

<b>OVMEB BOARD MEETING PUBLIC SESSION</b>	<b>November 6-7, 2025,</b>		<b>8:30 AM</b>
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## **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## Therapeutic Diets and Virtual VCPR: A Case for Patient Access and Best Care

### The Issue

Oregon's current regulations require an in-person examination to establish a Veterinarian–Client–Patient Relationship (VCPR) before prescribing any therapeutic diet. This creates unnecessary barriers to care, especially since these diets are food, not drugs. Unlike medications, pet owners already decide what their animals eat daily. Restricting veterinarians from virtually prescribing therapeutic diets limits access to safe, evidence-based nutrition.

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### Why Prescription Diets Are Different from Medications

- **Owner autonomy:** Owners freely choose their healthy pets' food. Requiring in-person exams for a veterinarian to recommend or prescribe a therapeutic diet is an unnecessary barrier.
- **Lower risk profile:** Therapeutic diets are specialized foods, not controlled substances. Their risk of harm is reduced compared to pharmaceuticals.
- **Continuity of care:** When veterinarians cannot prescribe diets virtually, owners may turn to unregulated online sources or fad nutrition advice instead of evidence-based guidance.

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### The Role of Our Nutritionist

- **Advanced training:** Dr. Pestalozzi has successfully completed her board examination in veterinary nutrition and is awaiting publication of her research paper, which is the final step towards being awarded board certification. Her practice is limited to clinical nutrition.
- **Specialized expertise:** She can advise with expertise on commercial therapeutic diet plans and design/formulate customized home-cooked diet formulations tailored to individual patient's medical needs.
- **Patient access:** With fewer than 25 veterinary nutritionists in clinical practice nationally, access to care can be a challenge. Many of Dr. Pestalozzi's potential clients are referrals from primary care veterinarians and live hours away. Virtual consultations are often the only realistic way they can access nutrition services.
- **Viability of care:** Without the ability to prescribe diets virtually, her practice cannot be financially sustainable, limiting access to nutrition care across Oregon.

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### Precedence in Other States

- Several states, including **California, Arizona, New Jersey, Virginia, Idaho, and Vermont** allow veterinarians to establish a VCPR virtually for certain services, including nutrition consults.

- The **FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine** recognizes that therapeutic diets differ significantly from medications and do not carry the same regulatory risk.
- **AVMA telemedicine guidelines** support flexibility where patient safety is not compromised — nutrition specialty consultation being a clear example.

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### **The Ask**

We respectfully request that the OVMEB allow therapeutic diets — both commercial and home-prepared formulations — to be prescribed under a **virtual VCPR**. Doing so will:

1. Expand access to safe, evidence-based nutrition.
2. Prevent owners from resorting to unsafe, non-veterinary dietary advice.
3. Support the sustainability of nutrition-focused veterinary practices in Oregon.

**From:** [Rich Long](#)  
**To:** [INFO OWMER \\* OWMER](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Clarification on ECPVG requirement for foreign veterinarians  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 3, 2025 8:36:39 AM

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Good morning Brooke:

I lost my candidate to another State.

The question for the Board now is: What will be the process for gaining a license in Oregon for a Mexican Veterinarians graduating from UNAM before the end of 2025, a school that was accredited by the AVMA when the Veterinarian graduated but will not be accredited after the end of 2025.

My understanding is veterinarians graduating from accredited foreign schools would only be required to take the NAVLE in addition to any other prerequisites any US diploma veterinarian would require. Oregon Board exam and JP exam.

That UNAM will not be accredited after 2025 should have no bearing on status of their veterinarians graduating before 2025.

Thanks,

Rich Long  
Klamath Animal Clinic

# NAVLE APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

The NAVLE is administered only to valid candidates for licensure to practice veterinary medicine. This includes candidates who meet one (1) of the two (2) criteria below:

## 1

### ACCREDITED COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Candidates who graduated from or are enrolled in a school or college of veterinary medicine accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

#### Important notes:

- The school or college must be AVMA-accredited at the time of the candidate's graduation.
- In Canada and most U.S. states, if you have not graduated from veterinary school at the time of application, you must have an expected graduation date no later than ten (10) months from the last date of the applicable testing window.
- Candidates may take the NAVLE up to two (2) times prior to their graduation.
- If your eligibility status changes after you are approved to take the examination, you must notify the organization that approved you for the NAVLE. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your NAVLE score results.

## 2

### NON-ACCREDITED PROGRAMS OR FOREIGN GRADUATE

Candidates enrolled in, or hold certificates issued by:

- the [Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates \(ECFVG\)](#), or
- the [Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence \(PAVE\)](#).

#### Important note:

Candidates enrolled in ECFVG or PAVE must have completed the Step 3 examination requirement of the respective program **before** they can be approved by a licensing board to take the NAVLE.

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		Investigator Janine Holland	x	
		AAG Joanna Tucker-Davis Day 1	x	
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		Ryan Shultz		
		Christina Keef		
		Taryn Pestalozzi		
		Debbie		
		Julie and Henry Villareal		
		Emilio Debess		
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0:16:59		iv. Agenda review and approval		
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**Adjourn at 11:40 AM.**

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

## Executive Director Report November 2025 Board

To: Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining

Board From: Peter J. Burns, Executive Director

### Board Meeting Details:

November 6-7, 2025

### 2025-2026 Budget

#### 25-26 BIENNIUM BUDGET VS. ACTUAL PERFORMANCE

Actuals to Budget through most current closed period (August 2025)

	Actuals (to date)	Budget (to date)	\$ Variance	% of Budget (to date)
Revenue	\$22,963	\$2,879,879	-\$2,856,916	1%
Expenditure	\$152,914	\$1,948,744	-\$1,795,830	7.85%

This is the first budget update for our fiscal year 25-26. We have an ending cash balance of \$385,435 which equates to or 6 months of available cash. Our biennial budget for 25-27 has been legislatively adopted. All future reports will reflect that budget, which is linked on our website.

Director meets monthly and as necessary with DAS-Shared Financial Services (SFS) to monitor agency budget. DAS-SFS describes agency budget as healthy as we start into the new fiscal year.

Budget Related: Since January 2025, agency staff has worked to clear unpaid or unaccounted civil penalties. In January 2025, we had \$23,200 in unpaid or unaccounted civil penalties. By May of 2025, we reduced that to \$5,250 in unpaid civil penalties. The \$17,950 was either recouped unpaid civil penalties or civil penalties that we were able to confirm had been paid. The remaining \$5,250 are civil penalties that will either be recouped or processed for collections through the Department of Revenue. This project continues. An update will be provided in January 2026.

Board Members are provided with additional fiscal documents on your meeting Ipad. If there are any questions, please reach out to agency director.

## **Remaining 2025 Scheduled Board Meeting Dates: November 6-7.**

### **2026 Board Meeting Calendar**

January: 21-22 | March 11-12 | May 7-8 or 11-12 | July 9-10 or 16-17 | Sept 1-2 | Nov 16-17

We used a calendar survey to find dates that work for a quorum of Board Members. Not all members have completed that yet. The dates above work for those who responded and give us minimum quorum. Please check your calendars to verify if these dates work for you and which dates work best for months with two options. Also, we have selected some dates other than Thursday and Friday because this aligned with people's schedules.

## **Agency Administration**

### **Board Officer Update:**

We welcome Dr. Max Rinaldi, DVM to his first Board Meeting as Board Chair. The Board and staff would like to express our appreciation for your leadership and continued commitment to OVMEB.

We are still looking for nominations for a current Board Member to serve as Vice Chair. This is a supportive role primarily to learn the role of the Board Chair and potentially lead meetings, in the absence of the Board Chair. If any Board Member would like to know more, please feel free to contact the agency director.

## **Board Member Recruitment**

### **Join the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board and Make a Difference for Animals!**

Are you passionate about the welfare and protection of pets and animals in our state? The Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board (OVMEB), a small but dedicated state agency focused on ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of animals, is seeking a **Public Board Member** to join our team.

This is an opportunity to lend your voice and perspective as a representative of the public, helping to shape policies and regulations that promote responsible animal care, ethical veterinary practices, and community education. No specific industry experience is required—just a commitment to animal welfare and a willingness to engage in meaningful discussions that impact pets, their owners, and veterinary professionals across the state.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Participate in board meetings and policy discussions
- Provide a public perspective on animal welfare issues
- Help ensure transparency and accountability in agency decisions

If you care about animals and want to contribute to their protection in a meaningful way, we

encourage you to apply!

