



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, June 8, 2015 by Ethan Nelson, DVM. The meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, 100 Columbia Street, in the Gull's Nest Room, Vancouver, WA 98660.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Ethan Nelson, DVM, Chair
Daniel Haskins, DVM
Suzan Seelye, DVM
Kelli Robson, LVT
Tawney Carrier, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director
Danielle Welliever, Policy Analyst
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Candace Joy, Executive Director of WSVMA
Chris Wayman

9:00 a.m. Open Session

Call to Order – Ethan Nelson, DVM

1. Approval of Agenda
The amended agenda was approved.
2. Approval of meeting minutes
 - 2.1 March 9, 2015
Approved as written.
 - 2.2 May 8, 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 budget and performance management reports and gave a legislative update.
5. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Gail Yu discussed disciplinary cases for unlicensed practice.

9:30 a.m. Rulemaking:

6. Veterinary Technician Administration of Rabies Vaccination.
The board agreed to minor changes to the rule draft made during the staff rule review meeting. Staff will prepare the documents for filing.
7. Proposed rule to define a veterinary-client-patient relationship.
The board considered written comments on the current rule draft and a motion passed to make several changes to improve clarity. The board will review a revised version of the rule at the next meeting.
8. Five-year rule review.
The board reviewed WAC sections 246-933-010 through 246-933-190 and identified which rules should be flagged for future revision.
9. Status of rulemaking in progress.
Staff provided a status overview of other veterinary rules in progress. The board also discussed a letter from the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association regarding pharmacy compounding rules. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Executive Director will be invited to discuss this at the next meeting.
10. Report on legislation.
This was covered during Kathy Schmitt's report.
11. Open Forum: No comments were received from the public.

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Presentations:

12. The role of a board member in the hearing process.
Gail Yu provided training to board members about their role during a disciplinary hearing.
13. Future hearing dates.
The board identified potential panel members for the September 14-16th hearing. Since the hearing is the same week as the next board meeting, the board agreed to reschedule the fall meeting. Staff will poll the board in the next few weeks to identify a date.
14. The board approved a request for extension of the continuing education requirements.
 - 14.1 The board clarified that it is not their role to directly provide guidance regarding rabies vaccination protocols. The CDC has guidelines for veterinary staff.
 - 14.2 The board clarified that WAC 246-935-050(1)(d) prohibits licensed veterinary technicians and unregistered assistants from initiating treatment without prior instruction by a veterinarian unless it's an emergency and RCW 18.92.260(3)

requires animal care societies and nonprofit humane societies to adhere to the same laws and rule as any licensed veterinarian in the state.

- 14.3 The board clarified that, at a minimum, a veterinary employee must be registered as a veterinary medication clerk to dispense (which includes drawing into a syringe) pharmaceuticals.
- 14.4 The board clarified that a veterinary technician licensed in another state (and not in Washington) may not perform the duties that fall within the license of a Washington state veterinary technician for the purpose of a working job interview or when in the process of obtaining a Washington State licensure.

15. Continuing education courses.
Review of continuing education requests were deferred to the next meeting. Kelli Robson, LVT, Lina Wachsmuth, DVM, and Ethan Nelson, DVM, were selected as continuing education reviewers for the next quarter.

16. Proposal for interpretive statement.
The board reviewed a proposal for an interpretive statement clarifying that LVTs cannot practice independently. The board approved the interpretive statement for agency secretary review.

17. Contract for species specific exams.
The board agreed to the contract to retain the use of the National Board of Veterinary Examiners species specific examinations.

18. Other Board Business.
Dr. Seelye was voted as vice-chair. Dr. Seelye was also selected to attend the department of health's boards and commissions leadership forum on July 20, 2015. Meeting dates and locations for 2016 will be determined at the October 5th board meeting. Signature delegation was deferred to a future meeting.

19. Closed Session.
The board went into closed session to evaluate four application reviews, two continuing education audits, and one continuing education extension.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.