

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**MARCH 17, 2022
9:30AM - 10:30AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

	VACANT - CHAIRPERSON	
	DANIEL TEICH, DVM – BOARD MEMBER	P
	LAUREN STUMP, DVM – BOARD MEMBER	P
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT – VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	P
	BLAIR ZERVOS – CONSUMER MEMBER	P

STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

STAFF MEMBERS:

	SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM – SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EA
	ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S. – INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, BS, CPM, LATG – SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	P
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	SAHAR MAJID, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	DIANE MOORER, IT SPECIALIST	P

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	P
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0317-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 AM B. PRESIDING -- Dr. Dan Teich, DVM – Board Member (Serving as Chairperson) C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All except Chairperson (Position Vacant) D. QUORUM — Yes E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Arian Gibson (Excused absence) F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Dr. Megan McAndrew, HRA; Dr. Cheryl Chooljian, City Wildlife Inc. & Matteo Lieb, Department of Health</p>
OS-0317-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the March 17, 2022 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for March 17, 2022.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0317-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for February 17, 2022</p>	
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	<p>Moved By: Lauren Stump, DVM Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-0317-04	<u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u>	
OS-0317-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Dr. Sharon Lewis. She extends a Thank You to The Board of Veterinary Medicine for their continues efforts and commitment.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis said that the Department of Health has been continuously working through the vaccine mandates that are in place for healthcare professionals.</p> <p>Effective March 1, 2022, both District employees as well as healthcare professionals are required to be fully vaccinated, and this includes a booster shot as well (if applicable.)</p> <p>DC Health has also been reviewing some vaccine exemption requests.</p> <p>Mask mandates are still in effect in healthcare facilities.</p>	
OS-0317-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson.</p> <p>Mr. Gibson could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. He had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0317-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>DC Health Licensing System (SALESFORCE)</p> <p>https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415</p>	

License Renewal – Open November 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/vet.pdf

Census

- Active Licenses: 344
- Expired Licenses: 253
- Approved Renewal Applications: 306
- New Applications Under Review: 7
- Renewal Applications Under Review: 4

Please note that there is a difference between ‘active licenses’ and ‘approved renewal applications’ because veterinarians who applied after September 2, 2021 (90 days before the license expiration date, they were approved with an expiration date of December 31, 2023, and they were exempt from submitting a renewal application.)

Dr. Vito DelVento reports that the license renewal period with a late fee has come to an end on March 1, 2022. Licenses that have not been renewed have expired after March 1 and licensees will now have an option to reinstate their licenses.

Board members now have an opportunity to randomly select 10 per cent of the renewed applications and review them for their CE credit hours.

Motion: Members move to audit 10 percent of the renewal applications for their CE credits.

Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member

Seconded By: Lauren Stump, DVM Board Member

Motion Carried

OS-0317-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that our rabies surveillance continues as it always does. Our 2022 arbovirus surveillance program will resume in May/early June, and right now we are in the preparatory phase.</p> <p>We are seeing a little bit of an uptick in specialty permits for animals coming into the District as spring is upon us and Covid19 restrictions are gradually lifting so, there will be more activity as the weather will get warmer.</p> <p>Regarding the avian influenza outbreak, Dr. DelVento reports that City Wildlife Inc. as well as DC Health partners in Virginia and Maryland are monitoring avian influenza both in the domestic flock population as well as wildlife population.</p> <p>Dr. Chooljian states that the only concerns for wildlife for North America especially in the DMV region are for white-tailed deer. They are not tested positive in the District and surrounding areas but they are tested positive in many states throughout the United States including Ohio and New York.</p>	
OS-0317-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich and Amy Haywood report that they will be serving on the DC Board of Veterinary Medicine for the next term also.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) has been moving forward with a potential candidate's application for an open position on this board and he hopes to have a confirmation from the office within a couple of weeks. MOTA will also name someone as the board's chair.</p>	
OS-0317-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich reports that the standard of care regulations will be published on the DC Register website on March 18, 2022. This will allow HRA's animal control officers to impose fines as part of their duties of enforcing both the humane laws and the laws with regard to vaccination and compliance with dangerous dogs.</p>	

OS-0317-11	<u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	
OS-0317-12	<u>HOUSEKEEPING</u> Future Board meeting dates: April 21, 2022, May 19, 2022, June 16, 2022, July 21, 2022	
OS-0317-13	<u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u> COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pet-store.html COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html	
OS-0317-14	<u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u>	
OS-0317-15	<u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u> Watchdog Tracking Report AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of January 2022. Go directly to the February 2022 Tracking Report	

	<p><i>Watchdog is your resource center for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative and regulatory activity reports • Board updates • VMA updates • Map view of Legislative Sessions • Conveniently linked news coverage of recent legislative activity and issues affecting the veterinary regulatory community. <p>The AAVSB is thrilled to bring you this new member service in support of its mission to support and advance the regulatory process for veterinary medicine. As this online resource center expands, Member Boards will gain a powerful research tool and increase their usability of key legislative advancements.</p>	
OS-0317-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><u>PDMP</u></p> <p>The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Query Amendment Act of 2020 has a projected law date of March 15, 2021.</p> <p>https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890</p> <p>www.dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp</p> <p><u>Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></p> <p>The new Veterinary Technician and Euthanasia Technicians regulations became effective Friday, August 6, 2021. At this time, the DC Department of Health will not be issuing registrations until the process is in place.</p> <p>The Department of Health is currently creating the platform by which individuals can submit an application for registration as either a Veterinary Technician or a Veterinary Euthanasia Technician. Once the platform is available, there will be a grace period for which individuals will need to come into full compliance.</p>	
OS-0317-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0317-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-0317-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-0317-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING

OS-0317-21	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: 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>	
OS-0317-22	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **April 21, 2022**

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