For more information or to express interest, please contact agency Director Pete Burns at

971-673-0223 | [peter.j.burns@ovmeb.oregon.gov](mailto:peter.j.burns@ovmeb.oregon.gov).

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## Licensing Fees

Licensing fees will be increasing starting November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We have continued to message out to licensees and interested parties leading up to that date.

Fee Type	New Fee
Veterinarian/Intern License Fee [OAR 875-010-0026(1)]:	\$225.00
Veterinarian/Intern Renewal Fee [OAR 875-010-0065(1)]:	\$225
Veterinarian/Intern Inactive License Fee [OAR 875-010-0026(4)]:	\$150
CVT Initial Fee [OAR 875-030-0025(1)(b) & (2)]:	\$52.50
CVT Renewal Fee [OAR 875-030-0030(4)]:	\$52.50
CET Initial Fee - Intern [OAR 875-040-0010(1)(c)]:	\$37.50
CET Initial Fee - Permanent [OAR 875-040-0010(3)(d)]:	\$37.50
CET Renewal Fee [OAR 875-040-0010(10)]:	\$22.50
Facility Registration Initial Fee [OAR 875-010-0031(6)]:	\$225.00
Facility Registration Renewal Fee [OAR 875-010-0065(7)]:	\$225.00
Oregon Jurisprudence Exam / Regional Disease Test fee:	\$112.50
Late fees:	
Late fee per month, intern license [OAR 875-010-0026(3)(a)]:	Up to \$225.00 per month
Late fee per month, veterinarian license [OAR 875-010-0065(2)]	Up to \$225.00 per month
Late fee per month, intern license [OAR 875-010-0026(3)(a)]:	\$15.00
Late fee per month, veterinarian license [OAR 875-010-0065(2)]	\$37.50
Late fee, CVT, postmarked Jan 1st - 31st [OAR 875-030-0030(4)(a)]:	\$15.00
Late fee, CVT, postmarked Feb 1st - 29th/29th [OAR 875-030-0030(4)(b)]:	\$37.50
Late fee, CVT, postmarked March 1st - April 30th [OAR 875-030-0030(4)(c)]:	\$52.50

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## **Agency Program Areas**

### **1. Licensing Administration**

- Issuance of Licenses
- Conducting Background Checks
- Reviewing Continuing Education Requirements

### **2. Compliance**

- Handling Complaints and Investigations
- Taking Board Action
- Providing Educational Resources

### **3. Facility Inspections**

- On-Site Inspections
  - Self-Inspections
  - Pharmacy Inspections
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## Licensing

OVMEB Licensing Administrator is currently seeing steady application activity, with a regular stream of intern to veterinarian transitions and out of state applicants. OVMEB Licensing remains dedicated to processing each application efficiently and in a timely manner, in an average of 3 business days from completion of application. Currently, we are processing approximately 10-15 applications per week. Licensing Administrator is preparing for license renewals as we approach 2026, with CVTs providing verification of Continuing Education this renewal cycle.

<b>OVMEB Licenses by the Numbers (October 2025)</b>	
<b>Total Individual Licenses</b>	<b>4,352</b>
<b>DVM Licenses</b>	<b>2,693</b>
<b>Intern licenses</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>CVT Licenses</b>	<b>1,518</b>
<b>CET Licenses</b>	<b>71 (6 Interns)</b>
<b>New Individual Licenses</b>	
<b>Licenses added in July-September</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>DVM Licenses</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>DVM Interns</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>CVT Licenses</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>CET Licenses</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total facilities statewide (Oct. 2025)</b>	<b>714</b>

## Investigations

Open Cases Report	June	August	November
OVMEB Open Cases	60	81	174
Presenting to the Board at Board Meeting	55	35	42
Post Board Meeting (Notice/Hearing Process)	29	28	26

OVMEB Investigators have steadily reduced a long-standing case backlog, with over 200 open cases in 2024. We continue to receive a high volume of complaints, especially since August. This has been a doubling in cases over the last few months. Every complaint we receive is statutorily mandated to be investigated and presented to the Board. Our investigators maintain a steady pace, processing large numbers of cases monthly, while the Board, Director, staff, and AAG continue to review and close cases efficiently.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025
Cases	61	51	48	67	63	112	148	201	184	175 (Oct)
*Second Investigator added										

The Board is mandated to review every complaint received by staff. However, despite the numerous cases before the Board between 2016 and 2024, only around 17% of cases were determined to warrant Board action or a violation, usually a civil penalty assessed.

