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Veterinary Board of Governors
Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023

Board Members in Attendance:

Dordor Vang, Veterinarian, Chairman
Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, Veterinarian,
Vice-chairman
Kim Morgan, Veterinary Technician
Kathryn Haigh, Veterinarian

Aja Senestraro, Veterinarian
Debra Sellon, Veterinarian
Jessica Reed, Veterinarian
Rebecca Knoke, General Public

Staff Members in Attendance:

Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director

Bill Kellington, Supervising Attorney
Lisa Kelley Christensen, Assistant
Attorney General
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Kristina Bell, Program Manager
Hyon Yi, Credentialing Manager
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor
Madissen Schatz, Administrative
Assistant

The regular quarterly meeting of the Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order by the chairman, Dordor Vang, at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023, via Microsoft Teams. There are in-person attendees at the Olympia Center. The minutes of the December 5, 2022, meeting were approved as corrected.

The board accepted comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession.

Carol Sparrow, program manager, exams, American Association of Veterinary Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), provided a presentation on the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE).

Chairman Vang reported that Jessica Reed has been appointed to the board and Aja Senestraro will serve as her mentor. The board is still waiting for the Governor to appoint an additional member.

Hyon Yi, credentialing manager, presented the credentialing statistics from August 2022 - January 2023.

Active Status Counts	
Veterinary License	4,202
Veterinary Medication Clerk Registration	2,145
Veterinary Technician License	2, 596

Pending Status Counts	
Veterinary License	151
Veterinary Medication Clerk Registration	237
Veterinary Technician License	89

Applications Received	
August	136
September	104
October	102
November	90
December	102
January	123

Credentials Expiring	
August	119
September	106
October	87
November	105
December	102
January	127

Overall Application Processing Times (Issued)	
August	132
September	136
October	91
November	69
December	106
January	89

Overall Application Processing Time (Pending Days)	
August	125
September	116
October	95

November	40
December	121
January	102

Loralei Walker, program manager, presented the 2021-23 Biennium Budget Status Report for the Period of July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Beginning Fund Balance on July 1, 2021	839,576
Revenue To-Date	658,656
Expenses To-Date	527,331
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2021	970,900

A rules hearing was called to order by the chairman, Dordor Vang, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023, via Microsoft Teams. There are in-person meeting attendees at the Olympia Center.

Vice-chairman Sanchez-Chambers moved that the Board adopt the proposed revisions to WAC 246-933-501 through 246-933-550 to implement Substitute Senate Bill 5004 – 2019-20, allowing animal care and control agencies and nonprofit humane societies to provide additional veterinary services to low-income households. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Chairman Vang declared the rules hearing adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The Board discussed progress toward development and implementation of training as required by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2411 – 2019-20 preventing suicide.

- Suicide Prevention and Awareness – Module 1: Recorded and completed 10/10/2022.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing – Module II: Recorded and completed 2/8/2023.
- Imminent Harm by Lethal Means – Module III: Outline completed 11/22/22.

The Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship Subcommittee shared a working rules draft, amending WAC 246-933-010 and WAC 246-933-200, and adding a new section to set additional standards for veterinary telemedicine services.

The Board discussed a letter of opposition from the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association, concerning the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission's conclusion that a rule can be adopted within the veterinary regulations to allow chiropractors to perform animal manipulation.

Lisa Kelley Christensen, assistant attorney general, presented training on the Open Public Meetings Act.

Kathryn Haigh moved to approve the proposed rule language as presented for the health equity continuing education model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830 to

comply with RCW 43.70.613, as amended by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229 – 2021-22. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed rule language to implement Substitute Senate Bill 5496 – 2021-22 concerning health professional monitoring programs.

Kim Morgan moved to approve the draft rule language, amending WAC 246-935-060 to allow applicants registered in an apprenticeship program in accordance with chapter 296-05 WAC, to be eligible for the Veterinary Technician National Exam. The motion passed.

Dordor Vang	In favor
Andrea Sanchez-Chambers	In favor
Kathryn Haigh	Opposed
Aja Senestraro	In favor
Debra Sellon	Abstain
Kim Morgan	In favor
Jessica Reed	In favor
Rebecca Knoke	In favor

Vice-chairman Sanchez-Chambers motioned to rescind policy number: VBOG 20.01.01, Continuing Education Requirements During the COVID-19 Response. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Board established that Dr. Haigh, Debra Sellon, Dr. Reed, and Vice-chairman Sanchez-Chambers will attend the 2023 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference in Kansas City from 9/28 – 9/30.

Jennifer Santiago, executive director, provided a list of 2023-24 legislation that may impact Board laws.

- House Bill 1009 concerning military spouse employment.
- House Bill 5481 concerning the uniform telemedicine act.
- House Bill 1027 and Senate Bill 5036 concerning telemedicine.
- House Bill 1503 collecting healthcare professionals' information at the time of license application and license renewal.
- House Bill 1541 and Senate Bill 5616 establishing the nothing about us without us act.

The Board established agenda items for the next business meeting.

- Follow-up on 2023-24 legislation that may impact Board laws.
- CR-103 allowing animal care and control agencies and nonprofit humane societies to provide additional veterinary services to low-income households.
- Report from the Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship Subcommittee.
- Report from the Chiropractic Task Force.

- CR-102 with possible hearing, implementing Substitute Senate Bill 5496 – 2021-22 concerning health professional monitoring programs.
- CR-102 with possible hearing for health equity continuing education model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830 to comply with RCW 43.70.613, as amended by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229 – 2021-22.
- CR-102 with possible hearing, amending WAC 246-935-060 to allow applicants registered in an apprenticeship program in accordance with chapter 296-05 WAC, to be eligible for the Veterinary Technician National Exam.
- Recission of policy number: VBOG 20.01.01, Continuing Education Requirements During the COVID-19 Response.
- 2023 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference in Kansas City from 9/28 – 9/30.
- Strategic Planning Meeting

Chairman Vang announced that the next meeting would be June 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and declared the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.