



Veterinary Board of Governors Regular Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2021

Board members present:	Aja Senestraro, DVM, Chair Kim Morgan, LVT, Vice Chair Kirk Breuninger, VMD, MPH, DACVPM Sue Moriyasu, DVM Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH Becky Knoke, Public Member Debra Sellon, DVM
Board members absent:	None
Staff members present:	Traci Orr, Interim Executive Director, Health Professions Loralei Walker, Program Manager Lisa Kelley, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Sara Kirschenman, Staff Attorney Shelley Buchanan, Staff Attorney Miceal Carnahan, Finance Officer, DOH Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst Madi Schatz, Program Support Amy Robertson, Program Support
Guests:	Candace Joy, WSVMA Ryan Frazier, LVT, WSAVT, NAVTA Joseph Hauth, SkillSource Dr. Ashley Morgan, Division of State Advocacy, AVMA

On December 6, 2021, the Veterinary Board of Governors met via web conference. Notice of the meeting was published on the [Veterinary Board of Governor's website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

OPEN SESSION:

Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions

Aja Senestraro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Dordor Vang moved to approve the agenda for September 13, 2021; Kirk Breuninger, second; motion carries.

2. Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2021 Business Meeting

Kirk Breuninger moved to approve meeting minutes with amendments to Kim Morgan's name in several locations; Dordor Vang, second; motion carries.

3. Reports – Aja Senestraro, DVM, Chair

Aja Senestraro shared gratitude for Kirk Breuninger and Sue Moriyasu for their five years of service on the board. Kirk thanked Lorelei Walker and Department of Health for their support and encourage attendees to apply for the board as it is an experience to look at the veterinary profession from multiple perspectives. As allowed by the board's laws, Sue is able to continue until her successor is appointed.

Subcommittee Updates:

- **Pharmacy commission liaison** – No update
- **Chiropractic commission joint subcommittee on animal manipulation** – No update
- **Telemedicine** – Met informally and continue to gather information. Potentially discuss at strategic planning meeting in March.
- **Veterinary Technician Apprenticeship** – Met in October, input was received, this is currently on hold. The next steps include evaluating draft plan and the board to determine if a credential endorsement is needed or not. Dr. Sue Moriyasu expressed need to ensure everybody has input and work together. Currently waiting for Cascade and Skillsource.

4. Reports – Traci Orr, Interim Executive Director and Lorelei Walker, Program Manager; Department of Health

- **Credentialing** – Credentialing is still working back log of applications. Their office has significant changes in staff and workload assignments.
- **Staffing Transitions** – Traci Orr indicated she is Interim Deputy Director for Office of Health Professions while Blake Maresh is currently Interim Director for Office of Customer Service. We are conducting interviews soon to fill the executive director position recently vacated by Brad Burnham.
- **Rulemaking and policy update**
 - Rulemaking for Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5004 – Potential March hearing
 - Suicide prevention training rulemaking – Potential March hearing

- K9 policy – continued review before the board finalizes.
- Continuing education policy due to COVID is on the website now, it will expire 90 days after the state of emergency ends.
- **Legislation**
 - **Board composition draft bill to be proposed in 2022** – Agency Request Legislation (Z-0216) – did not go through last session. However, since that time there have been additions:
 - BCC compensation – bring all boards and commissions to category 5, \$250/day (rather than category 3, \$50/day)
 - US Citizenship – the requirement of US citizenship is being removed.
 - Expanding board to nine members and allowing up to two members from one congressional district.
 - Quorums – defined as the majority of members instead of citing a number.

Candace Joy shared the association will be submitting amendments to this bill to diversity the board make up related to practice type and settings.
 - **Weekly Legislative Calls** – The department will hold weekly Legislative update calls on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and asks for representatives from boards to attend. Dr. Debra Sellon indicated availability. Lorelei Walker will follow-up with members.

- **Board Recruitment**

The board is evaluating four applications and scheduling interviews, additionally considering two previous applicants. Hope to have Governor appointment by March meeting.