## Inspections

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, a new Facility Inspector was hired. Charlie Esparza comes to OVMEB from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. He brings direct experience in facility inspections, rules review as well as public and agency training. The agency director and staff have provided onboarding and phased inspection training. Charlie has been studying the Veterinary Practice Act and OVMEB policies. At the time of this report, Charlie has accompanied approximately ten on-site facility training inspections. He is very close to inspecting independently. Moreover, Charlie has proactively developed new and efficient means to manage inspections, including an interactive state map of facilities and a digital inspection checklist. We welcome Charlie to the team!

The OVMEB Inspector position had been vacant since early June 2025, when the agency inspector resigned. It was discovered that numerous inspections had been erroneously reported during that inspector's employment. This has created a significant backlog in inspections. Since then, current staff has trained for and commenced inspections at licensed facilities. All staff have pitched in to take on inspections and clear the backlog as quickly and efficiently as possible.

There are currently 714 registered Oregon Facilities. A Board Inspection Report has been provided for Board review in Executive Session.

## Pharmacy Self-inspections:

2026 pharmacy self-inspections will go out in early January. We have been working to update all facility contact information to help ensure smooth completion of this project. We are coordinating with Oregon Board of Pharmacy Compliance Team to review this process and explore efficiencies.

## **10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

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***OVMEB Staff received the following question from Dr. Steve Kochis, DVM, Chief Medical Officer at the Oregon Humane Society.***

***This question was provided to the Board prior to the April Board Meeting. However, it was separate from the VCPR rule changes under discussion at that time. It is here today for further discussion and any recommendations from the Board.***

**From:** Steve Kochis

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025 11:24 AM

**To:** BURNS Peter J \* OVMEB <[Peter.J.BURNS@ovmeb.oregon.gov](mailto:Peter.J.BURNS@ovmeb.oregon.gov)>

**Subject:** VCPR Inquiry

Members of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board,

Since 2007 Oregon Humane Society (OHS) has been an accredited teaching site for The College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University (OSU) and is subject to AVMA inspection at the same interval as OSU. Fourth year veterinary students spend a total of 3 weeks at OHS as part of two required rotations. Two weeks at the Animal Medical Learning Center mostly focused on spay/neuter surgery, dentistry, behavior and shelter medicine. One week at the Community Veterinary Hospital focused solely on community practice. Both hospitals have a dedicated OSU faculty member supervising the majority of their coursework however the teaching is distributed amongst the entire veterinary team. One of their main activities at the shelter is examining patients that are moving thru high volume spay neuter which includes both shelter and client owned patients as part of our low-cost clinic. In either hospital the student to veterinarian/faculty ratio might be as high as 3 to 1.

My inquiry is around the designation of a VCPR and consideration to include language that gives guidance for how we create a VCPR in a teaching facility. When students are assigned to spay/neuter activities they are often divided into two groups: presurgical exams and surgery. During check in students are examining an average of 40 patients within a 1-hour period in order to keep the teams moving thru all surgery in a timely manner. Each student completes a travel sheet noting each system to be normal or any abnormalities that may require additional follow up with the client. A staff or faculty veterinarian is assigned to the students to answer questions and confirm exam findings but is not doing their own complete physical exam on each patient. Does the board have any guidance for teaching hospitals that would allow a student's exam to be considered a VCPR while said exam is under the direct supervision of a veterinarian and such activities are outlined in their required curriculum. If the student exam is not considered to be a sufficient VCPR, our ability to serve as many pets as we do will be greatly impacted. As OSU's class continues to increase, the student to vet ratio will also increase further limiting how many patients can be seen in both hospitals.

