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Governor Abbott Appoints New Commissioner to TAHC

AUSTIN, TX – On January 9, 2025, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Kynan Sturgess, D.V.M. to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), for a term ending September 6, 2027.

Kynan Sturgess, D.V.M., of Hereford, Texas, is an owner and operator at Hereford Veterinary Clinic. He practices mixed animal medicine, primarily treating beef cattle, equine, and some small animals through orthopedic surgeries. Sturgess is a member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association Board of Directors, Texas Equine Veterinary Association, Academy of Veterinary Consults, American Association of Bovine Practitioners, American Veterinary Medical Association, and serves on the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine Admissions Committee and Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Director's Advisory Council. He received a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Oklahoma State University. Commissioner Sturgess will represent veterinary medicine practitioners.

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The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) was established in 1893 as the Livestock Sanitary Commission and charged with protecting the state's domestic animals "from all contagious or infectious diseases of a malignant character." TAHC remains true to this charge while evolving with the times to protect the health and marketability of all Texas livestock and poultry. Learn more about the TAHC by visiting www.tahc.texas.gov.