- **Mentorship Guidelines**

Lorelei Walker asked for mentor volunteers. Kirk B recommended. Dordor Vang, and she agreed.

- **Budget** – First quarter budget reports were evaluated and still waiting for final budget allotments to be published for indirect costs. Due to new biennium, some expenses are not reflected correctly at this time. 2021-2023 projections indicate a trend of increased disciplinary costs. We will be monitoring fund balance closely. Several inaccuracies have been identified and adjustments will be made. Trends and fee studies are anticipated over the next year.

5. Reports – Lisa Kelley, AAG

No new updates.

6. Open Forum

Candace Joy, WSVMA shared potential bill language changes to the board and commission capacity bill. The amendments will include diversity of the profession, added small animals and specialty practice as well as large animal. Additionally, the association wants to add some language related to type of employment or different environments.

7. Suicide Prevention Training Program Development

The board received an update on progress on implementation of this program in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2411. Aja Senestraro indicated there have been budget and contract delays. Kirk Breuninger shared discussion included having subject matter experts contracted to build the specific module materials. Sub-committee will continue to work with the UW to contract with subject matter experts and to complete the education program.

Dordor Vang moved to create a contract directly with subject matter expert; Debra Sellon, second; motion carries.

8. Humane Society Auditing Process

Kim Morgan provided an update to the board of the presentation to the Federation's Animal Care and Control conference. The biggest concern expressed is the organization having to maintain data for three years. The board discussed security of documents with confidential and sensitive information. Aja Senestraro indicated the sub-committee is working on the auditing process to ensure compliance and hold additional focus groups with human societies.

9. Lists and Labels Request from the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)

The board considered a request from the CVMA to be an approved organization for a contact list of licensed veterinarians.

Kirk Breuninger moved to approve CVMA as an approved organization; Kim Morgan, second; motion carries.

10. Issues Related to COVID-19 Outbreak

Loralei Walker shared two policies one for unlimited online continuing education and other for VCPR are established and will expired 90 days after state of emergency ends.

11. Elections for Chair and Vice-chair for 2022.

Aja Senestraro nominated Kim Morgan for chairperson; Dordor Vang, second; motion carries; 7:0

Kirk Breuninger nominated Dordor Vang for vice-chairperson; Aja Senestraro, second; motion carries.

12. Strategic Planning

The board discussed its 2021 strategic business plan and discuss a plan and approach for the March 22, 2022 strategic planning meeting.

- Legislation – Rule hearing anticipated for March 2022.
- Training Development – Pursuing contract with subject matter expert, consider alternatives, consider reviewing due to future three new members. Strategic planning meeting planned for March 2022.
- Humane Society – update rulemaking in progress, finalize audit form, determine audit response, focus groups
- Veterinary technician apprenticeship – waiting for Cascade and Skillsource input.

- Telemedicine – Determine if board take on project right now with other priorities.
- Board recruitment – Mentorship, enhance recruitment outreach, continuity.
- Educational opportunities – Pacific NW conference, consider additional opportunities
- Animal manipulation taskforce – waiting for next taskforce meeting. Debra Sellon has experience and volunteered to join this taskforce.
- Animal health care tasks – Program currently has strained resources, need to prioritize within other projects.

Aja Senestraro indicated the board has a whole day planned for strategic planning and can continue detailed discussions at that time.

13. Agenda Development

The board identified the following items for March 21, 2022 meeting:

- Suicide Prevention
- Humane Societies
- Rules Hearing – two rule packages
- Standing COVID issues/policies
- List and Label request
- American Association of Veterinary State Boards - Dordor Vang to attend Board basics and Beyond if travel restrictions lifted.
- Washington Physicians Health Program presentation
- Rule status review
- Assistant Attorney General presentation if three new members appointed by March.

Adjournment of Open Session

Kirk Breuninger expressed his appreciation of being a board member for past five years.

Kirk Breuninger motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kim Morgan, second; motion carries.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.