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### OVMEB Rulemaking Update and Review

Date	Event	Staff Recommended Action
2/28/25	Notice of proposed rulemaking filed per Board decision at February meeting, proposing to: --Add definitions for pregnancy evaluation, sterility evaluation and fertility evaluation to OAR 875-005-0005(25),(26) & (27); --Change “facilities” to “locations” in OAR 875-010-0031 --Add facility closure requirements to OAR 875-010-0031 --Add failure to comply with facility closure rules to OAR 875-011-0010	
4/10/25	Board meeting. Board voted to adopt the proposed changes filed on 2/28/25.	
4/10/25	Board meeting. Board determines it will propose changes to regarding definition of VCPR and increases to fees.	
4/11/25 at 11:36 am	Permanent rulemaking filed for rules noticed on 2/28/25: addition of definition to OAR 875-005-0005; facilities” to “locations” in OAR 875-010-0031; facility closure requirements to OAR 875-010-0031; failure to comply with facility closure rules to OAR 875-011-0010	
4/11/25 at 2:57 pm	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Filed. Notice includes proposed changes to definition of VCPR, increased fees and minor changes to CET rule as discussed at Board meeting. <b>DUE TO GLITCH:</b> this notice also wrongly included a proposal to delete the definitions added to OAR 875-005-0005 at 11:36 a.m. and the facility closure rules in OAR 875-010-0031.	
7/24/25	Permanent rulemaking filed regarding the following changes to rules proposed at 4/11/25 at 2:57 pm: --addition of language to VCPR definition --changes to telemedicine rule	<i>Is there a motion to ratify the permanent rulemaking filing on 7/24/25 as to OAR 875-005-0005(21)?</i>

	-- <b>DUE TO GLITCH:</b> deletes definitions in OAR 875-005-0005(25),(26) & (27).	
9/10/25 at 4:35 pm	On discovery of the glitch, temporary rule filed that added back OAR 875-005-0005(25)(26) & (27).	<i>Is there a motion to permanently adopt the definitions in OAR 875-005-0005(25),(26) &amp; (27)?</i>
9/10/25 at 5:02 pm	Notice of permanent rulemaking filed to permanently add back in OAR 875-005-0005(25)(26) & (27).	
9/12/25	<p>Permanent rulemaking filed as to fees.</p> <p><b>Due to glitch:</b> facility closure rule in OAR 875-010-0031(1)(b) and (11) were inadvertently deleted from the rules. <i>A temporary rule and notice was filed to rectify this and there will be a motion at the next board meeting, due to the timing of notice.</i></p>	<i>Is there a motion to ratify the 9/12/25 permanent rulemaking filing as to OARs:</i> 875-005-0006 875-010-0006(2)(a) 875-010-0026 875-010-0031(6) 875-010-0065 875-030-0025 875-030-0030 875-040-0010?
9/18/25	Notice of rulemaking filed as to telemedicine in OAR 875-015-0035 that allow VTM prior to first visit with aggressive or fractious patient and remove requirement that VCPR must always be established by physical examination when delegating to VTM to CVT (still requires VCPR to exist).	<i>Is there a motion to permanently adopt the proposed changes to OAR 875-015-0035(3) and (8)?</i>
10/1/25	Temporary rule filed to add back in language about facility closures in OAR 875-010-0031(1)(b) and (11). Notice of permanent rulemaking to be filed, and this item will be before the board again at a future meeting.	

The Board requested, at the last meeting, to see potential rule language on the following two items.

A. Allied Health Practitioner Definition Possible Amendment.

Purpose of potential amendment: to clarify that the exemption for a practitioner of allied health methods in ORS 686.040(4) only applies to licensed health care providers.

**OAR 875-005-0005(28):**

**“Practitioner of allied health methods”: as used in ORS 686.040(4), is a person who actively licensed by an Oregon health practitioner board listed in ORS 676.150.**

Is there a motion to initiate the rulemaking process by providing notice and opportunity for public comment and holding an administrative rule hearing on the proposed amendment to OAR 875-005-0005 as presented [*or modified, if language changed during board discussion*]?

B. VCPR Possible Amendment

Purpose of potential amendment: to clarify that a VCPR, for herd or flock animals, may be established and maintained by medically appropriate and timely visits to premises where the animal is kept, and does not have to be established through a physical examination of each individual animal.

**OAR 875-015-0030(2):**

**(2) Required examinations. Unless exempted under (1) of this section or the animal’s temperament precludes examination, a physical examination is required:**

**(a) To establish or maintain a VCPR unless there have been medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept.**

Is there a motion to initiate the rulemaking process by providing notice and opportunity for public comment and holding an administrative rule hearing on the proposed amendment to OAR 875-015-0030(2)(a) as presented [*or modified, if language changed during board discussion*]?

