



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

**Washington State
Veterinary Board of Governors
May 15, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 8:02 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 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
Liz Davies, DVM
Becky Knoke, Public Member

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

Guests Present: Candace Joy, Washington State Veterinary Medical Association (WSVMA)
Teresa Stefan, Washington State Association of Veterinary Technicians (WSAVT)
Ashley Burn, WSAVT
Mark Schrag, DVM
Katy Kuhl, WSU
Dan Haskins, DVM
Mark Schrag, DVM
Jess Reed, Seattle Humane Society

Call to Order and Introductions – Kirk Breuninger, VMD, MPH, DACVPM, Chair
Kirk Breuninger, Chair, called the meeting to order and took roll call. Everyone who attended this meeting may not be included above.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Davies made a motion to approve today's agenda. Dr. Moriyasu seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Board Business

2. Open Forum (limited to 10 minutes)

The board heard comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession. During this time of emergency, the Board will consider only those matters which are routine and essential.

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

The board discussed policy issues regarding COVID-19 and may possibly adopt policies, conduct rulemaking, or otherwise act in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. If time allows, the board may accept comments from the audience on the issues discussed.

- How current governor proclamations and mandates impact veterinary practice of non-essential services

The board discussed the statement from the governor's office about what is an essential service. The governor's office is putting together recommendations for different professions and different phases of opening. No specific timeline established yet for veterinary professions.

Candace Joy, WSAVT, said the information for the next phase of opening businesses and which ones will be included seems to be broad and is directed more towards human health professions and not specific for the veterinary community. She stated WSAVT will be assisting the veterinary community with understanding future proclamations/mandates that come from the governor's office. WSAVT will be assisting veterinarians with adapting proclamations and reopening statements to the veterinary professions.

- Policy statements – review status

Brad Burnham gave updates on the status of the policy statements the board created regarding continuing education (CE) requirements and the veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR). The policy statement on VCPR is same as the one in the meeting packet and has no changes. Lisa Kelley, AAG, suggested some additional language be added to the CE policy statement to add clarity. The additional language doesn't change context of policy. Brad read the suggested additional language to the board. After discussion, Dr. Senestraro made a motion to approve adding Lisa's additional language in the CE policy statement. Dr. Vang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Wise, policy analyst, said these statements were in the final stages of review and should be ready to publish/disseminate by Monday of next week.

- Other COVID-19 related issues

The next regular board meeting is June 1, 2020. This board meeting will be by teleconference. The governor's proclamation 20-28 refers to the Open Public Meetings Act and board meetings should be held to discuss only essential items at this time. The board cannot make

any decisions on non-COV19 issues. The board can discuss issues outside of COVID-19 but no specific decisions can be made. Preparations for future actions are allowed.

Adjournment of Open Session

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Next regular board meeting is June 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference