



**Veterinary Board of Governors Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2022**

---

**Board members present:**

Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair  
Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH, Vice-chair  
Kathy Haigh, DVM  
Aja Senestraro, DVM  
Deb Sellon, DVM, PhD, DACVIM  
Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, DVM  
Becky Knoke, Public Member

**Staff members present:**

Kristina Bell, Program Manager  
Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director  
Poppy Budrow, Budget Analyst  
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst  
Lisa Kelley, Assistant Attorney General  
Betty Moe, Regulatory Analyst  
Madi Schatz, Administrative Assistant

On September 12, 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 9:00 a.m.

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Sellon moved to approve the September 12, 2022, agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Senestraro moved to approve the June 06, 2022, business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted.

#### **3. Open Forum**

No comments from the audience on issues of significance to the professions.

### **Reports**

#### **4. Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair**

Ms. Morgan did not have any updates on the work of the subcommittees.

#### **5. Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director – Department of Health**

Credentialing statistics- Ms. Santiago shared active license and pending status application statistics, and overall application processing time with the board.

Budget- Ms. Santiago presented the 2021-23 Biennium Budget Status Report for the period of July 01, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The expenses were \$27,074 over the budget.

Pharmacy Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on Compounding Drugs- The Pharmacy Commission published an FAQ on Veterinary Drug Products Compounded from Bulk Substances for Use by Veterinarians as Office Stock.

Pharmacy reporting rule- [WAC 246-945-075 Suspicious Transactions and Reporting Requirements](#), “A manufacturer, wholesaler or distributor who sells, transfers, or furnishes a regulated product to any licensee shall report any suspicious transaction in writing to the commission.”

Veterinarian Jurisprudence Examination- Ms. Santiago shared that the WAC citations for questions 18 and 39 appear to be incorrect. The board determined that it would be appropriate for Department of Health staff to review and update the questions.

Veterinary Technician Jurisprudence Examination- Ms. Santiago shared that three questions need to be updated due to changes in legislation. Additionally, questions 37-41 should be reviewed for accuracy. The board determined that it would be appropriate for Department of Health staff to review and update the questions.

Veterinary technician apprenticeship- The Washington State Apprenticeship Council has requested a board member or staff attend the October meeting to address technician questions. Both Ms. Santiago and Dr. Sanchez plan to attend.

Recruitment- The recruitment notice for one veterinarian and one veterinarian or veterinary technician resulted in one applicant. The recruitment notice was resubmitted and will close on September 30, 2022.

**6. Lisa Kelley, Assistant Attorney General**

No updates

**Board Business**

**7. Suicide Prevention Education Program Development**

The University of Washington (UW) and subject matter experts submitted an outline of the course content for module two on August 31, 2022. The UW also submitted a PowerPoint that will be recorded and published for module one. The UW, subject matter experts, and Dr. Sellon (on behalf of the subcommittee) will meet on September 13, 2022. The subcommittee does not currently have any concerns with the information provided.

**8. Animal Manipulation Task Force**

The subcommittee met to discuss animal manipulation and the letter submitted by the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission. Dr. Senestraro shared that the board has multiple options related to this topic: do nothing; create a policy, amend rules, or legislative change. The committee is recommending that the board consider rulemaking to clarify delegation to unregistered assistants.

Dr. Matthew Waldron, Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission, recognized that rulemaking is a long process. He requested that the board work collaboratively with the Chiropractic Commission, as they will support this effort.

Ms. Candace Joy, Chief Executive Officer, Washington State Veterinary Medical Association, asked a clarifying question related to the assistant attorney general's memo. Ms. Joy will email the specific question for further review and clarification.

Lori Grassi, Executive of Legislation and Policy, Washington State Chiropractic Association, shared that this is a topic that has been discussed for approximately twenty years, and clarification is needed regarding who can perform tasks and what terms can be used. This will assist in reducing chiropractic complaints.

Dr. Senestraro stated that the board only has regulatory authority over licensed veterinarians, that would include their ability to delegate and to whom. Dr. Vang moved to open a CR-101 regarding animal manipulation. The motion was seconded and adopted.

## **9. Health Equity Continuing Education Legislation**

Ms. Santiago recommended the board to consider opening a CR-101 to implement [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229](#), requiring health equity continuing education.

The Department of Health has filed a CR-102 for model rules and is recommending two hours of health equity continuing education every four years.

Dr. Senestraro moved to open a CR-101. The motion was seconded and adopted.

## **10. [Substitute Senate Bill \(SSB\) 5496 – Health Professional Monitoring Program](#)**

Ms. Santiago recommended the board to open a CR-101 to implement [Substitute Senate Bill 5496](#), which had changed the term substance abuse to substance use disorder.

Dr. Sanchez motioned to open a CR-101. The motion was seconded and adopted.

## **11. Authorizing Animal Care and Control Agencies and Nonprofit Humane Societies to Provide Veterinary Services**

The proposed rules for [WAC 246-933-501](#), [510](#), [520](#), [530](#), and [550](#) were submitted to stakeholders after the last meeting. The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County responded in support of the rule language but questioned the auditing process. Ms. Santiago explained that the board can explore the auditing process further after a CR-102 is filed and a hearing date is scheduled.

Dr. Haigh motioned that the board adopt the proposed language and file a CR-102. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Ms. Santiago indicated that she would provide a summary at the next meeting for the next steps and timeline for auditing requirements.

## **12. Veterinary Telemedicine Rulemaking Scope**

A CR-101 was filed on August 19, 2022. Board members expressed interest in holding a special meeting open to the public before the December business meeting.

Ms. Candace Joy indicated the association opposes any changes that removes a physical examination requirement.

The board considered a petition from Vets to Pets House Call Service, proposing an amendment to the regulations on a veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) to include the ability to establish a VCPR virtually via video-chat when indicated.

Dr. Vang moved to approve the petition and group it with the other petitions being considered in the rulemaking process. The motion was seconded and adopted.

### **13. Correspondence**

13.1 The board discussed correspondence received regarding the Veterinary Medication Clerk Competency questions. The board agreed to change 75 mg to 50 mg in question 24.

13.2 The board considered a request for a presentation from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) regarding the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) for Veterinary Technicians. The board agreed to a presentation by the AAVSB at a business meeting in 2023.

13.3 The board discussed correspondence regarding veterinarians assessing animal cruelty. The board agreed this is outside their jurisdiction and will respond accordingly.

13.4 The board discussed correspondence from the AAVSB regarding the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) Job Analysis Study. The board did not have any suggestions of veterinary technicians that are available to participate as subject matter experts. Ms. Santiago will discuss the request for credentialed veterinary technician updates for the AAVSB VIVA Database and Survey with Ms. Lorelei Walker, program manager.

### **14. Issues Related to COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Governor will rescind the state of emergency on October 31, 2022. Veterinarians and veterinary technicians will have to start complying with the continuing education rule on January 31, 2023. The board also discussed the VCPR policy.

### **15. Meeting Dates for 2023**

The board established the following quarterly meeting dates for 2023:

March 06, 2023

June 12, 2023

September 11, 2023

December 04, 2023

Dr. Haigh moved to approve the 2023 meeting dates as proposed. The motion was seconded and adopted.

### **16. Agenda Development**

The board identified the following agenda items for the December 05, 2022, business meeting:

- Veterinarian technician apprenticeship
- Election of new officers
- [Open Public Meetings Act](#) presentation
- Affiliated Monitors, Inc. Presentation
- Board member recruitment and potential new members

**Adjournment of Open Session**

Dr. Haigh moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.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

on file

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

on file

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE