



Veterinary Board of Governors Regular Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022

Board members present: Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair
Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH, Vice-chair
Kathryn Haigh, DVM
Aja Senestraro, DVM
Debra Sellon, DVM, PhD, DACVIM
Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, DVM
Becky Knoke, Public Member

Staff members present: Lorelei Walker, Program Manager
Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director
Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Systems Coordinator
Poppy Budrow, Budget Analyst
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Tammy Kelly, Deputy Executive Director
Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director
Lisa Kelley Christensen, Assistant Attorney General
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney
Madi Schatz, Administrative Assistant

On June 06, 2022, 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:

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

Call to Order, Mission and Introductions – Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The board discussed the Governor’s proclamation that was rescinded June 1, 2022, the Open Public Meetings Act, and if a virtual meeting of the board is appropriate. Ms. Kelley Christensen explained the Open Public Meetings Act requirements of holding a physical location for meetings and the recent change to the act. Ms. Walker shared safety concerns regarding in-person meetings.

Dr. Haigh moved that “we continue this meeting online due to safety concerns, and some legitimate timing issues when this proclamation was made.” The motion was seconded and adopted.

1. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Vang moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dr. Haigh moved to approve the December 06, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Dr. Haigh moved to approve the March 21, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Ms. Morgan requested that the title on the May 05, 2022, is updated to “Veterinary Board of Governors Special Meeting Minutes.”

Dr. Sellon requested that page three include her comment regarding concern, “that by approving the program, the oversight goes to the Apprenticeship Council and is no longer oversight of the program going forward by any veterinary body.”

Dr. Haigh moved to approve the May 05, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Reports

3. Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair

Pharmacy commission liaison- Dr. Senestraro shared discussion from the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (PQAC) meeting on May 13, 2022. PQAC clarified the FDA

guidance entitled, “Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Substances.” PQAC intends to create an FAQ document for veterinarians and compounders.

Vet tech apprenticeship- The Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council will consider approval of the apprenticeship program at its October 2022 quarterly meeting. The board will address this topic again at the December 2022 meeting.

Onboarding mentorship- Dr. Vang is mentoring Dr. Sellon and Dr. Sanchez. Dr. Senestraro is mentoring Dr. Haigh. Ms. Walker shared that the board is recruiting for two new members due to changes in Substitute Senate Bill 5753 - one veterinarian and one veterinarian or technician. The U.S. citizen requirement was also removed. Ms. Morgan will participate on the interview panel. Ms. Walker will email members to request volunteers after the new members have been appointed.

4. Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; Lorelei Walker, Program Manager – Department of Health

Credentialing- Due to heavy workload, credentialing supervisors were unable to provide reports or attend the meeting.

Budget- Projections for disciplinary costs were reduced for the remainder of this biennium. The projected fund balance is not expected to fall below the fund balance goal. Actual revenue was higher than anticipated in March and lower than anticipated in January. The board’s budget is being monitored and is currently not prioritized to consider a fee increase.

Legislation- [Substitute Senate Bill 5753](#) has been codified in [RCW 18.92.021](#) and will become effective July 01, 2022. The Department of Health staff met with professions affected by [Substitute Senate Bill 5496](#) to identify which rules need to be amended. More information is needed before proceeding with rulemaking.

5. Lisa Kelley Christensen, Assistant Attorney General

No updates

Board Business

6. Open Forum

No comments

7. Health Equity

Ashley Bell, Department of Health, provided an update on [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229](#), which requires the department to establish minimum standards for health equity continuing education programs. This bill also requires each profession to adopt rules to require health equity continuing education at least once every four years. A CR-102 is expected to be filed in summer. A public hearing will likely occur in fall. A CR-103 is

expected to be filed at the end of the year. Ms. Bell encouraged the board to open their rules when the CR-102 is filed with the code revisor.

8. Washington Physician's Health Program (WPHP) Annual Report

Chris Bundy, MD, MPH, FASAM, Executive Medical Director, Washington Physicians Health Program, provided a presentation on the WPHP annual report.

9. Suicide Prevention Education Program Development

A CR-103 to comply with [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2411](#) was filed on May 16, 2022 and will become effective on June 14, 2022.

Laura Moss, MD, Associate Medical Director, Washington Physicians Health Program, and Sonja Olson, DVM, Veterinary Health & Wellness Educator, Heartstorming Wellness, are working collaboratively on modules two and three. A contract has been submitted to the University of Washington (UW) and is awaiting signature, allowing UW to contribute suicide prevention expertise and technical support. UW and the subject matter experts will submit monthly reports to Ms. Walker. Ms. Santiago and Ms. Walker will also plan to meet with them quarterly three to four weeks before each due date.

Dr. Vang offered to join the subcommittee. Ms. Schatz will schedule a subcommittee meeting with a representative from UW and invite one or both subject matter experts.

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

The board continued rule revisions from the March 21, 2022 meeting. Ms. Santiago recommended that the rule revisions are sent to stakeholders before voting for approval.

11. Animal Manipulation Task Force

Ms. Senestraro shared discussion from the April 19, 2022 Task Force meeting. Ms. Kelley Christensen recommended the board subcommittee meet to further discuss the assistant attorney general's memo. Ms. Schatz will schedule a subcommittee meeting.

12. Veterinary Telemedicine Rulemaking Scope

The board reviewed and edited a draft CR-101.

13. Lists and Labels Request from Vetcetera

Dr. Haigh moved to approve the lists and labels application from Vetcetera. The motion was seconded and adopted.

14. Letter from Affiliated Monitors, Inc.

The board reviewed a request from Affiliated Monitors, Inc. for time to present information to the board about their services. Dr. Vang moved to “hear a short presentation from Affiliated Monitors for fifteen minutes.” The motion was seconded and adopted.

Ms. Walker will request documents on the services that Affiliated Monitors provides and how they apply to veterinary medicine.

15. Continuing Education Provider Approval for American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS)

Dr. Sellon moved to approve AALS as a qualifying continuing education provider per [WAC 246-933-460](#). The motion was seconded and adopted.

16. American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Topics

Dr. Sanchez, Dr. Vang, Dr. Senestraro, and Ms. Morgan expressed interest in attending the September 15-17, 2022 AAVSB conference in Charlotte, NC. Dr. Sellon and Dr. Haigh plan to attend in 2023.

17. Issues Related to COVID-19 Pandemic

The board discussed its work on COVID-19.

18. In-Person Veterinary Board Business Meetings

The board discussed information relating to resuming in-person quarterly meetings. Dr. Sellon moved that the meetings “remain virtual through the end of 2022.” The motion was seconded and adopted.

19. Agenda Development

The board identified agenda items for the September 12, 2022 business meeting.

- Administrative updates
- Guidance from the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission on compounding
- New members- mentorship and formal introduction
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Suicide prevention update
- Humane Society rule comments and finalization of the CR-102 for filing. The board will also hold another rules hearing based on new rule language.
- Update from the Chiropractic Subcommittee
- Rulemaking workshop for telemedicine

Adjournment of Open Session

Dr. Vang moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 p.m. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Submitted by:

Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Veterinary Board of Governors

Approved by:

Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair
Veterinary Board of Governors

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