## OVMEB Continuing Education (CE) Survey Summary Report

**Date:** October 2025

**Prepared for:** Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board Staff

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### Overview

**Total Responses:** 537

**Survey Period:** August 2025, Via Google Docs Survey

**Audience:** Veterinarians and Certified Veterinary Technicians

**Purpose:** To understand experiences, perceptions, and feedback related to continuing education (CE) requirements for maintaining licensure.

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### Key Findings

#### 1. Challenges in Meeting CE Requirements

- **Yes:** 174 respondents (≈32%)
- **No:** 363 respondents (≈68%)

#### Interpretation:

About one-third of respondents report difficulty meeting CE requirements. The majority manage successfully, but a significant minority face obstacles that warrant consideration.

#### Common Barriers Identified:

- Financial costs and lack of employer reimbursement
  - Limited time due to workload, family, or business ownership
  - Insufficient access to locally approved or relevant courses
  - Difficulty finding CE opportunities tailored to specialty areas (e.g., anesthesia, antibiotic use)
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#### 2. Perception of CE Hour Requirements

##### Question:

“Do you feel that the number of required CE hours is reasonable for your license?”

*(30 hours every two years for Veterinarians; 15 hours every two years for Certified Veterinary Technicians)*

##### Findings:

- **Yes / Reasonable:** ~85–90%
- **No / Unreasonable:** ~10–15%

**Interpretation:**

Most respondents view the current hour requirements as appropriate. However, several note that time and cost burdens are more pronounced for technicians, particularly when employers do not fund CE participation.

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**3. Qualitative Feedback Themes****Respondent Suggestions & Observations:**

- Greater **access to online or hybrid CE** options to improve flexibility
  - More **relevant, practical CE topics** aligned with daily clinical work
  - Concerns about **CE quality and oversight**, suggesting improved review or standards
  - Interest in **new or emerging subject areas**, such as telemedicine, mental health in practice, and client communication skills
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**4. Overall Sentiment**

Respondents largely support maintaining the current CE framework but request adjustments to improve:

- **Accessibility** (cost, travel, schedule flexibility)
  - **Relevance** (practical, field-specific topics)
  - **Consistency** (ensuring quality across CE providers)
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**Summary & Next Steps**

The OVMEB CE Survey indicates that while the majority of professionals are satisfied with current CE requirements, there is strong interest in improving the delivery and applicability of CE opportunities.

**Recommendations for Board Consideration:**

1. Explore options for **expanded online or on-demand CE availability**.
2. Review **course approval processes** to ensure quality and relevance.
3. Consider **additional support or resources** for technicians with limited employer funding.
4. Continue to monitor CE feedback through periodic surveys to assess evolving needs.

## **OREGON VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

The following tasks and functions are delegated to the staff of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board, under the Executive Director's supervision, in accordance with ORS 686.240:

### **General:**

1. Executive Director is responsible for all administrative matters related to the operation of the board, the agency, and board staff.
2. Executive Director is responsible for all financial matters related to the operation of the board office except for approving the board's biennial operating budget.
3. Authorize Executive Director to exercise managerial oversight of board employees, accounting, and payroll.
4. Authorize staff to make reasonable efforts to collect all monies owed using appropriate practices in the management and collection of accounts receivable, to include debt collection procedures for all liquidated and delinquent accounts as outlined in ORS 293 and the Oregon Accounting Manual, Chapter 35.
5. Authorize staff to respond to public records request. (ORS 192)
6. Authorize staff to complete surveys.
7. Authorize Executive Director and authorized staff to respond to lawfully issued subpoenas.
8. Authorize staff to review and approve Continuing Education (CE).
9. Authorize staff to perform inspections.

### **Licensing:**

1. To review, process, and determine if an application is complete.
2. Review, process, and verify credentials related to license or registration type through primary source verification for all applications. Refer for investigation, as necessary.
3. Use publicly available databases to verify criminal history. If criminal history is found, ask applicant or licensee to provide arrest and court records.
4. Authorize staff to perform background checks using public available databases throughout the licensure cycle.
5. Review and process applications. Refer applications for investigation if a record or discipline is self-reported on the application, identified on the background check results, or identified on an inspection report.

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6. Respond to requests regarding eligibility for examinations or licensure. Approve requests by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) for examinations.
7. Send delinquent notices to licensees and registrants when applicable.
8. To issue a license or registration to applicants who satisfy all requirements.

