



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WASHINGTON STATE  
VETERINARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015 by Dan Haskins, DVM. The meeting was held at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Rd, in Town Center 2, Conference Room 145, Tumwater, WA 98504.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Ethan Nelson, DVM, Chair  
Joseph Harari, DVM  
Suzan Seelye, DVM  
Kelli Robson, LVT  
Lina Wachsmuch, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General  
Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director  
Danielle Welliever, Policy Analyst  
Bill Kellington, Staff Attorney  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager  
Susan Gonzales, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Candace Joy, Executive Director of WSVMA  
Doug Yearout, DVM  
Tammie Jensen-Tabor  
Kim Martin, DVM  
Earl Alseth, DVM  
Tawney Carrier  
Dr. Anderson, DVM

9:00 a.m. Open Session

Call to Order – Dan Haskins, DVM

1. Approval of Agenda  
The amended agenda was approved.
2. Approval of meeting minutes
  - 2.1 December 8, 2014  
The amended minutes for the December 8, 2014 were approved.
  - 2.2 January 23, 2015  
Approved as written.

Reports: Information

3. Ethan Nelson, DVM, Chair  
No report was given.
4. Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Director, Health Professions and Facilities  
Kathy Schmitt reported on the upcoming leadership meeting.
5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General  
Gail Yu reported on a recent agreed temporary restraining order issued on a case of unlicensed practice.

9:30 a.m. Rulemaking:

6. Veterinary Technician Administration of Rabies Vaccination.  
The Board approved the current draft with editorial changes and voted to proceed with the formal hearing. Staff will prepare the documents for filing.
7. Complementary Medicine.  
Tammie Jensen-Tabor encouraged the board to allow more than 10 hour of alternative veterinary medicine in a three-year reporting period. Kim Martin, DVM also spoke in favor of allowing more than ten hours of complementary courses in a three-year reporting period. The board discussed the comments received and the different options and determined that ten hours would be authorized in any three-year reporting period.
8. Proposed rule to define a veterinary-client-patient relationship.  
Dr. Earl Anseth and Dr. Anderson addressed the board individually encouraging the board to add language to the current draft to include provision for animals for food products or food consumption. The board and stakeholders drafted language to add provision for animals for food products or food consumption, prescription drugs, and the veterinary of record. The revised draft will be sent to stakeholders for comment.
9. Release of a prescription.  
The Board approved the current draft and request that staff will proceed to file for formal hearing.
10. WAC 246-934-020 and WAC 246-934-100 relating to sexual misconduct.  
Following discussion the board voted to add to add the following language to the definition in WAC 246-934-100: "Sexual contact with any person involving force, intimidation, or lack of consent; or a conviction of a sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030.
11. Withdrawal of CR 101 for WAC 246-933-460.  
Clarification of ruling from December 8, 2014 meeting.

12. Correspondence.

12.1 The board approved a request for extension of the continuing education requirements.

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12.3 The board clarified that an expiration date is required on prescription labels for legend drugs dispensed by a veterinarian.

12.4 The board provided clarification of mobile veterinary facility requirements when seeing pets owned by residents in retirement homes.

12.5 The board responded to a request for appropriate monitoring procedures during surgery. The board emphasized the importance of meeting recognized standard of care in any situation or circumstance.

12:00 p.m.

13. Open Forum: No comments were received from the public.

1:00 p.m. Presentations:

14. Military Education Program Information  
Tommy Simpson, Military Education Program Manager  
This presentation was deferred.

15. Disciplinary Process Overview  
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney provided an overview of the disciplinary process.

16. Continuing Education Courses

16.1 Review of courses submitted for approval.

- Submitted by Zoetis – Title: A Bird’s Perspective of Bacterial Skin Disease- Challenging Thoughts to Consider – Approved for 2 hours
- Submitted by Tri-County Veterinary Medical Association – Title: Telehealth and Veterinary Medicine – Approved for 2 hours practice management
- Submitted by Zoetis – Title: Courageous Conversations 1 and 2 – Approved for 2.0 of practice management
- Submitted by Inland NW Veterinary Specialty Care – Title Canine Glaucoma – Automatically approved for requested 2.0 of CE because speaker (Kevin Kaiser, DVM, DACVO) is a diplomat.

16.2 Selection of reviewers for the next quarter.

Joseph Harai, DVM

Daniel Haskins, DVM

Lina Wachsmuth, DVM

17. American Association of Veterinary State Boards Annual Meeting  
Suzan Seeley was chosen as the delegate and Lina Wachsmuth was selected as a reserve delegate to attend conference on September 17 – 19, 2015, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

18. Review of Rules  
Staff will provide the requested data for rules that are currently being amended by the board in response to the review pursuant to SSB 5679.
19. Executive Session  
Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the board went into executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matter relating to agency enforcement actions, agency litigation, or potential litigation.
20. Request for Declaratory Order.  
The Board considered a request for declaratory order from Covenant Creatures Companion Animal Program. Following discussion, the board determined it would not issue a declaratory order.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.