



Veterinary Board of Governors
Regular Meeting Agenda
June 5, 2026

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9:00 a.m. -- Open Session

Call to Order, Mission and Board Roll Call – Maci Paden, DVM, Vice Chair

(9:00-9:05) 5 mins

1. Consent Agenda – Maci Paden, DVM, Vice Chair

Items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine agency matters and will be approved by a single motion from the board without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda.

- 1.1. Approval of June 5, 2026, draft agenda
- 1.2. Approval of February 27, 2026, business meeting minutes

(9:05-9:15) 10 mins

2. Reports

- 2.1. Maci Paden, DMV, Vice-Chair
- 2.2. Amber Freeberg, Executive Director
- 2.3. Poppy Budrow, Program Manager
- 2.4. Prina Patel, AAG

(9:15-9:25) 10 mins

3. Open Forum (limited to 10 minutes)

The Board will accept comments from the audience on issues significant to the profession. Limit of three minutes per person or agency in total. If your comment is regarding an agenda item, please wait for that agenda item.

(9:25-9:30) 5 mins

4. Veterinary Internship Research Committee

This subcommittee was developed in response to a petition for Mr. Rybka representing Fountain Veterinary Hospital for a post-DVM, pre-NAVLE internship. CR-101 not yet filed.

Subcommittee Members: Dr. Bibi; Haigh; Dr. Paden

- 4.1. Open for Public Comment
- 4.2. Subcommittee update and possible recommendations: Dr. Paden
- 4.3. The subcommittee's next meeting is June 23, 2026.

(9:30-10:00) 30 mins

5. Professional Fee Review – Interested Parties

Budget staff will review the Veterinary fund balance and scenarios to adjust fees appropriately. The CR-101 was filed under WSR 26-08-008 on March 19, 2026, to consider updates to WACs 246-933-590, 246-933-990, 246-935-990, and 246-937-990250, 246-935-070

- 5.1. Open for Public Comment
- 5.2. Budget staff will give an update – Rachel Campbell
- 5.3. The Board will give input

(10:00-10:30) 30 mins

6. Animal Healthcare Tasks – Dental Extractions

The purpose of this rulemaking was to update the Animal Healthcare Tasks WAC 246-935-040, 050, 010, and WAC 246-937-010. The CR-103 was filed on March 6, 2026, and went into effect on April 6, 2026.

Link to rules in progress: [Rules in Progress | Washington State Department of Health](#)

Subcommittee Members: Dr. Katherine Bibi, Dr. Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, Ms. Kim Morgan, LVT

- 6.1. The Board will discuss dental extractions.
- 6.2. The Board will discuss next-step options.
- 6.3. Written comments and letter received.

(10:30-10:45) 15 mins

Break

(10:45-10:50) 5 mins

7. Rules Update – Veterinary Telemedicine (VCPR)

The CR-101 to re-open VCPR rules was filed on October 21, 2025, under WSR 25-21-129 to update and clarify VCPR rules. WAC 246-933-010 and 246-933-200 are open.

Subcommittee Members: Dr. Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, Dr. Aja Senestraro, Dr. Katherine Bibi

- 7.1. Program Manager update. Ms. Budrow
- 7.2. The Board may dissolve the subcommittee.

(10:50-11:10) 20 mins

8. HB 2247 – Veterinarian-Patient-Client Relationship

During the 2026 legislative session, ESHB 2247 passed, which allows virtual establishment of VCPR in limited circumstances.

Link to Bill: [2247-S.SL.pdf](#)

Link to Fiscal Note: [Fiscal Note Package 77196](#)

- 8.1. Open for Public Comment.
- 8.2. Program staff will give an update: Ms. Poppy Budrow.
- 8.3. The Board may create a subcommittee.
- 8.4. The Board may review and/or vote on CR-101.
- 8.5. The subcommittee may schedule a subcommittee meeting.

(11:10-11:40) 30 mins

9. Rules Workshop – Eligibility for Examination as Veterinary Technician WAC 246-935-060(4)

The CR-101 to open LVT Eligibility for Examination rules was filed on October 17, 2025, under WSR 25-21-093. This rulemaking is in response to petitions from WSVMA and WSVTA to close the “Wisconsin Loophole” in WAC 246-935-060(4). The Board will discuss proposed language.

- 9.1. Open for Public Comment.
- 9.2. Program staff will give an update: Ms. Poppy Budrow.
- 9.3. The Board may review and/or vote on proposed language.

(11:40-12:00) 20 mins

10. Discipline Process Research Subcommittee

This subcommittee has been tasked with researching the discipline process, how complaints are assessed, how the board can be more transparent to the public and licenses, and making recommendations to streamline and clarify where possible.

Subcommittee Members: Dr. Katherine Bibi, Dr. Kathryn Haigh, and Ms. Becky Knoke

- 10.1. Open for Public Comment
- 10.2. The subcommittee will give a report: Dr. Haigh
- 10.3. The Board will review progress made on the Board Review document.

(12:00-12:30) 30 mins

Lunch

(12:30-12:35) 5 mins

11. 1705 Large Animal Veterinarian Recruitment Workgroup

WSU has created a workgroup to research how to train, retain, and attract large animal veterinarians.

Board Representative: Dr. Maci Paden, Alternate: Dr. Kathryn Haigh

11.1. Report on Meeting: Ms. Poppy Budrow

(12:35-12:45) 10 mins

12. FAQ Update – Humane Society FAQ Subcommittee

The purpose of this subcommittee is to write an FAQ regarding Humane Societies and guidelines.

Subcommittee Members: Ms. Kim Morgan, LVT, Dr. Maci Paden, Dr. Aja Senestraro

Open for public comments.

The subcommittee will give a report: Ms. Kim Morgan

12.1. Humane Society Subcommittee may approve FAQ document.

(12:45-12:55) 10 mins

13. Correspondence

Any letters the Board has received and have not been addressed above will be reviewed. The Board may respond to correspondence.

13.1. Public Disclosure Request - WSVMA

13.2. Additional letters received

(12:55-1:00) 5 mins

14. Conferences and Presentations

Reminders for recent and upcoming travel:

14.1. AAVSB ED Summit: April 22-23, 2026

Attended: Ms. Budrow

Report.

14.2. AAVSB Board Basics and Beyond: April 24-25, 2026

Attended: Dr. Sanchez-Chambers

Report.

14.3. PNW Veterinary Conference, Tacoma, Washington: September 26-27, 2026

Attending: Dr. Kathryn Haigh, Dr. Andrea Sanchez-Chambers, Ms. Becky Knoke

14.4. AAVSB Annual Meeting, Providence, RI: September 23-26, 2026

Attending: Dr. Bibi (Delegate)

Dr. Paden (AAVSB committee)

Dr. Senestraro (AAVSB committee)

Ms. Freeberg (ED)

Ms. Budrow (PM; AAVSB committee)

(1:00-1:05) 5 mins

15. Reminders: Meeting Dates for 2026 & 2027

Dates have been filed with the code revisor and are posted on the Veterinary Board Website.

15.1. September 11, 2026

15.2. December 18, 2026

15.3. March 12, 2027

15.4. June 4, 2027

15.5. September 10, 2027

15.6. December 17, 2027

(1:05-1:10) 5 mins

16. Agenda Development

The Board will review and identify agenda items for the June 05, 2026, business meeting.

Adjournment

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Governors**

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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.

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