



Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine

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INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE **MEETING MINUTES**

The Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health office located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, Discovery Hall, Suite 100, 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205 and online via Microsoft Teams.

I. Call or Order and Establishment of Quorum

Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM and declared a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-38.1-2-5 (c).

Members Present: Jerry Rodenbarger, DVM
Steven Sunbury, DVM
Kelly Peelman, DVM
Tracy Gillespie, DVM
Natalie Goodwin, Consumer Member (Virtual)
Mindy Anderson, RVT
Kyle Shipman, DVM, State Veterinarian, Technical Advisor

Member(s) Absent: Natalie Goodwin left at 10:30 AM

Staff Present: Britney J. McMahan, Board Director

Advisory Counsel: Clarence Leatherbury, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Indiana Attorney General

Court Reporter: N/A

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt the amended agenda, seconded by Dr. Gillespie. Motion carried 6-0-0.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

III. Adoption of the Minutes from the January 29, 2026 Board Meeting

Dr. Peelman made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dr. Sunbury. Motion carried 6-0-0.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

IV. Personal Appearances

A. **Fumie Shiraki, RVT** appeared remotely from Japan. She explained that maintaining her Indiana RVT credential was difficult due to living in Japan and raising her children. She continues to work in veterinary medicine while living in Japan and has completed over 100 hours of RACE-approved continuing education over the last few months in order to reinstate her Indiana RVT.

Dr. Sunbury made a motion to reinstate Ms. Shiraki's RVT, seconded by Dr. Peelman. Motion carried 6-0-0.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

B. **Rachel Kantola, DVM** appeared remotely from Illinois. Dr. Kantola explained the circumstances in Minnesota regarding improperly prescribing controlled substances that led to her Minnesota and Illinois' DVM license being placed on probation. Her DVM licenses in Minnesota and Illinois are both currently active and unincumbered.

Dr. Sunbury made a motion to approve Dr. Kantola's application for licensure, seconded by Dr. Gillespie. Motion carried 6-0-0.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

V. Proposed Settlement Agreements

A. Terrance Joseph Kaeser, DVM, License No. 240033A
Cause No. 2025VB0007

The Board rejected the PSA as written, citing the need to add orthopedic surgery competency remediation (e.g., 20-hour orthopedic wet-lab CE and/or mentorship) in addition to record-keeping CE and random medical record review.

Dr. Peelman made a motion to reject the Proposed Settlement Agreement, seconded by Dr. Gillespie. Motion carried 6-0-0.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: None

VI. Discussion Items

A. The Board discussed the AAVSB survey on offering the VTNE with side by side Spanish translation. General sentiment: supportive (no formal rule change; counsel will verify any state law constraints; staff will complete the survey).

B. The Board discussed CE audits and civil penalties. Audits for DVMs (40 hrs. per biennium) and RVTs (16 hrs. per biennium) to begin May 15–30; notices go out by email (with certified mail for noncompliance). Civil penalty framework for noncompliance adopted: DVM shortfall at \$25 per hour; RVT shortfall at \$15 per hour; license suspension triggers upon nonpayment (21 days) or failure to complete make up CE within the specified window.

C. The Board Director provided an overview/refresher on rulemaking and telehealth, including but not limited to extensive briefing on Indiana’s current telehealth laws, establishing the VCPR, the standard of care, and recordkeeping:

- Telehealth permitted; out-of-state providers must hold Indiana DVM licensure to treat animals in Indiana.
- Controlled substances via telehealth require real-time two-way audio-visual; all prescriptions must meet federal/state standards and document informed consent & follow-up instructions.

VII. Reports

The Board reviewed the following reports:

1. The Attorney General Office’s Report.
2. The Board Director’s Report.
3. Dr. Kyle Shipman, DVM, State Veterinarian’s Report.

XI. Old/New Business

A. Officer Elections

Dr. Sunbury made a motion to nominate Dr. Rodenbarger as Board Chair, seconded by Dr. Gillespie. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: None

Dr. Peelman made a motion to nominate Dr. Sunbury as Board Vice Chair, seconded by Dr. Rodenbarger. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: None

B. AAVSB Nominating Committee

Dr. Rodenbarger made a motion to nominate Britney McMahan, Board Director, for the AAVSB Nominating Committee, seconded by Dr. Sunbury. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: None

XII. Adjournment

The next Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting will be held on July 30, 2026.

There being no further business, the Board ADJOURNED at 1:08 p.m.

/s/ Britney J. McMahan for

Dr. Jerry Rodenbarger, DVM, Chair