



# Veterinary Board of Governors

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### December 9, 2024

**Location:** Department of Health, TC2 Rm. 153 111 Israel Rd. SE, Tumwater, WA  
and via ZOOM

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Board Members Present: Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, DVM, Chair  
Debra Clabough Sellon, DVM, Vice-Chair  
Aja Senestraro, DVM  
Dai-E Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH  
Kathryn Haigh, DVM  
Katherine Bibi, DVM  
Kim Morgan, LVT  
Rebecca Knoke, General Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Amber Freeberg, Executive Director  
Poppy Budrow, Program Manager  
Katie Graue, Administrative Assistant  
Tara Mackemull, Program Support  
Megan Maxey, Policy Analyst  
Prina Patel, AAG  
Lydia Koroma, Staff Attorney  
Kelsey Cato, Regulatory Analysts  
Laura Riordan, Credentialing Supervisor

Others Present:

Melissa Muriekas	Lisa Sanzone
Ken Gordon,	Chris Bundy
Brittany Benesi,	Hailey King
Seattle Veterinarian Outreach	Scott Young
Loren Breen	Amie Fisher
Lori Lutskas	Heather Woodke
Anna Moore	Blair de Vries
Robert Nicoloff	Dr. Kobi Johnson
Tammy Kelley	Amy Rossi
Ryan Frazier	Emily Purvis
Ashley Byrne	Beth Venit
Cherri Trusheim	Jeff Barnet
Cass Timmons	Lisa Sanzone
Jami Ray	Jen Lovett
Beth Venit	Kate Sycamore
Katelyn Collie	Anna Moore
Vanessa Bloy	Nikki Windon
Benita Altier	Jami Ray

Notice of this meeting was published on the [Veterinarian | Washington State Department of Health](#) profession website and was sent out through the GovDelivery list server.

## Open Session:

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

Dr. Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:01 am

### 2. Consent Agenda – Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, DVM, Chair

2.1 December 9, 2024, draft agenda was moved, seconded, and approved.

2.2 September 9, 2024, business meeting minutes was moved, seconded, and approved with corrections listed in 2.2.1.

2.2.1 Correction to be made are to change Dr. Morgan to Kim Morgan.

2.3 September 19, 2024, special meeting minutes was moved, seconded, and approved.

### 3. Rules Hearing -- Veterinary Telemedicine (VCPR)

Rules hearing started at 9:10 am - 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

3.1 The board will hear public comment and consider adoption of proposed rules filed under WSR 22-17-101 filed on August 19, 2022. The proposed language clarifies how and when a Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship can be established and adds/clarifies definitions that keep Washington rules up to date with the changing technology.

3.1.1 Public comment was opened.

3.1.1.1 Cass Timmons asked a preliminary question about the procedure.

3.1.2 Public Comment/testifying was taken from: Ken Gordon, Brittany Benesi, Seattle Veterinarian Outreach, and Loren Breen.

3.1.3 Written public comment from WSVMA, ASPCA letters were presented.

3.1.4 Board gave information on the 300 comments/letters were received from public.

3.1.5 No additional testimonies/comments were received, and comments were closed at 9:50 am

3.1.6 Board discussion opened

3.1.7 A motion to vote on WAC 246-933-200 and 246-933-010 was moved, seconded, and approved. Roll call vote was called for and votes are as follows:  
Motion, seconded, and motion failed. 4-4

3.1.8 Andrea Sanchez-Chambers thanked everyone for their participation and this hearing was concluded at 10:08 am

### 4. Elections for Chairperson and Vice-chairperson for 2025

The board held elections for a new Chairperson and Vice-chairperson for 2025.

Chairperson nominations for Dr. Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, Dr. Kathrine Bibi and Dr. Debra Clabough Sellon, DVM

Nominations for Chair were closed, roll call vote was called for.

The board voted on Chairperson and Andrea Sanchez-Chambers will be the Chair for 2025.

Vice-Chairperson nominations for Dr. Debra Clabough Sellon, Dr. Katherine Bibi and Ms. Rebecca Knoke, Dr. Aja Senestraro.

Nominations for Vice-Chair were closed, roll call vote was called for.

The board voted on Vice-Chairperson and Katherine Bibi will be the Vice-chair for 2025.

## 5. Open Forum (limited to 10 minutes)

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

Melissa Muriekas made comment regarding a Wisconsin loophole and asked it to be added to a future agenda.

Dai-E Dordor Vang made comment about community outreach (board and public) and would like to bring it back.

## 6. Reports

6.1 Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, DVM, Chair – AAVSB review and summary (September 2024) and review of input about AAVSB resignation.

