



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

**Washington State  
Veterinary Board of Governors  
March 8, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes**

Aja Senestraro, DVM, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors to order at 9:03 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021. The meeting was held via teleconference with all participants attending remotely.

**Board Members**

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

**Department of Health (DOH)**

Staff Present: Lorelei Walker, Program Manager  
Lisa Kelley, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)  
Brad Burnham, Executive Director  
Amy Robertson, Program Support  
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst  
Sara Kirschenman, Staff Attorney

Guests Present: Ashley Byrne, Washington State Association of Veterinary Technicians (WSAVT)  
Candace Joy, Washington State Veterinary Medical Association (WSVMA)  
Dennis Conger, North Central Educational Service District  
Joseph Hauth, SkillSource/NCWDC  
Julie Helligso, Cascade Veterinary Clinic  
Kristin Bates, Cascade Veterinary Clinic  
Lauren Overman, Humane Society for Southwest Washington  
Ledy Vankavage, Best Friends Animal Society  
Megan Dennis, Humane Society for Southwest Washington  
Stuart Early, Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County  
Susan Adams, SkillSource/NCWDC  
Teresa Stefan, LVT, WSAVT  
Ty Johnson, DVM, Cascade Veterinary Clinic

9:00 a.m. **Open Session**

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Aja Senestraro, Chair, convened the meeting and took roll call at 9:05 a.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

A question on continuing education requirements was added as item 12. Item 15, a rule petition was moved to item 7 so that petitioner would not have to stay for the full meeting. Dr. Breuninger made a motion to approve the March 8, 2021 agenda as amended. Dr. Vang seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2. Approval of meeting minutes – December 14, 2020**

Two minor edits were identified. Dr. Breuninger made a motion to approve the amended meeting minutes from the December 14, 2020 board meeting. Dr. Vang seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Reports**

**3. Chair - Aja Senestraro, DVM**

Aja Senestraro reviewed updates for subcommittees.

**Animal Manipulation Task Force** – Aja reviewed items from the last taskforce meeting, including a charter, project timeline, and research from other states. Other members of the subcommittee expressed concern at the pace the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission was moving and emphasized that the taskforce should be in information-collecting mode now in order to have sufficient shared knowledge to evaluate the issues in order to determine how to proceed. The board subcommittee to the taskforce will meet to discuss regulatory issues. Lisa Kelley and Chris Gerard, AAG for the commission, will work together to provide the taskforce advice.

**4. Brad Burnham, Executive Director and Lorelei Walker, Program Manager; Office of Health Professions**

Ms. Walker included a summary for each report item in the packet. Regarding the request legislation to change the law on the board's composition, Dr. Breuninger requested the term "secretary" be replaced with "vice-chair" in the proposal, as this is the term currently used.

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

Nothing new to report.

**Board Business**

**6. Open Forum**

The board accepted comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession. Ms. Joy asked for clarification on the new law that requires telemedicine training. WSVMA read the legislation as exempting veterinarians. The Department of Health (department) believes it applies. Only healthcare providers practicing telemedicine need to complete the training.

**7. Petition Concerning Client Communication**

The board reviewed a rule petition requesting the term "when appropriate" in WAC 246-933-345(1) be amended to state "Unless it is not feasible the Veterinarian must communicate to the client the following". The board acknowledged that it already addressed this specific question in the course of rulemaking for WAC 246-933-345. The petitioner identified a link in the FAQ that

needs to be updated to give better information on Client Information Sheets. Ms. Walker will correct the reference on the FAQ webpage.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moriyasu made a motion to deny the petition. Ms. Morgan, LVT, seconded. The motion carried.

- 8. Rulemaking for Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5004 – Humane Society Veterinary Services**  
The board reviewed the department's comments on the board's December draft rule. Ms. Walker captured responses from the board. Mr. Wise will work with Ms. Walker to answer any outstanding clarification needed for the department. The rule will then be filed for a hearing in September.

**MOTION:** Ms. Morgan, LVT motioned to accept the language as redrafted and develop the to CR 102 for a public hearing. Dr. Moriyasu second the motion. The motion carried.

- 9. Rulemaking for Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2411 – Suicide Prevention Training and ESHB 1551 – HIV Education and training**  
The board reviewed a new, corrected draft CR-101 form that includes an previously missed reference to HIV education training. This rulemaking adds a requirement for veterinarians and veterinary technicians to take a 3-hour suicide prevention training course. The rulemaking also removes references to required HIV education and training course in accordance with the new law.

**MOTION:** Ms. Morgan, LVT, motioned to approve and file the new CR 101 package. Ms. Knoke seconded. The motion carried.

- 10. Washington Physician's Health Program (WPHP) Annual Report**  
Dr. Chris Bundy, Medical Director of WPHP, provided a presentation on the WPHP Annual Report.

- 11. Veterinary Technician Apprenticeship Programs**  
The board discussed board and apprenticeship program staff work to date, stakeholder feedback. Due to the volume of stakeholder input and issues to address, the board discussed the option of the special meeting dedicated to this topic.

**MOTION:** Kim Morgan moved to approve scheduling special meeting on Veterinary Technician Apprenticeship program; Sue Moriyasu, second; the motion carries.

- 12. Approval of Continuing Education Category**  
The board considered a request to add the following to its list of approved continuing education providers: graduates of an AVMA-recognized residency program who are eligible to sit for board exams.

**MOTION:**, Ms. Morgan, LVT, moved to approve graduates of an AVMA-recognized residency program who are eligible to sit for board exams. Residency graduates are eligible continuing

education providers for up to one year after graduation. Dr. Breuninger, second. The motion carries.

**13. Emergency Care for Life-threatening Wounds to K-9 Officers**

The board reviewed a question about trained paramedics' ability to provide life-preserving care to injured K-9 officers while they are in transport to veterinary care.

**MOTION:** Ms. Morgan motioned for the board to develop an interpretive statement to allow emergency management personnel to give emergency care to K-9 officers; Dr. Vang, second; The motion carries

**14. Licensure Compact or Reciprocity Agreement with Oregon and Idaho**

Dr. Emilio DeBess, the State Public Health Veterinarian from Oregon will discuss the possibility for a reciprocity agreement between the states of Oregon, Idaho and Washington. Ms. Kelley will do research on the board's regulations and provide an update at the June meeting.

**15. Roles and Responsibilities of Disciplinary Panel Members**

Staff from the Department of Health provided information about the hearing process, roles and responsibilities of panel members, recruiting panel members, and communication about hearing cancellations.

**16. Issues Related to COVID-19 Outbreak**

The board discussed its work on COVID-19 issues. It will discuss a survey on veterinarians' use of the VCPR policy during COVID to guide future action.

**17. Agenda Development**

The board identified agenda items for the June 7, 2021 business meeting.

- Taskforce update
- Board composition proposed legislation for next year
- Humane society veterinary services audit process
- Rulemaking workshop for ESHB 2411 and ESHB 1551 – HIV Education and training
- Schedule and develop agenda for special meeting on veterinary technician apprenticeship program proposal
- Update on Washington's reciprocity statute
- COVID – standing topic
- Review and discuss strategic plan

**Adjournment of Open Session**

Dr. Breuninger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Moriyasu seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Next board meeting is June 7, 2021