



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
*Olympia, Washington 98504*

**Washington State  
Veterinary Board of Governors  
April 3, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 12:32 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020, by Kirk Breuninger, Chair. The meeting was held via conference call.

**Board Members**

**Present:** Kirk Breuninger, VMD, MPH, DACVPM, Chair  
Aja Senestraro, DVM, Vice Chair  
Kim Morgan, LVT  
Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH  
Sue Moriyasu, DVM

**Board Members**

**Absent:** Liz Davies, DVM  
Becky Knoke, Public Member

**DOH Staff Present:** Brad Burnham, Executive Director  
Loralei Walker, Program Manager  
Lisa Kelley, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)  
Sarah Beckham, Program Support  
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst  
Sara Kirschenman, Staff Attorney  
Tanya Mills, Credentialing office

**Guests Present:** Candace Joy, WSVMA  
Sherry Dean, WSVMA  
Lindsey Hornickel, DVM, WSVMA  
Gary Marshall, DVM, WSVMA  
Karen Norton, LVT, WSAVT  
Lori Lutskas, LVT, WSAVT  
Mark Schrag, DVM  
Michael Longoni, DVM  
Dan Haskins, DVM  
Katheryn Hanson, Army Veterinarian Maj.  
Laurel Brewster, Practice Manager  
Lisa Feder, SW Wash Humane Society

## Open Session

### Call to Order and Introductions – Kirk Breuninger, VMD MPH DACVPM, Chair

The open public meeting was called to order by Kirk Breuninger, Chair, at 10:02 a.m. He took roll call with the different groups of people in attendance – board members, DOH staff members, association representatives, veterinarians, veterinary technicians and general public. Not everyone who attended this meeting is listed.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Senestraro made a motion to approve the agenda. Kim Morgan, LVT, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## Board Business

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

The board accepted comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession during the current health crisis.

#### 3. Issues Related to COVID-19 Outbreak (Discussion/Action)

The board discussed creating policy statements versus doing emergency rule making. Jeff Wise, DOH policy analyst, explained the processes for policy statements and emergency rule making. Emergency rule making could take 4-6 weeks to become rule. A policy statement could be posted in about a week since it takes less time for review and approval. For issues during the current health crisis the board decided to create and send out policy statement(s) and then work on emergency rule making if needed.

Temporary license permits are for new graduating students in state or out of state. Background checks are being waived temporarily to help with credentialing new applicants during the health crisis. A temporary permit is good for 180 days.

#### 4. Agenda Development (Discussion/Action)

The next meeting and all following special meetings will be 1½ hours in length. The board identified the following possible agenda items for the next meeting:

- Supervision of tasks for veterinary technicians
- Dispensation of prescriptions
- Options for Graduating students
- Temporary license permit
- Other COVID-19 related issues

## Adjournment of Open Session

Kim Morgan, LVT, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Moriyasu seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.