6.2 Debra Sellon, DVM – PNW Veterinary Conference Report – review and summary with Dr. Kathryn Haigh.

6.3 Amber Freeberg, Executive Director – Ms. Freeberg gave information to board on State freeze on spending, and travel. She will hopefully have more information by the next meeting. She asked the board to reschedule the retreat and make it a board meeting. (Board meeting will be on 02/24/24).

6.4 Poppy Budrow, Program Manager – Ms. Budrow gave a budget report, AAVSB review, HELMS Update, Travel/Spending update.

6.5 Prina Patel, AAG – Ms. Patel had nothing to report.

## 7. Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) Update

7.1 Dr. Bundy gave a WPHP update presentation.

7.2 Questions were taken by the public.

## 8. 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

8.1 The board opened for public comment. Comment was given by: Cass Timmons.

8.2 Subcommittee updated the board on rules progress. Overview was given by Dr. Aja Senestraro.

8.3 The Board voted to move proposed language to the CR 102 phase of rulemaking. Motion was moved, seconded, and approved.

8.3.1 Public comment/points of discussion were taken. Comments were given by: Becky Negretti, Cass Timmons, and Dai-E Dordor Vang.

8.4 Exam and Licensure Subcommittee discussed scheduling a follow-up meeting.

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

The board will review, discuss, and voted on the proposed substantially equivalent states list.

9.1 Board discussion was opened for proposed substantially equivalent states.

9.1.1 Document: Excel spreadsheet with recommendations for Veterinary Technicians

Board asked for more information and to revisit the following: Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma and Georgia.

Motion was moved on proposed updated substantially equivalent states list, seconded, and approved.

Licensing subcommittee was tasked with getting more information on the states that they need more information on.

## 10. 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 – Review/overview given by Dr. Andrea Sanchez-Chambers.

10.1 The board opened for public comment.

10.1.1 Public Comment was given by: Cass Timmons, Melisa Muriekes, Ashley Byrne, Benita Altier, Katelyn Collie, Ken Gordon, and Brittany Benesi.

10.2 The Board asked if there was any correspondence to review. Ms. Budrow confirmed there was not.

10.3 The Animal Healthcare Tasks Subcommittee gave a progress update from Dr. Andrea Sanchez.

10.3.1 The board would like to revisit dental extractions, anesthesia, blood transfusions, injection category.

10.4 The Board discussed draft rule language.

10.5 Animal Healthcare Tasks Subcommittee discussed scheduling the next subcommittee meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 7:00 am.

10.6 Licensure Tasks Subcommittee discussed scheduling the next subcommittee meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 am.

## **11. 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, and Katherine Bibi.

11.1 Task force gave an update. – Update from Dr. Aja Senestraro.

11.2 The board discussed the task force progress.

## **12. 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

12.1 Task force gave an update from the September 24, 2024, RAC Meeting. – Update from Dr. Katherine Bibi.

12.2 The next RAC meeting will be December 10, 2024, from 2-4 pm.

## **13. Review of Draft Credentialing Matrix**

The board reviewed and discussed the “Draft Credentialing Matrix”, matrix updated.

There was a motion moved for accepting the draft credentialing matrix with the amendments, seconded, and approved.

## **14. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence at this time.

## **15. Legislative Update**

The board determined Dr. Haigh and Dr. Vang will be the legislative representatives for the Legislative Session.

## **16. Conferences and Presentations**

The board determined who will attend the following conferences in 2025.

16.1 Board Basics & Beyond: March 26-27. Directors and registrars: March 28, 29, 2025. – No decision made; the board will revisit at the next meeting.

16.2 PNW Veterinary Conference. Date: September 18-21, 2025. – Aja will find out who can go as the voting member. – Katherine Bibi will be the member to attend.

16.3 AAVSB Annual Meeting: Dates to be announced. No final decision made; the board will revisit at the next meeting.

Public Comment given from Ken Gordon.

## **17. Reminders: Meeting Dates for 2025**

17.1 February 24, June 2, September 15, December 8, 2025. Removal of February 25, 2025, meeting.

**18. Agenda Development**

The board reviewed and identified agenda items for the February 24, 2025, regular business meeting.

**19. Adjournment of Open Session**

Andrea Sanchez-Chambers motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:54 pm, moved, seconded, passed unanimously.

**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.

**Submitted By:**

Poppy Budrow, Program Manager  
Veterinarian Board of Governors

**Approved By:**

Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, Chair  
Veterinarian Board of Governors

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