



**State of Wisconsin**  
**Veterinary Examining Board**

Governor Tony Evers  
Dr. Hunter Lang, DVM, Chair

**VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD**

**July 17, 2024**  
**9:00am**

**Meeting Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** In person: Hunter Lang, DVM; Alan Holter, DVM; Stephanie Miesen, DVM  
Virtual: Lyn Schuh, CVT; Karl Solverson, DVM.

**STAFF PRESENT,** Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Aaron O'Neil, DATCP Attorney; Erin Carter, Regulatory Specialist; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Jonathan Bent, Licensing Associate; Karen Torvell, Program Assistant Supervisor; Axel Candelaria Rivera, Attorney.

Hunter Lang, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07am. A quorum of five (5) members was confirmed.

**I. 9:00 A.M. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

**II. Approval of the Agenda (action item)**

**MOTION** Lyn Schuh: moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously

**III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (action items)**

A. April 17, 2024 Full Board Meeting

**MOTION** Stephanie Miesen: moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to approve the April 17, 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously

B. May 7, 2024 Ad Hoc Board Meeting

**MOTION** Alan Holter: moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to approve the May 7, 2024 ad hoc board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously

**IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition (informational)**

A. Reappointments – Dr. Solverson and Dr. Estelle's terms end on July 1, 2025. Dr. Estelle is unavailable to serve a second term, but Dr. Solverson is willing to stay on the VEB until a replacement is found.

B. Board officers and committee appointments changeover

**V. Public Comments**

*Each speaker is limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of speakers. Each speaker must fill out and submit an appearance card to the Board clerk.*

**VI. American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Matters (informational)**

- A. AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference, San Diego, CA Sept. 25-28 – The AAVSB provides funding for two board member delegates to travel and attend. Board members are encouraged to contact Melissa Mace if interested in attending.
- B. AAVSB Services Presentation – Dr. Beth Venit, Chief Veterinary Officer of the AAVSB, and Dr. Tim Kolb, AAVSB board member and Vice-President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board, provided an overview of the association’s services. See attached pdf of their presentation.

**VII. Administrative Items(informational)**

- A. VPAP Quarterly Report – Melissa Mace presented the report, noting that utilization was down for the first half of the year. She attributed this to the program lacking a public information officer during that time, greatly decreasing the amount of program messaging. Three webinars are planned for the year, with hopes for adding a fourth.
- B. Emergency Veterinarian Services – The VEB received a complaint regarding availability of emergency veterinary services, specifically the distance between clinics and that clinics are not required to provide veterinary care. This is not covered by VEB statute or rule. Dustin Boyd noted that the complaint’s stated lack of clinics seems to be overstated.
- C. AVMA HOD Report – Dr. Lang reported that discussions included guidelines for transport of animals, responsibility for standard of care at corporate practices, and integration of artificial intelligence through transcription services and diagnostic software. The AVMA will partner with the medical community to create guidelines for use of AI in veterinary medicine. Further discussion topics included the AVMA’s model practice act, virtual VCPR, veterinary technician utilization, license portability, veterinary examining boards, and progress on national xylazine legislation.
- D. AABP CVT Guidelines vs. WI VE 1.44 – Dr. Lang noted that a necessary adaptation of the guidelines for Wisconsin veterinarians is the different requirements and definitions of indirect and direct veterinary supervision.

**VIII. Guidance Document (action item)**

- A. VCPR timely exams – Angela Fisher presented the edited document to the board.

**MOTION:** Stephanie Miesen moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to approve guidance on VCPR timely exams. Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Licensing/Exam Inquiries (informational) – Nothing to present or discuss at this meeting.**

## **X. Administrative Code**

- A. VE 1 Evaluation (**action item**) – Angela Fisher presented the changes proposed by DATCP staff, noting where state statute 89 prevents rule changes. This was specifically noted in reference to applicants for licensure by endorsement who have disciplinary action against their license from another jurisdiction. A more detailed discussion is planned for the Administrative Rules Committee meeting.

