This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 9:30am by Board President, Dr. Mark Olson. Board Members in attendance were Dr. Olson, Dr. Greg Bogue, Dr. Mary Sue Painter, Dr. Mike Kobuszewski, and Mr. Jim Correll. Board Members Dr. Verle Carlson and Dr. Randy Norton were not in attendance due to scheduling conflicts. Also present were agency staff Dr. Dirk Hanson, Ms. Cheryl Mermis and Mr. Larry O’Hara. Board General Counsel Athena Andaya and Board Litigation Counsel Laurie Kahrs were also present.

Dr. Olson welcomed all to the meeting and recognized Dr. Kobuszewski for his appointment by the Governor to the Board and for his participation in his first Board meeting.

After review of the tentative agenda for this meeting, a motion by Dr. Bogue, seconded by Dr. Painter to approve the agenda passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

A public forum for non-agenda items was offered with no members of the public requesting to appear, or present to comment during this public forum.

Mr. Correll then moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Bogue seconded this motion. This motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Board reviewed modifications to the practice act they had previously approved during their June meeting, and by consensus reaffirmed those modifications.

The Board next reviewed KSA 47-821. A motion by Dr. Painter, seconded by Dr. Bogue, to add a paragraph to the statute reading “Inspect and audit the standards of practice pursuant to rules and regulations of the board of any licensed veterinarian, and take any disciplinary action against the licensed veterinarian consistent with the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder” passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Additionally, a motion by Dr. Bogue, seconded by Dr. Painter to add “or veterinary technicians” and “or registrant” to the current language in section (a)(19) of KSA 47-821 passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Board next reviewed KSA 47-822. A motion by Dr. Bogue, seconded by Dr. Kobuszewski to add “The fee for inspection and audit of the standards of practice required under KSA 47-821 and amendments thereto of any veterinarian shall be not less than $50 nor more than $150” passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Board considered the current use of the term “companion animal” in the practice act, and by consensus agreed to make no changes.
The Board considered the current language in the practice act regarding confidentiality, and by consensus agreed to make no changes.

The Board reviewed KSA 47-830. A motion by Dr. Painter, seconded by Dr. Bogue, to add “entering diversion in lieu of conviction of a felony” passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Board reviewed KAR 70-4-8. A motion by Dr. Bogue, seconded by Mr. Correll to strike the language in the current section (c) regarding “Recognized and approved colleges” and the listing of colleges that followed, and to add “A veterinary college or a division of a university or college that offers the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or its equivalent may be recognized and approved by the board if the veterinary college or division meets the May 2011 standards required for full accreditation by the council on education of the American veterinary medical association. If the veterinary college or division does not meet the standards for full accreditation, the veterinary college or division may be recognized and approved only if the board determines that any deficiencies related to student educational outcomes and safety are addressed to the satisfaction of the board” passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Board next reviewed the current section (d) of KAR 70-4-8 dealing with schools of veterinary medicine not recognized by the Board. The Board directed General Counsel to bring proposed modifications to the language to the Board’s upcoming October meeting that would cite the standards of both the ECFVG and PAVE educational equivalence programs as of a date specific.

The Board next reviewed proposed new regulations KAR 70-4-11 and KAR 70-4-12 regarding initial applications and renewal applications for registered veterinary technicians. The Board directed General Counsel to bring proposed modifications to the language reviewed to the Board’s upcoming October meeting with additional language regarding continuing education totaling 10 hours as a requirement for renewal.

The Board considered adding a regulation requiring that in medical cases seen by multiple veterinarians one veterinarian would be required to be responsible for the coordination of care throughout the case as a way to address current complaint cases being seen by the Board. The Board directed General and Litigation Counsel to work together on a strategy for addressing this issue. Strategy options to be considered are to include educational and enforcement strategies in addition to regulatory strategies. The Board requested a proposal be presented during the Board’s upcoming October meeting.

The Board nominated Dr. Norton to attend the upcoming meeting of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) as the Board’s voting delegate. Further, the consensus of the Board was to have Dr. Norton vote for the currently proposed slate of candidates nominated, and to vote to concur with bylaws committee and board of directors of the AAVSB regarding proposed changes to the AAVSB bylaws.

The Board by consensus adopted probable cause team assignments of Drs. Olson, Bogue and Norton; and Drs. Kobuszewski, Carlson, and Painter; with Mr. Correll continuing as a floating member of the teams.
The Board next heard a request from Dr. Cindy Beggs to stay her current license suspension. The board recessed for deliberations announcing that an order will be rendered within thirty days.

Upon reconvening, the Board next heard a request from Dr. Megan Schmidt to have a veterinary license granted to her. The board by consensus agreed to deliberate immediately following adjournment and to render an order within thirty days.

The Board next considered veterinary license applications of Dr. Josh Szasz and Dr. Anna Leppien. By consensus the Board granted licenses to both.

Board members then reviewed case status reports including a summary of recently completed cases, ongoing cases, and recently received feedback.

Board members then reviewed dates for upcoming meetings.

Having no further business before the Board, Dr. Bogue moved to adjourn this meeting. Dr. Painter seconded this motion. This motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. This meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.