



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

VETERINARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING AGENDA

Date: September 11, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Department of Labor and Industries
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Olympia, WA 98501

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Order of Agenda

9:00 a.m. **Open Session**

Call to Order, Mission, and Introductions – Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH, Chair

1. Approval of Agenda

2. 9:05 AM Rules Hearing

2.1. Health Professional Monitoring Programs Substance Use Disorder – Public Hearing

The board will hear public comment and consider adoption of proposed rules filed under WSR 23-16-098 filed on July 31, 2023. The proposed language regards the implementation of Substitute Senate Bill [SSB 5496](#) (chapter 43, laws of 2022), which has changed the term “substance abuse” to “substance use disorder.”

2.2. Health Equity Continuing Education – Public Hearing

The board will hear public comment and consider adoption of proposed rules filed under WSR 23-16-075 filed on July 28, 2023. The proposed language regards the implementation of Substitute Senate Bill [SSB 5229](#) (chapter 276, laws of 2021), which requires the department to establish minimum standards for health equity CE programs, and for each profession to adopt rules to require health equity CE at least once every four years.

3. Approval of meeting minutes

June 12, 2023 – business meeting

4. Reports

4.1. Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH, Chairperson

4.2. Melissa Green, Executive Director; Poppy Budrow, Program Manager – Department of Health

4.3. Lisa Kelley Christensen, AAG

5. Open Forum (limited to 10 minutes)

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

6. Rulemaking -- Veterinary Telemedicine

The board subcommittee on veterinary telehealth rulemaking will present proposed new language for review and feedback to update [WAC 246-933-200 Veterinary client-patient relationship](#) and establishing additional standards for telemedicine services.

7. Rulemaking – Animal Healthcare Tasks

7.1 Animal Manipulation Task Force - Dr. Sellon was invited to the Chiropractic special meeting in July. Report out.

7.2 Informational attachment of July 10, 2023, Manipulation Committee Meeting Agenda and Packet

8. Rulemaking – Veterinary Technician Apprenticeship

There have been no additional comments. Update: Program is working to file CR-102.

9. Authorizing Animal Care and Control Agencies and Nonprofit Humane Societies to Provide Veterinary Services

The board will receive progress update regarding adoption of SSB 5004 (Chapter 142, Laws of 2019).

10. Correspondence

The board will review and discuss the following letters:

10.1 Regarding GILL -- WAC 246-933-275 - CE requirements.

10.2 Regarding VANESSA – RCW 18.92.280 - Suicide Prevention CE

10.3 Regarding Department of Agriculture Livestock Identification Rulemaking

11. Meeting Dates for 2024

The board will establish quarterly meeting dates for 2024.

12. Agenda Development

The board will review and identify agenda items for the December 4, 2023, business meeting.

Adjournment of Open Session

Executive Session

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Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors

Mission The mission of the Veterinary Board is to protect the public and animals' health and safety, and to promote the welfare of the State by regulating the competency and quality of healthcare providers.

Vision The Veterinary Board of Governors' vision is to be the trusted leader in protecting and improving the health of all animals and the public across Washington State.

Values Empathy, Fairness, Integrity, Proactivity, Respect