

321.257 AAHP advisory committee -- Duties -- Membership -- Terms -- Removal -- Mileage reimbursement.

- (1) The AAHP advisory committee is hereby created as an informal advisory committee to the board.
- (2) The AAHP advisory committee shall advise and assist the board in adopting rules and administrative regulations relating to AAHP licensees.
- (3) The board shall consult the advisory committee regarding matters relating to a disciplinary action that involves an AAHP license holder.
- (4)
 - (a) The AAHP advisory committee shall be composed of members appointed by the chair of the board with approval from a majority of a quorum of the board.
 - (b) The AAHP advisory committee shall include subcommittees specific to each area of practice for the distinct types of AAHP licenses as identified in KRS 321.251(2).
 - (c) Each subcommittee shall be composed of the following:
 1. Two (2) members who are AAHP licensees with a license in active status specializing in each of the specific areas of practice as identified in KRS 321.251(2), have resided in and engaged in the AAHP practice in the Commonwealth for the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of appointment, and are of good moral character;
 2. One (1) veterinarian member who holds an active veterinarian license in the Commonwealth in good standing and who engages with at least one (1) AAHP licensee providing services in each specific area of practice as identified in KRS 321.251(2); and
 3. The AAHP licensees and veterinarian appointees shall be unique individuals for each area of practice as identified in KRS 321.251(2) and shall not hold more than one (1) seat on the AAHP advisory committee.
 - (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c)1. of this subsection, advisory committee members appointed under paragraph (c)1. of this subsection shall not be required to hold an AAHP license issued under this chapter until the closure of the application window period for the AAHP license type as established in KRS 321.251(4).
 - (e) Appointments to the advisory committee shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, age, or national origin of the appointees.
- (5)
 - (a) Members of the AAHP advisory committee shall be appointed for staggered five-year terms.
 - (b) The terms of the members shall expire no more than five (5) years from the date of appointment.
 - (c) If a vacancy occurs during a member's term, the chair of the board shall appoint a new member to fill the unexpired term.
 - (d) An advisory committee member may not serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms.
- (6)
 - (a) It shall be a ground for removal from the AAHP advisory committee if a

member:

1. Does not have at the time of appointment the qualifications required by subsection (4) of this section and by KRS 321.251;
 2. Does not maintain during service on the advisory committee the qualifications required by KRS 321.251; and
 3. Cannot discharge the member's duties for a substantial part of the member's term due to illness or disability.
- (b) The validity of an action of the AAHP advisory committee is not affected by the fact that the action is taken when a ground for removal of an advisory committee member exists.
- (7) (a) The chair of the board shall designate biennially an AAHP advisory committee member as the chair of the advisory committee to serve in that capacity at the will of the chair of the board.
- (b) The AAHP advisory committee or subcommittees shall meet at least one (1) time per year, or upon request by the board chair or board executive director.
- (c) A meeting of the AAHP advisory committee may be held by telephone, conference call, or video conferencing.
- (d) 1. Minutes shall be recorded for each meeting of the AAHP advisory committee.
2. A copy of the minutes shall be provided to the full board.
- (e) The AAHP advisory committee may submit written reports or recommendations to the board for review.
- (8) An AAHP advisory committee member shall not be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses or any other form of compensation from the board other than mileage reimbursement at the current state reimbursement rate as established by the Finance and Administration Cabinet when a meeting of the AAHP advisory committee or a subcommittee is held in person.

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