



VETERINARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING AGENDA

Date: February 24, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Department of Health
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9:00 a.m. -- Open Session

Call to Order, Mission, and Board Roll Call – Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, DVM, Chair

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(9:00-9:05)

1. Consent Agenda – Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, DVM, Chair

Items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine agency matters and will be approved by a single motion from the board without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda.

- 1.1. Approval of February 24, 2025, draft agenda
- 1.2. Approval of December 9, 2024, business meeting minutes
- 1.3. Approval of December 31, 2024, special meeting minutes

(9:05-9:15)

2. Open Forum (limited to 10 minutes)

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

Limit of three minutes per person or agency.

If your comment is regarding an agenda item, please wait for that item.

(9:15-9:40)

3. Reports

- 3.1. Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, DVM, Chair
- 3.2. Amber Freeberg, Executive Director
- 3.3. Poppy Budrow, Program Manager
- 3.4. Prina Patel, AAG
- 3.5. Quality Assurance Staff -- Credentialing Statistics

(9:40-10:20)

4. Presentation: Rulemaking – Megan Maxey, Policy Analyst

(10:20-10:50)

5. Presentation: Regulatory Enforcement Overview – Lydia Koroma, Supervising Staff Attorney, OILS

(10:50-11:00) Break

(11:00-11:45)

6. Rulemaking – Veterinary Telemedicine (VCPR)

The purpose of this rulemaking is to consider updates to VCPR/Telemedicine rules. WAC 246-933-200 and 246-933-010.

Subcommittee Members: Drs. Debra Sellon, Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, Dordor Vang

- 6.1. Open for public comment.
- 6.2. The board will discuss options regarding this rulemaking and may vote accordingly.

(11:45-12:00)

7. Rulemaking – Exam and Licensure Requirements and JP Exam Change

The purpose of this rulemaking is to consider changes that ensure application and licensure requirement WACs agree and make a recommendation regarding JP exam/CEU changes to implement SSB 1724 Section 8. WAC 246-933; CR-101 WSR 24-10-093 filed April 30, 2024.

Subcommittee Members: Drs. Katherine Bibi, Kathryn Haigh, Aja Senestraro

7.1. Open for public comment.

7.2. Subcommittee will update the board on rules progress. Dr. Aja Senestraro.

7.3. The board may schedule a hearing date.

(12:00 - 12:30)

Lunch

(12:30-12:35)

8. HB 1724 Section 8 Implementation [1724-S2.PL.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

The board will review, discuss, and may vote on the remaining states on the proposed substantially equivalent states list. Dr. Aja Senestraro will present Subcommittee recommendations.

8.1. Open for public comment

8.2. Document: Excel spreadsheet with recommendations from Exam and Licensure Subcommittee for Veterinary Technicians

(12:35-1:00)

9. Rulemaking – Animal Healthcare Tasks

The purpose of this rulemaking is to consider updates to Animal Healthcare Tasks WAC 246-935-040, 050, 010, and WAC 246-937-010

Subcommittee Members: Drs Katherine Bibi, Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, Ms. Kim Morgan, LVT

9.1. Open for public comment.

9.2. The Board will review correspondence.

9.3. The Animal Healthcare Tasks Subcommittee will give a progress update. Dr. Andrea Sanchez.

9.4. The Board will discuss draft rule language.

9.5. Animal Healthcare Tasks Subcommittee may discuss scheduling the next meeting.

(1:00-1:05)

10. Animal Manipulation/Chiropractic Task Force Update

VBOG/Chiropractic Board task force to propose animal manipulation rule/law updates.

Task Force Members: Drs. Debra Sellon, Aja Senestraro

10.1. Task force will give an update.

10.2. The board will discuss the task force progress.

10.3. Legislative Update.

(1:05-1:10)

11. Fluoroscopic X-ray Rules Advisory Committee

The Office of Radiation Protection is considering updates related to fluoroscopic X-ray (WAC 246-225-050) to address advancements in technology. WAC 246-255-020, 030; WSR 24-03-137.

Task Force Members: Dr. Debra Sellon, Dr. Katherine Bibi

11.1. The current rulemaking will NOT affect Veterinary Medicine.

11.1.1. See attached email dated 1/16/25.

11.2. The board may move to dissolve task force.

(1:10-1:20)

12. New Business to Discuss: Washington State Employee Veterinarians not Licensed

The board will discuss RCW 18.92.060(1) Licensing Exemptions regarding “Commissioned veterinarians ... employed by Washington state...”.

Dr. Debra Sellon will present.

12.1. See attached RCW for reference.

12.1. The board will discuss and may vote to form a subcommittee and/or start rulemaking.

(1:20-1:30)

13. Correspondence

Any letters the board has received and have not been addressed above will be reviewed.

13.1. Public Records Request – Wellhaven

13.2. Email from Adam Karp, JD, MS - Is Ear Tipping “Surgery”?

(1:30-1:45)

14. Legislative Update

The board will discuss any legislation in process that may affect veterinary practice.

Legislative representatives: Drs. Katherine Haigh and Dordor Vang

14.1. 1705 Large Animal Veterinarian Recruitment – Hearing 2/12/25

14.2. 5236 Greenhouse Gasses

14.3. Budget request to increase in-state seats at WSU Veterinary School

14.4. 1904 Prohibiting the Declawing of Cats

(1:45-2:00)

15. Conferences and Presentations

The board may determine who will attend the following conferences in 2025.

15.1. Board Basics & Beyond: March 26-27. Executive directors and registrars: March 28, 29, 2025.

Who would the board like to send?

15.2. PNW Veterinary Conference, Tacoma. Disciplinary Presentation. Date: September 26, 2025.

Presenters: Drs. Haigh and Bibi. Dr. Vang Tentative.

15.3. PNW Veterinary Conference, Tacoma. Panel Discussion.

Panel: Drs. Haigh, Sanchez, Bibi. Tentative: Dr. Vang and Ms. Knoke.

15.4. AAVSB Annual Meeting: Dates: September 18-21, 2025, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Attending: Dr. Bibi.

(2:00-2:05)

16. Reminders: Meeting Dates for 2025

16.1. June 2, September 15, December 8, 2025

(2:05-2:15)

17. Agenda Development

The board will review and identify agenda items for the June 2, 2025, business meeting.

Adjournment of Open Session

Executive Session

The term “executive session” is commonly understood to mean that part of a regular or special meeting

of the governing body that is closed to the public. A governing body may hold an executive session only for specified purposes, which are identified in RCW 42.30.110(1)(a-p), and only during a regular or special meeting.

Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors

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