



State of Wisconsin
Veterinary Examining Board

Governor Tony Evers
Dr. Hunter Lang, DVM, Chair

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD
October 16, 2024
9:00am

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: In person: Alan Holter, DVM; Stephanie Miesen, DVM
Virtual: Lyn Schuh, CVT; Karl Solverson, DVM; Leslie Estelle, 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; Karen Torvell, Program Assistant Supervisor; Axel Candelaria Rivera, Attorney; Liz Kennebeck, Regulatory Specialist.

Alan Holter, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01am. 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

MOTION Stephanie Miesen: moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

A. July 17, 2024, Full Board Meeting

MOTION Leslie Estelle: moved, seconded by Stephanie Miesen, to approve the July 17, 2024, board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. August 26, 2024, Admin Rule Committee Meeting

MOTION Karl Solverson: moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to approve the August 26, 2024, administrative rule committee meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

C. September 18, 2024, Ad Hoc Meeting

MOTION Stephanie Miesen: moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to approve the September 18, 2024, ad hoc board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition - None

V. Public Comments

Each speaker is limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of speakers. Each speaker must state their name, address, who you are representing (if other than yourself), and the topic of your comments. (If in person complete an appearance card)

Teri Kleist, CVT/VTS (surgery). CVT for 43 years. Legislative Committee Chair for Veterinary Technician Association of Wisconsin, familiar with rules, regulations. Amazing changes in profession and in the governing of my field thanks to this Board. CVT representative added to Board in 1996. WI was leading the pack. With this being Vet Tech week, I wanted to speak to reinvigorate the Board's passion. We are the bane of every Veterinary Technician in the country. Allowing the alternative path to licensure is disrespectful to those who have gone through the schooling. We are the only state that allows for this. I don't know of any other profession where someone can come in and take an exam and be licensed. So many things, just by having someone there who doesn't have the critical thinking or education. I don't think this should be allowed anymore. The number of people that take the exam and then leave WI is large. Implore the Board to revisit this option.

Delegation of Acts – The problem comes when it leaves the Board Room Having someone there that doesn't have the education can ultimately hurt our patience.

Question from Dr. Holter – to second point what do you want, more delegation? Looking for enforcement and education – professional education, societal education.

Statement Lyn Schuh – CVT's need to speak up if not comfortable doing something need to let supervisor or agency know if feeling pressured to do something outside their expertise.

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

2024 AAVSB annual meeting attendee report out.

- VTNE changes: windows expanded from 3 to 4, AAVSB will do approvals – WI will need to come up with process to verify information.
- Mental Health & Cognitive decline – What do we do as a board?
- AAVSB Team Survey – Mid-Level practitioner. Responses received did not support a MLP position, but instead enhancing use of existing CVTs.
- Vet in practice with DEA license owns the medications – consider power of attorney should anything happens to vet with DEA license.
- Invite legislators to Board meetings to show that we have value and understanding of what the Board does.
- Executive Breakout – Discussions about unlicensed practice and authority, transparency with the public regarding complaint actions.
- Facility Inspections – who is responsible for items in the statutes for corporate owned facilities. Ontario requires a Vet to be listed as contact/responsible party for facility

VII. Administrative Items (informational)

A. PAVE for CVTs

1. DATCP can't accept approvals from AAVSB but, the Board can review and determine if the education is equivalent. This would be a case-by-case bases. Credentialing does this now for CVT's

B. VPAP quarterly report and update

1. Quarterly report – 1.9% utilization rate
2. Stress and Anxiety top requests for assistance.
3. Hosted webinars – 2 well attended.
4. RFP – TELUS is the chosen provider for 2025-2026 contracting in process.

C. Required trainings for board members

1. Reminder 2 trainings that must be completed – instructions in packet

VIII. Guidance (Action)

A. Emergency Clinic Intake – Lyn Schuh

1. An animal becomes the responsibility of a treating veterinarian upon intake. Not establishment of the VCPR. Emergency triage may be delegated to other non-veterinary team members in accordance with VE 1.44(9), those protocols must include informing the veterinarian of status as the veterinarian will be responsible for treatment if the animal is admitted.
2. Suggest an article for credential holders.

No guidance needed.

