

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

Minutes of Open Session

Date: April 24, 2024

Locations: Lincoln Room 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; William J. Armbruster, DVM; Ellen Helmers, DVM; Jason Kennell, DVM; Lauren Malmberg; Raymond Ramirez, DVM

Division Staff Present: Gwendolyn Payton, 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, DVM

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 11:05.	Quorum established by roll call
MINUTES ACCEPTANCE	Minutes from January 25, 2024 reviewed	Approved
PUBLIC COMMENT	Dr. Erich Roush of Morton Grove related concerns regarding complaint procedure including no acknowledgment of complaints from Agency; no case numbers provided to complainants; lack of/ extreme delay in follow-up. Maureen Mulhall, IVMA, added concerns about investigators not showing badges at site visits.	
OLD BUSINESS	Ramirez: Discussion re: definition of veterinary technicians. "Certified veterinary technician" is 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. 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. Hampton: Complaints about unlicensed staff would be reflected on the DVM license.	No action
NEW BUSINESS	Hartman: 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? Malmberg: Move that board ask Secretary to oppose proposed state legislation and wait to see if Federal proposal, with exemption for veterinary use is approved. Lakamp: Fed legislation, which allows exemption for veterinarians is backed by AMVA because Xylazine is only safe drug for cattle and other large animals. Payton: Harm is in street use—there’s no reversal agent for Xylazine, as there is for opiates. Mulhall: 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. Open session ends at 11:54 am	Motion: Move that board ask Secretary to oppose proposed state legislation to see if exemption for veterinary use is approved at federal level. Malmberg: Moved Ramirez: Second Voice vote: Unanimous in favor Moved and seconded to enter closed session: Clyde: yes Hampton: yes Kennell: yes Malmberg: yes Ramirez: yes
CLOSED SESSION		
OPEN SESSION	Return to open session 12:58	Clyde: move to accept recommendations from closed session Ramirez: 2nd Clyde: Yes Hampton: Yes

