



PURDUE
UNIVERSITY®

College of Veterinary Medicine

BOARD APPROVED

October 9, 2026

Cindy Ream
Corporate Secretary

TO: Patrick J. Wolfe
Provost and Systemwide Chief Academic Officer

FROM: Bret D. Marsh, DVM
Dean, Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine

DATE: September 22, 2026

SUBJECT: College of Veterinary Medicine Representation on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH)

I am writing to recommend Julia A. Wickard, Executive Director of the Purdue Veterinary Alumni Association and Constituent Liaison, to serve as the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine's representative on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH).

Julia is uniquely qualified to represent the College in this important role because of her extensive experience in Indiana agriculture, state and federal government, stakeholder engagement, and her current work connecting Purdue Veterinary Medicine with alumni, agricultural organizations, industry leaders, government officials, and other partners throughout Indiana.

Prior to joining the College of Veterinary Medicine, Julia served as Indiana State Executive Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency. Her career also includes leadership and policy experience with the Indiana Statehouse, Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Beef Cattle Association, and Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Throughout her career, she has worked closely with livestock producers, agricultural organizations, government agencies, policymakers, and rural communities across Indiana.

Since joining Purdue Veterinary Medicine, Julia has played an increasingly important role in strengthening the College's relationships with Indiana animal agriculture and government partners. As Executive Director of the Purdue Veterinary Alumni Association and Constituent Liaison, she works across the College and University to build connections among veterinary medicine, animal agriculture, alumni, industry, government, and other stakeholders. Her broad perspective and established relationships would allow her to bring both the College's perspective and the needs of Indiana animal agriculture to the Board.

Julia also has a lifelong connection to production agriculture. She and her family own and operate Wickard Livestock in Hancock County, where they raise Angus cattle and Boer goats. This combination of practical livestock experience, agricultural policy knowledge, government service, and her current leadership role within the College provides a valuable perspective for the Board of Animal Health.

Indiana law provides for representation from the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine on the Board. Specifically, IC 15-17-3-2 provides for a member from the College of Veterinary Medicine of Purdue University upon the recommendation of the Purdue University Board of Trustees.

Because this appointment requires approval by the Purdue University Board of Trustees, I respectfully request your support of Julia A. Wickard's nomination and your assistance in advancing her nomination to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

I am confident Julia would represent Purdue University and the College of Veterinary Medicine with professionalism and a strong commitment to Indiana animal agriculture and

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Lynn Hall of Veterinary Medicine
625 Harrison Street, Room 1176, West Lafayette, IN 47907
Office: 765-494-7608

animal health. Her ability to build relationships across sectors, understand the needs of producers and veterinarians, and connect those perspectives with Purdue's teaching, research, clinical, and engagement missions would serve the Board well.

If you need additional information regarding Julia's qualifications or the College's representation on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, please do not hesitate to contact me.

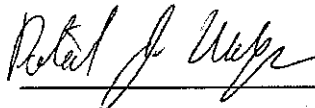
Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,



Bret D. Marsh, DVM
Dean, Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine

Approval Recommended:


9/30/2026

Patrick J. Wolfe, Provost Date

Approved:


09/30/2026

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President Date