

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

Minutes of Open Session

Date: January 22, 2025

Locations:	Room 5C1 555 W Monroe Chicago, Illinois	Room 376 320 W Washington St Springfield, Illinois	Webex Videoconference
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Call to Order: 11:05 am

Adjournment: 1:02 pm .

Chicago: Simuel Hampton, DVM

Springfield: Elizabeth Clyde, DVM, Chair; Lauren Malmberg, Public Member; Raymond Ramirez, DVM.

Not present: Ellen Helmers, DVM; Jason Kennell, DVM.

Division Staff Present: Gwendolyn Payton, Assistant General Counsel; Rochelle Hartman, Board Liaison, Health Services Section

Guests: Deborah Lakamp, Executive Director Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISMVA); Maureen Mulhall, ISVMA; Gail Golab, DVM, Associate Executive Vice President, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA); Stephen Dullard, DVM, ISMVA Legislative Committee Chair; Beth Venit, VMD, Chief Veterinary Officer, American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB); Isham Jones, JD, Legal Counsel AVMA; Karen Martens Brandt, Director AVMA Education and Research Division

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER /INTRODUCTIONS	Meeting called to order at 11:05 am	Present: Clyde Hampton Malmberg Ramirez
PUBLIC COMMENT	Mulhall provided a legislative update about two amendments that will go into effect January 1, 2026. 1) In 225 ILCS/3, the terms “Certified Veterinary Technician” and “Veterinary Technicians” become protected	

	terms for graduates of accredited AVMA-CVTEA programs who have passed the VTNE exam. 2) Anyone with a license under the Act will be required to display their license where they practice.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE	Statistics: A license and complaint report will be presented at the April 2025 meeting/ CORE update: Hartman reported that the new licensing system has launched with about 10 professions so far. Vet tech will be part of the next batch, by mid-2025. Vet and Euthanasia will come a bit later because of controlled substance/subordinate issues. Hartman responded to questions from guests and board about delays in getting vets licensed and how the new system could help. VTNE Exam Procedure Hartman reminded all about the new VTECH testing procedure in which candidates will apply directly to VTNE, pass the exam, then apply for licensure. Mulhall and Dr Ramirez discussed the effort to amend the Open Meetings Act to allow for virtual attendance at board meetings. There appears to more interest than in similar legislation from previous two sessions, but it's in early stages.	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes of October 23, 2024 were approved the correction of Senator Koehler's title from "state representative" to "Senator."	Malmberg/Clyde
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	Dr Clyde nominated Dr Ramirez as Chair. As there were no other nominations, Dr Ramirez was elected by acclamation.	

	Dr Ramirez nominated Dr Hampton as Vice Chair. As there were no further nominations, Dr Hampton was elected by acclamation. Both offices will be held through January 22, 2026.	
OLD BUSINESS	AGC Payton again asked the Board to consider what she characterized as a burdensome process in place for graduates of non-accredited veterinary schools to become qualified for licensure in Illinois. Dr Brandt, who has oversight of the AMVA's program to evaluate graduates of non-accredited programs (ECFVG) gave a detailed overview of the program and why it's required/necessary, citing frequently failed practical exams for surgery and anesthesia. Dr Clyde pointed out that AVMA's program (and AAVSB's parallel program, PAVE), are required by accrediting organizations and does not know how or why we would override them. Dr Ramirez acknowledged the challenge for candidates due to the shortage of seats, but did not consider it a concern for the Board. There was additional robust discussion, but ultimately it was that they felt that the program was in place as a protection for pets and veterinary clients, and none of the Board present had interest in finding a workaround for students waiting for seats in the program. Lakamp stated that if there were an effort by IDFP for a legislative change that ISVMA would not support it.	
NEW BUSINESS	Dr. Clyde asked for clarification on practice pending licensure including the definition of "direct supervision." Dr. Hampton asked for guidance on ownership of records as it relates to relief doctors. ACG Payton offered to get additional information if needed.	
ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSSION	12:08 pm	Motion was made and seconded to go into closed session pursuant to Section

		(2)(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Malmberg; yes Ramirez: yes Clyde: Yes Hampton: Yes
RESUME OPEN SESSION		Motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations made in closed session. (Malmberg/Ramirez). Passed. Motion was made to keep the closed minutes closed (Clyde/Ramirez). Passed.
CLOSING REMARKS	Last meeting of FY25 is April 23rd. A slight change to FY26 schedule proposed: keep 4th Wednesday, July, October, January, April, but to adjust start time to 8:30 or 9 am. Hartman will poll other members. Starting with next meeting, provided a physical quorum can be convened, other members may opt to participate virtually (per Ramirez discussion with Director). AGC asked if there was a difference between a “Veterinary Technician’ and “Certified Veterinary Nurse.” Ramirez commented that “nurse” is a protected term in Illinois so no one should be using the occupational title “veterinary nurse” in Illinois.	
ADJOURNMENT	12:38 pm	