**MOTION:** Karl Solverson moved, seconded by Stephanie Miesen, to refer the VE 1 evaluation to Admin Rules Committee. [Motion carried unanimously.](#)

## **XI. Legislative and Policy (informational)**

- A. Legislative update – Angela Fisher expects that another reciprocal credential bill will be introduced in the next legislative session. The differences between rule changes and statute changes were also presented.
- B. Biennial Budget – Budget requests for two full-time VEB positions will be sent to the office of the secretary: one for investigation, monitoring, and effective enforcement; the other for program and policy analysis.

## **XII. Strategic Plan**

- A. 2023 Goals (informational) – Melissa Mace reviewed the completed 2023 goals, including sending two voting members to the AAVSB Annual Meeting, having an AAVSB presentation at a VEB meeting, elevating awareness of the VPAP, completion of the guidance document clarifying that mental health is pertinent to veterinary medicine, streamlining the complaint process, and outreach to credential holders.
- B. 2024 Changes (discussion) – 2024 strategic goals include: review and update the state exam, update licensure forms, continue the VE 1 rule evaluation to streamline the licensing process, make compliance/disciplinary public documents more available to the public, continue support for the VPAP program through webinars and outreach, and present at the Vet School and at a Veterinary Technician program.

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Stephanie Miesen to approve 2024 strategic plan. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XIII. Future Meeting Dates and Times**

- A. AAVSB Voting Items Review Sept. 18 9am – Dr. Holter has proposed a special meeting to review and discuss the voting items before the upcoming AAVSB Annual Meeting.
- B. Next Board Meeting – October 16, 2024

## **XIV. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

*CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (§ 19.85 (1) (a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (§ 19.85 (1) (f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (§ 19.85 (1) (g), Stats.).*

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to deliberate on cases following hearing (§ 19.85 (1) (a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (§ 19.85 (1) (f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (§ 19.85 (1) (g), Stats.). Roll Call Vote: Alan Holter – yes; Karl Solverson – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Stephanie Miesen – yes. [Motion carried.](#)

**XV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates (action items)**

**XVI. Deliberation on Compliance Matters (action items)**

A. Proposed Administrative Warnings

1. 24 VET 002 BG
2. 24 VET 026 BK
3. 24 VET 024 AV
4. 23 VET 103 KS

B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

1. 24 VET 020 SH
2. 23 VET 118 BG
3. 24 VET 004 AD
4. 24 TECH 002 AL
5. 23 VET 120 SR
6. 20 VET 046; 20 VET 057; 20 VET 062; 20 VET 097; 20 VET 098; 21 VET 029; 21 VET 030; 21 VET 031; 21 VET 032; 21 VET 033 MR
7. 24 VET 041 TG
8. 23 VET 067; 23 VET 105 EM

C. Orders Granting Full Licensure

1. 23 VET 124 JSR

D. Investigations Recommended for Closure

1. 23 VET 114 KK

E. Suspension Orders

**XVII. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Cases**

- A. Licenses Returned to Full Status (Informational)
- B. Pending Case Status Report (informational)

**XVIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

**XIX. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session**

## **XX. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate**

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Stephanie Miesen, to issue warning notices in the cases of: 24 VET 002 BG; 24 VET 026 BK; 24 VET 024 AV; 23 VET 103 KS. [Motion carried unanimously.](#)

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Stephanie Miesen to accept stipulations and final decision orders in the cases of: 24 VET 020 SH; 23 VET 118 BG; 24 VET 004 AD; 24 TECH 002 AL; 23 VET 120 SR; 20 VET 046, 20 VET 057, 20 VET 062, 20 VET 097, 20 VET 098, 21 VET 029, 21 VET 030, 21 VET 031, 21 VET 032, 21 VET 033 MR; 24 VET 041 TG; 23 VET 067, 23 VET 105 EM. [Motion carried unanimously.](#)

**MOTION:** Stephanie Miesen moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to accept orders granting full licensure in the case of 23 VET 124 JSR. [Motion carried unanimously.](#)

**MOTION:** Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to close case 23 VET 114 KK. [Motion carried unanimously.](#)

## **XXI. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates**

*To delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued.*

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XXII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.