**Compliance:**

1. Authorize staff to review, assess, and act on applicant's or licensee's/registrant's reported state, US Territory or federal disciplinary action.
2. Authorize staff to approve the issuance of a license for an applicant or licensee that discloses arrest(s) that have not led to a conviction and do not have a nexus to practice.
3. Authorize staff to review and close case for licensees that discloses conviction(s) that are not a felony and do not have a nexus to practice.
4. Authorize staff to review complaints and ensure that all complaints of alleged violations, are fully investigated and that necessary action is taken for board review.
5. Authorize Executive Director issue subpoenas.
6. Authorize staff to initiate a case for licensees that are non-compliant with order sanctions or failure to comply with staff requests.
7. Authorize staff to draft, review and issue Notices and Orders.
8. Authorize Executive Director to refer hearing requests to the Department of Justice General Counsel Division to initiate hearing process with the Office of Administrative Hearings.
9. Authorize Executive Director to execute default orders.
10. Authorize Executive Director to execute consent orders within parameters voted upon by Board.
11. Authorize Executive Director to respond to record requests for information from another government agency, pursuant to conditions of ORS 676.177.
12. All applicants, licensees, registrants, and unregistered or unlicensed activity that is not approved in this document, will be provided to the board for review.
13. Authorize staff to provide appropriate deadline extensions to requests.
14. [REQUESTED ADDITION] Authorize Executive Director to issue suspensions for failure to pay child support when notified to do so by the appropriate authority, and authorize Executive Director to issue notice of intent to suspend when notified to do so under ORS 305.385.

## 2025 Best Practices Survey

Please access and complete the survey here: [OVMEB Best Practices Survey](#)

Again, I would like to provide some context and explain some of the language of the survey questions. Hopefully, this will clarify the question as well as our processes.

Best Practices Criteria	Additional Context / Information
Director's performance expectations are current.	These are covered as part of Director's Performance Evaluation. Completed in 2024.
Director's receives annual performance feedback.	Completed with HR Following Performance Evaluation.
Agency's mission and high-level goals are current and	Mission statement predominant on agency website, Strategic Plan, etc.
Agency reviews the <i>Annual Performance Progress Report</i> .	This is a report of our Key Performance Measures (KPMs), most of which are covered in Director's Report. All are reviewed yearly, usually at October Board meeting. Full year APPR report available on our website.
Director is appropriately involved in review of agency's key communications.	Director and staff regularly review all major communication, i.e. guidelines, policies, rule changes at Board Meetings prior to publishing.
6. The board is appropriately involved in policy-making activities.	Director and staff proactively consult Board for policy making or change at Board Meetings.
Agency's policy option packages are aligned with their goals.	Policy Option Packages include things like fee increases, staffing changes – big changes to agency or policy.
8. The board reviews all proposed budgets.	Budget reviews the budget regularly as part of Director's Report. Available on agency website.
Agency periodically reviews key financial information and documents.	Director provides a copy of quarterly budget and financial docs on Ipads with Board Meeting materials.
10. The board is appropriately accounting for resources.	Director meets monthly with DAS-Shared Financial Services to review accounts payable and receivable as well as projections. Director reports a summary of these and any issues in Director's Report.
Agency adheres to accounting rules and other relevant controls.	DAS-SFS partner provides guidance on this regularly.
Board members act in accordance with their roles as public representatives.	Director provides Boards and Commissions Handbook. Agency AAG representative regularly provides guidance to public meetings, DAS HR provides guidance as to member roles. Director communicates regularly with Board Members regarding any changes or issues.
Agency coordinates with others where responsibilities and overlap.	AAG, HR provide guidance in these areas. Director Communicates to Board.

Best Practices Criteria	Additional Context / Information
14. The board members identify and attend appropriate training sessions.	Director provides guidance regarding required training. Director seeks opportunities for additional training in Board Meetings or Board retreats, when possible.
15. The board reviews its management practices to ensure best practices are utilized.	Regularly reviewing the financials; sharing internal practices to reduce financial risks related to Accounts Receivable/Payable; ensuring Board is effectively managing the board meetings following Robert's rules, Board of Ethics guidelines, etc.
16. Others <i>[The board may add additional best practices; however, they are not to be counted when calculating the percentage adherence to best practices.]</i>	If the Board identifies an additional area of focus here, please reach out to Director to coordinate discussion and potential additional Best Practices.

Please reach out with any questions.

-Pete

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