156.01 STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.

Subdivision 1. **Creation; membership.** There is hereby created a state Board of Veterinary Medicine that consists of nine board members. Two members must be public members as defined by section 214.02 appointed by the governor, five members must be licensed veterinarians appointed by the governor, one member must be a licensed veterinary technician appointed by the governor, and one member must be a licensed veterinarian appointed by the governor or a licensed veterinary technician appointed by the governor. Each appointee must be a resident of the state of Minnesota, and the veterinarian and veterinary technician members of the board must have practiced veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in this state for at least five years prior to their appointment. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements must be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations must be as provided in chapter 214.

Subd. 2. MS 2024 [Repealed, 2026 c 53 s 63]

Subd. 3. **Officers.** The board must elect from its number a president and other officers as are necessary, all from within its membership. One person may hold the offices of both secretary and treasurer.

Subd. 3a. **Duties and authority of the board.** (a) The board may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony.

(b) The board may adopt and amend rules that are necessary to implement this chapter.

(c) The board must administer examinations to applicants for licenses to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.

(d) The board may hold any meeting that the board deems necessary, except that a meeting held by the board must not exceed three days in duration.

(e) The board must have a seal.

Subd. 4. MS 1974 [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 5. **Correspondence; record; registers.** The executive director shall conduct all correspondence necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The board shall keep an official record of all meetings. The board shall keep an official register of all applicants for licenses and a register of licensees. Such registers shall be prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained.

Subd. 6. **Immunity.** Members and employees of the board and consultants or other persons engaged in the investigation of violations and in the preparation, presentation, or management of and testimony pertaining to charges of violations of section 156.081 or other board regulatory provisions on behalf of the board are not civilly liable for any actions, transactions, or publications in the performance of their duties in accordance with those provisions.

History: *(5851-1) 1937 c 119 s 1; 1965 c 204 s 2; 1973 c 638 s 39,40; 1975 c 136 s 44,45; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1976 c 222 s 123,124; 1976 c 239 s 62; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1991 c 199 art 1 s 48; 1996 c 415 s 4-7; 1999 c 231 s 154; 2026 c 53 s 29-31*