Kenneth J. Sims, DVM – 05/22/2020
 - Mary Paula Thorne, DVM – 12/28/2019
- **Veterinary Technicians.** 456 Active licenses, up two (2) licenses from the last report, and up 21 licenses from the same time period in 2019; there is also currently three (3) Inactive veterinary technician license. One (1) veterinary technician retired their license.

- **Certified Animal Control Agencies.** 53 Active certificates, up two (2) from the last report, and down five (5) from the same time period in 2019; and
- **Certified Animal Euthanasia Specialists.** 186 Active certificates, up two (2) from the last report, and down 14 from the same period in 2019; there are also currently four (4) Inactive animal euthanasia specialist certificates.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Update on renewals
 - Renewal period opened July 1, 2020
 - Email reminder sent July 7
 - Post card reminder mailed in early August
 - Email reminder sent September 15
 - 1,021 (~39%) veterinarian licensees completed renewal (of those 11 inactive, four (4) retired)
 - 1,635 (~62%) veterinarian licensees still have pending renewals
 - 190 (~42%) veterinary technician licensees completed renewal
 - 269 (~59%) veterinary technician licensees still have pending renewals

The Board estimates that the high number of pending applications is due in large part to COVID-19 delays and restrictions on in-person meetings.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Emily Caporal presented the Wellness Report. The Board discussed multiple cases.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- There are no updates to report on the Euthanasia Course Curriculum Initiative, as efforts to connect with Lexington and Louisville have not yet produced a response.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- Update on initiating a review of the Kentucky Practice Act. The Board discussed this initiative.
 - Last update to the Practice Act - 1984
 - Clarity in definitions are critically important
 - Ownership of practices by corporate and non-licensee joint owners must be addressed to designate a responsible party
 - Facility / premise permitting is important to ensure basic levels of quality / animal welfare / standards of practice
 - Insights from the Complaints Committee – recurring case types
- The Board is considering a spring or early summer retreat to engage in detailed work on this initiative

SALES REPORTS

Investigator Coy St. Clair, DVM presented the Sales Reports to the Board.

- **Fasig-Tipton** – 80 veterinarians viewed radiograph records, one foreign veterinarian, and three (3) veterinarians viewed remotely but were not licensed in Kentucky
- **Keeneland** to date (Sale is still ongoing) – 101 veterinarians viewed records, unknown number of foreigners at this time

COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Joe Bilby presented the Committee Report.

- **2018-21** – monitoring Final Order
- **2019-11** – tabled
- **2019-13** – tabled
- **2019-15** – ongoing
- **2019-21** – monitoring Settlement Agreement
- **2019-32** – closed
- **2019-37** – monitoring Settlement Agreement
- **2020-05** – pending Settlement Agreement
- **2020-08** – tabled
- **2020-09** – dismissed
- **2020-10** – dismissed
- **2020-12** – dismissed
- **2020-13** – dismissed
- **2020-15** – dismissed
- **2020-16** – dismissed
- **2020-18** – case assigned to investigator
- **2020-20** – dismissed
- **2020-22** – ongoing
- **2020-24** – ongoing
- **2020-26** – dismissed
- **2020-27** – ongoing
- **2020-28** – case assigned to investigator
- **2020-29** – tabled
- **2020-30** – closed
- **2020-31** – tabled
- **2020-32** – ongoing
- **2020-33** – dismissed
- **2020-34** – case assigned to investigator
- **2020-35** – case assigned to investigator
- **2020-36** – ongoing

- **2020-37** – dismissed
- **2020-38** – dismissed
- **2020-39** – dismissed; from this case a new case is being opened (# 2020-44)
- **2020-40** – dismissed
- **2020-41** – ongoing

A MOTION was made by Dr. Tim Gardner to approve the recommendations of the Complaints Screening Committee. The motion, seconded by Ms. Amy Staton, passed unanimously by voice vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS

- **Announcement from the Office of the State Veterinarian (OSV).** Dr. Bob Stout relayed that the State Board of Agriculture (SBA) is currently conducting a search for a new State Veterinarian, as Dr. Stout plans to retire at the end of 2020. Several applications have already been submitted, and the SBA will be conducting interviews soon.
- **Questions pending from the Board's Office**
 - **PT for Animals.** The Board reviewed the list of services submitted by an individual requesting to provide these services without a license. The Board reviewed the full request and, according to KRS Chapter 321, the individual should only perform these services under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. If the individual became licensed as a veterinary technician, then the licensee could perform these activities with indirect supervision.
- **Other Updates**
 - **Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners (KBCE).** The KBCE reached out to the KBVE to better understand how the Board views animal “chiropractic” work, and where this service falls under the Veterinary Medical Practice Act. A meeting is scheduled for preliminary discussions. Chairman Wills, Dr. Smith, Mr. Bilby, and Ms. Shane will attend.
 - **Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy (KBLMT).** The animal massage initiative was supposed to be discussed in a working group this fall, led by the Babbage Cofounder group. However, the KBVE office has not been contacted to begin work. The Board directed Ms. Shane to reach out to the KBLMT to determine more details on the current status of the animal massage legislative initiative.
- **KVMA.** Dr. Bonnie Barr and Ms. Debra Hamelback spoke about the 2020 Mid-America Conference and available CE sessions.
- **KBVE.** This meeting is Dr. Amanda Rowland's last meeting as a Board Member, as her term expires 9/28/2020. The Board welcomes Dr. Stephanie Kennedy, appointed to the seat with a term beginning 09/29/2020.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Tim Gardner to move to closed session to discuss Wellness Committee concerns. The motion, seconded by Ms. Amy Staton, passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 2:10 PM.

The Board returned to regular session at 2:17 PM.

Dr. Rowland brought to the Board's attention a rabies clinic being advertised by Southern States on Lebanon Rd. The Board had not received a request to hold such a clinic, as required by standing COVID-19 Board Order, and there has not been a clinic approved for this date and location. The Board directed Ms. Shane to open a case and send cease and desist to the veterinarians involved until such time as the clinic details can be reviewed and approved by the Board.

NEXT MEETING


December 3, 2020

Online Zoom Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wills adjourned meeting at 2:20 pm.

These Minutes were approved by the Board on December 3, 2020.



Steven J. Wills, DVM, Chairman of the Board

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



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- **Join the Zoom Meeting online:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939775667?pwd=WUUweVNIUEdMRGIFczBJY3k0ZnJUZz09>
Meeting ID: 869 3977 5667
Password: 973519
- **Or dial in @ any number:** 929-436-2866 US (New York), 301-715-8592 US (Germantown), 312-626-6799 US (Chicago); 669-900-6833 US (San Jose); 253-215-8782 US (Tacoma); 346-248-7799 US (Houston). If the line is busy, please try a different number.
- **One tap mobile:** +19294362866,,86939775667# US (New York) 13017158592,,86939775667# US +(Germantown)

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

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OLD BUSINESS

- **AAVSB Annual Meeting – Virtual Offerings**
- **Industrial Hemp**

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Update on online renewals and approvals

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Update on Euthanasia Course Curriculum initiative

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- Starting a review of the Kentucky Practice Act
- Potential Board Retreat Dates – spring 2021

SALES REPORTS

- Keeneland

COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT

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OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS

- Announcement – Opening for State Veterinarian position
- Questions pending from the Board's Office
- Other Questions for Discussion

NEXT MEETING

December 3, 2020

Online Zoom Meeting

ADJOURNMENT