

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation  
Veterinary Licensing and Disciplinary Board**

**Minutes of Open Session**

**Date:** January 25, 2024

**Locations:** Room 8c1                      Room 376                      Webex  
555 W Monroe                      320 W Washington St                      Videoconference  
Chicago, Illinois                      Springfield, Illinois

**Call to Order:** 11:03 am

**Adjournment:** 1:02 pm

**Chicago:** Simuel Hampton, DVM

**Springfield:** Chair Elizabeth Clyde, DVM; Ellen Helmers, DVM; Jason Kennell, DVM; Lauren Malmberg; Raymond Ramirez, DVM.

**Not present:** William Armbruster, DVM

**Division Staff Present:** Gwendolyn Payton, Assistant General Counsel, Ronald Almiron, Assistant General Counsel, Anne Erickson, Assistant General Counsel, Rochelle Hartman, Board Liaison, Health Services Section

**Guests:** Deborah Lakamp, Executive Director Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association; Maureen Mulhall, Illinois State Veterinary Association; Erich Roush, public participant

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Meeting called to order at 11:03.	Quorum established by roll call
<b>MINUTES ACCEPTANCE</b>	Previous minutes were not available. Board asked for minutes from past few years to be made available.	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Board invited to host the 2025 (September) American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) conference in Chicago. Hartman will get more information.	
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<b>Ramirez:</b> Discussion re: definition of veterinary technicians. "Certified veterinary technician" is	

	<p>the protected term. Occasional misuse of term “veterinary nurse,” which is not recognized by statute. “Nurse” is protected title in Illinois. Public confused by use of nurse in veterinary context.</p> <p>Suggestion that article be shared with ISVMA members (and IDFPR licensees, if possible) clarifying difference between statute-defined licensed vet techs and other more creatively-named unlicensed veterinary staff.</p> <p><b>Hampton:</b> Complaints about unlicensed staff would be reflected on the DVM license.</p>	No action
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>Hartman:</b> Proposed legislation about classifying /restricting use of Xylazine due to illicit street use. IDFPR Director issued a neutral position. Used as a sedative in euthanasia. Can Board share their opinion with Secretary?</p> <p><b>Malmberg:</b> Move that board ask Secretary to oppose proposed state legislation and wait to see if Federal proposal, with exemption for veterinary use is approved.</p> <p><b>Lakamp:</b> Fed legislation, which allows exemption for veterinarians is backed by AMVA because Xylazine is only safe drug for cattle and other large animals.</p> <p><b>Payton:</b> Harm is in street use—there’s no reversal agent for Xylazine, as there is for opiates.</p> <p><b>Mulhall:</b> The version being used on the street, a powder, is not being diverted from veterinary office. Restricting veterinary use of liquid form will not stop street use.</p> <p>Open session ends at 11:54 am</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Move that board ask Secretary to oppose proposed state legislation to see if exemption for veterinary use is approved at federal level.</p> <p><b>Malmberg:</b> Moved <b>Ramirez:</b> Second</p> <p><b>Voice vote:</b> Unanimous in favor</p> <p>Moved and seconded to enter closed session: <b>Clyde:</b> yes <b>Hampton:</b> yes <b>Kennell:</b> yes <b>Malmberg:</b> yes <b>Ramirez:</b> yes</p>
<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>		
<b>OPEN SESSION</b>	Return to open session 12:58	<b>Clyde:</b> move to accept recommendations from closed session <b>Ramirez:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup>

