

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

***FULL MEETING MINUTES SHALL BE POSTED ON THE NEXT
MEETING DATE ON OCTOBER 22, 2020***

**899 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

9:30am-10:30am

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Board is to protect and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of animals and the public by licensing veterinary professionals and developing, promoting, maintaining and diligently enforcing high professional standards that govern such professionals."

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VACANT-CHAIRPERSON	-
	LEANNE LIPTON, DVM, CVA, CVSMT, CVC, CVTN, CVFT- VICE CHAIRPERSON	P
	DANIEL TEICH, DVM-BOARD MEMBER	P
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT-VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	P
	BLAIR ZERVOS – CONSUMER MEMBER	P
STAFF:		
	SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM-SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	P
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	FRANK MEYERS, JD-ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	P
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	LAKISHA THOMPSON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	THOMASINE POINTER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	EA
	ERIC CURRY, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	DIANE MOORER, IT SPECIALIST	P
LEGAL STAFF:	ED RICH, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	P

KEY CODES

P-PRESENT

A-ABSENT

EA-EXCUSED ABSENCE

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VCC-VIA CONFERENCE CALL

BOARD MEMBERS:	
VACANT	-
DR. LEANNE LIPTON (LL)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
DR. DANIEL TEICH (DT)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
AMY HAYWOOD (AH)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
BLAIR ZERVOS (BZ)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
STAFF:	
SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM (SL)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-04, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
DR. VITO DELVENTO (VD)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-05, OS-0917-06, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-10, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
FRANK MEYER (FM)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-05, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
EMILIA MORAN (EM)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
ED RICH (ER)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-08, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
ERIC CURRY (EC)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16
LAKISHA THOMPSON (LT)	OS-0917-02, OS-0917-03, OS-0917-04, OS-0917-09, OS-0917-11, OS-0917-12, OS-0917-13, OS-0917-14, OS-0917-15, OS-0917-16, OS-0917-17

BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS –ALL

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<p>OS-0917-01 ALL</p>	<p><u>INTRODUCTION</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CALL TO ORDER-9:38AM 2. PRESIDING-Dr. Leanne Lipton-Vice Chairperson (serving as Chairperson) 3. QUORUM-Yes 4. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT-All except Chairperson-position vacant 5. STAFF PRESENT-All 6. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE-None 	
<p>OS-0917-02 ALL</p>	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Consideration of the July 16, 2020 Open Session meeting minutes for approval.</p> <p>Members will table the Open Session Minutes for July 16, 2020.</p> <p>NO MOTION</p>	
<p>OS-0917-03 ALL</p>	<p><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>There are no Consent Agenda Items</p>	
<p>OS-0917-04</p>	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Sharon Lewis extended a special thank you for adjusting to the virtual board meetings. There has been a lot of growing to do but the Board has kept their work going and appreciates their hard work. She wanted to share information on the realignment within the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration. The realignment has gone into action and with that implementation, she explained the creation of three offices. Dr. Lewis thanked Dr. Vito DelVento, Executive Director, for wearing all three hats within his position, one that consist of being the Executive Director for the Board of Dentistry and Program Manager with the Animal Services Program. She thanked the Board for their work towards the Districts updated regulations and everything the Board works on.</p>	<p>DSL</p>
<p>OS-0917-05</p>	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Thanks the Board for their time and commitment and adapting to the new processes. His role is to find uniformity in operations and how we process</p>	<p>FM</p>

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	<p>applications, minutes and looks forward to implementing new processes in the near future. Our administration is working towards a digital online application system and will have up and running soon. He wishes the Board a great productive meeting.</p>	
OS-0917-06	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Board currently presides over 315 licensees. All regulations for veterinary medicine are resting with the Director of DC Health. He thanks the Board and all members for their hard work. Announcement: Our Chairperson, Aruna Noon Kampani, DVM, term has ended, and the Board will miss her! Dr. Kampani stayed with the Board during the start of the Covid-19 pandemic but has sent notification that she will respectfully step down. The Board sent Dr. Kampani a letter expressing our appreciation for her hard work and dedication and commitment to this profession, her time and expertise in the field of veterinary medicine.</p> <p>There is an opening for this Board for a new board member and Chairperson. The Board discussed recommendations and Dr. DelVento will keep the Board abreast on updates about new board members.</p> <p>Our Board Attorney, Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Esq., has a new role within the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration as the new Board Attorney for the Board of Nursing. The Board thanks Mrs. Vongjaroenrat for all of her hard work and wishes her well! Ed Rich, Esq. will be filling the position as our Board Attorney for the Interim and handles a number of our animal cases such as dangerous dog. Mr. Rich has been with the Department since 2013 and his primary role is to advise, as a backstop, a number of different attorneys within the Department. He has worked with the State Health Community and Development Administration, handles most of the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request, some of which have been work from the Board of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Control issues, Potential Dangerous and Dangerous Dog case appeals to OAH (Office of Administrative Hearings), and various capacities with the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration. Mr. Rich has practiced law for over 30 years and in both private and government practice. He has legislative experience, regulation work, litigation, an Advisor to the Taskforce to help revise some of the Animal Control regulations and statutes. Up until last year, Mr. Rich was an animal owner and unfortunately, she was 17 years old and had a brain illness. His family will be adopting in the near future but will have a new addition to his family from his daughter who is adopting a new pet.</p>	VDV
OS-0917-07	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p>	VDV

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	The rabies surveillance program continues as it does year-round. During the Covid-19, the number of positive results has not spiked up. The Arbovirus surveillance program started in June and Eric Curry, Arbovirus Administrator Specialist, has worked out in our communities and has done a wonderful job! The Public Health Lab	
OS-0917-08 LL	<u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u> None	
OS-0917-09	<u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u> None	PV
OS-0917-10 ALL	<u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u> None	
OS-0917-11	<u>HOUSEKEEPING</u> The following dates are for the next scheduled meetings: October 15, 2020, November 17, 2020 and December 17, 2020.	VDV
OS-0917-12 ALL	<u>International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) Updates</u> No updates	
OS-0917-13 ALL	<u>AAVSB Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 AAVSB Annual Conference 	
OS-0917-14 ALL	<u>Legislation/Regulations</u> None	
OS-0917-15 ALL	<u>Legislative Hearings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://dccouncil.us/events/list/ 	
OS-0917-16 ALL	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>	

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<p>OS-0917-17 ALL</p>	<p><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>OS-0917-18</p>	<p><u>Reading of Open Session Motions</u></p>	<p>LT</p>
	<p>This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Executive Section, which is closed to the public, to seek the advice of counsel to the board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4); to administer licensing of health professionals governed by the Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9); administration of licensing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); discuss ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14). This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.</p>	

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