B. Regional Anesthesia

1. Local vs. Regional Anesthesia – VE1 44 (6), when does it move from local to regional?
2. Rule doesn't list regional, however, regional is reasonably in the spectrum of anesthesia allowed to be delegated with appropriate supervision.

MOTION: Lyn Schuh moved, seconded by Stephanie Miesen, to create guidance on regional anesthesia. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Administrative Code Updates

A. VE 1 Evaluation

1. Reviewed suggested items for the hearing draft rule, as decided on by the admin rules committee. No changes were made will proceed with hearing draft.

X. Legislative and Policy Update and Development of Board Position on Pending Legislation

A. Legislative Priorities (discussion)

1. Legislature interested in credentialing boards in past. Could come up again in the next session. If there are topics that come up – how do we let the Board know if they might be interested in speaking
 - a. Board position unchanged on any reciprocal licensing bills that model those submitted in the prior legislative session.
2. Agency and Board can't introduce legislation or lobby for legislation but we can present items to the legislature and ask if they are interested in taking something up.
 - a. Request to modify 89.072
 - b. PAVE for CVT's
 - c. Facility Inspections – Chief Medical Officer at clinics –
 - d. Have rules committee look at possible proposals and work with DATCP legislative liaison for next steps

B. Budget (informational)

1. 2 Positions requested in budget. Budget submitted in September
 - a. Investigator and combined position of Administrator/Policy & Planning Position that would be assigned to the Board
2. Governor's budget will come out in February – not approved until July

XI. Strategic Goals (Informational)

A. 2024 Strategic plan report

1. Discussed accomplishments as noted in the Strategic report.

XII. Future Meeting Dates and Times (Action Item)

A. Set future board meeting dates for 2025 – Moving to 4th Tuesdays

1. January 28, 2025
2. April 22, 2025
3. July 22, 2025
4. October 28, 2025

XIII. 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: Stephanie Miesen moved, seconded by Karl Solverson 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; Leslie Estelle – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Stephanie Miesen – yes. Motion carried.

XIV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates (Action Items)

XV. Deliberation on Compliance Matters (Action Items)

A. Proposed Administrative Warnings – No discussion

1. 24 VET 064 ES
2. 24 VET 062 RM

B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders – No discussion

1. 23 VET 134 BD
2. 23 VET 111 and 24 VET 034 JE
3. 23 VET 129 AE
4. 24 VET 048 PB
5. 24 VET 017 and 24 VET 042 JSR
6. 24 VET 022 JY
7. 24 VET 059 JF
8. 21 VET 128, 22 VET 011, 22 VET 059, and 23 VET 008 CR
9. 23 VET 058 and 23 VET 113 RM – Stipulation not signed – tabled

C. Proposed Orders Granting Full Licensures – No discussion

1. 24 VET 004 AD

D. Investigations Recommended for Closure - No discussion

1. 24 VET 045 KI

2. 24 VET 068 KK

3. 24 VET 008, 24 VET 009, and 24 VET 101 JSR

XVI. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Cases (Informational)

A. Licenses returned to Full Status

B. Pending Case Status Report - Most are waiting for response through attorney's

XVII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lyn Schuh moved, seconded by Karl Solverson to reconvene to Open Session

XVIII. Open Session Items Noticed Above not Completed in the Initial Open Session

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

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Karl Solverson, to issue warning notices in the cases of: 24 VET 064 ES; 24 VET 062 RM. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Stephanie Miesen to accept stipulations and final decision orders in the cases of: 23 VET 134 BD; 23 VET 111 and 24 VET 034 JE; 23 VET 129 AE; 24 VET 048 PB; 24 VET 017 and 24 VET 042 JSR; 24 VET 022 JY; 24 VET 059 JF; 21 VET 128, 22 VET 011, 22 VET 059, and 23 VET 008 CR;. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled – stipulation not signed 23 VET 058 and 23 VET 113 RM

MOTION: Stephanie Miesen moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to accept orders granting full licensure in the case of 24 VET 004 AD. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Stephanie Miesen moved, seconded by Karl Solverson, to close cases: 24 VET 045 KI; 24 VET 068 KK; 24 VET 008, 24 VET 009, and 24 VET 101 JSR. Motion carried unanimously.

XX. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

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

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Stephanie Miesen, to delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stephanie Miesen moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.