

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MAY 19, 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	EA

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
	KUNTUMIE HOLSTON – PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST	P
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	GREGORY N. SCURLOCK, COMPLIANCE OFFICER	P
	MATTEO LIEB, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	P
	AMANDA ATTIYA, POLICY ANALYST	P
	SAHAR MAJID, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P

	DIANE MOORER, IT SPECIALIST	P
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LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	P
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OPEN SESSION AGENDA MAY 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0519-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:35 AM B. PRESIDING – Dr. Dan Teich, DVM – Board Member (Serving as Chairperson) C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – All except Chairperson (Position Vacant) & Blair Zervos (Excused absence) D. QUORUM – Yes E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Sharon Lewis (Excused absence) & Arian Gibson (Excused absence) F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Dr. Cheryl Chooljian, City Wildlife Inc.</p>
OS-0519-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the May 19, 2022 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for May 19, 2022.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0519-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for March 17, 2022</p> <p>Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Lauren Stump, DVM Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-0519-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0519-05	<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. She could not join us as she was hosting her own meeting today. She had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0519-06	<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. He was attending Dr. Lewis' meeting today. He had nothing specific to report.</p>	

OS-0519-07

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Vito DelVento welcomed new DC Health staff members who joined the meeting today. He requested them to introduce themselves.

Ms. Kuntumie Holston will be working as a public health analyst with the Animal Services of DC Health. She has a background in business and health administration.

Mr. Matteo Lieb will be working with the Office of Government Relations at DC Health. He will be collaborating with the Executive Officers of the Mayor, DC Council and other governmental stakeholders in the District. He, along with his team member, Ms. Amanda Attiya, will be providing monthly legislative reports to the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

DC Health Licensing System (SALESFORCE)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415>

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: 374
- Expired Licenses: 331
- Approved Renewal Applications: 309
- New Applications Under Review: 11
- Renewal Applications Under Review: 0

DC Health staff has completed the audit of 10 percent of the randomly selected renewed application. The list of those veterinarians has been made public.

Dr. Vito DelVento reports that in a previous meeting, board had an extensive discussion about the impact of the veterinarian pharmaceuticals

	<p>especially xylazine and its impact on the general public with respect to overdosing with some of the fentanyl products as an enhancement and how that may or may not affect veterinary profession based on how the District or nationally that pharmaceutical is looked at.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento recalled the discussion regarding the possibility for a veterinarian to attend the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory Committee so that we would have a voice at that table. That Advisory Committee did meet in April. Dr. DelVento participated in that meeting and expressed the concerns of this body and those concerns were taken with good weight. The committee has made the formal request to add a veterinary voice onto that committee. He is waiting to hear back about the decision.</p> <p>Ethics Training</p> <p>All current Board members (all professions) are required to complete one of the BEGA (Board of Ethics and Government Accountability) ethics training sessions prior to the end of the FY2022 fiscal year (September 30, 2022).</p> <p>https://bega.dc.gov/publication/2022-quarterly-board-and-commission-ethics-training-schedule</p>	
OS-0519-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that our rabies surveillance continues as it always does. We are in the final stage of ramping up our 2022 arbovirus surveillance program which will begin on May 30, 2022, and it will run through either by the end of September or October this year. We are seeing an uptick in specialty permits for animals coming into the District during the spring months.</p>	
OS-0519-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>	

OS-0519-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich stated that he had received a request from DC Health Animal Services team regarding the revision of dog license fee. Mr. Rich further stated that in order to do a revision in the fee, we have to do regulation that is coming down the pipe.</p>	
OS-0519-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Dr. Cheryl Chooljian had an update regarding the avian influenza. She stated that the avian influenza has been going strong especially in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota.</p> <p>There have been avian influenza cases even in foxes recently in the abovementioned states and also in Canada.</p>	
OS-0519-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <p>June 16, 2022 meeting may be cancelled because Dr. Vito DelVento and Dr. Lauren Stump have a scheduling conflict. The next meeting then will be on July 21, 2022. There will be a recess in August.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento stated that this year, the Annual AAVSB meeting is in North Carolina and there is still a travel ban issued by the Mayor's office for any travel to the state of North Carolina. That ban was put into place in 2016. That ban in several other states is still in place. Apparently, AAVSB is aware of this.</p> <p>Ms. Amy Haywood stated that there are 16 states that are restricted to travel to the state of North Carolina for political reasons. These states won't be able to attend the live in-person AAVSB Annual Conference. They will attend the virtual component of the conference.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento stated that he can request an exemption and he will begin to work on that soon. If the exemption request is honored, board would be able to travel to attend the conference and, in this case, there will be no meeting in September.</p>	

OS-0519-13	<p><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities:</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pet-store.html</p> <p>COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events:</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html</p>	
OS-0519-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p>	
OS-0519-15	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Watchdog Tracking Report</p> <p>AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of January 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2022 Conventional Report • March 2022 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • March 2022 Activity at a Glance (Attached with this agenda) • April 2022 Conventional Report • April 2022 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • April 2022 Activity at a Glance (Attached with this agenda) 	

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- 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.

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Final FDA Guidance on Animal Drug Compounding

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a final guidance, entitled “Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substances,” that will help protect animal health by recognizing the need for access to certain compounded animal drugs. Details are attached with this agenda.

AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference

AAVSB members will meet in Charlotte, North Carolina from Thursday, September 15 to Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Hilton Charlotte Uptown.

This year's Business Sessions will be held as hybrid sessions and broadcasted virtually. All educational sessions will be held live in person. Registration is opening soon — keep an eye on your email for more information.

The AAVSB April Newsletter Updates

- **Executive Director and Registrar Roundtable**

May 19

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVMA Annual Conference July 30 - August 1 in Philadelphia • VTNE Celebrating Diversity Award The AAVSB is continuing the Veterinary Technician National Examination® Celebrating Diversity Award. This award is presented to a minority student who has been traditionally underrepresented in the veterinary technician profession. • AAVSB VTNE Scholarship Award The AAVSB VTNE® Scholarship Award is available to one graduating student from every AVMA-CVTEA or CVMA accredited veterinary technology/nursing program. Applications are due May 1, and selections will be made mid-May. Dr. Vito DelVento reported that May 19 was the last day to endorse nominees for the leadership positions at AAVSB. Dr. Dan Teich has endorsed Ms. Amy Haywood to serve the second term on the Board of Directors. Dr. Teich has also nominated Dr. DelVento for the Treasurer position. The nomination packages have been submitted. 	
OS-0519-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890</p> <p>www.dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp</p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb stated that there was a legislation passed in the 23rd legislative session regarding Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing for Returning Citizens Amendment Act of 2019. This legislation limits the DC Health's ability across all boards to evaluate criminal records when considering licensure.</p>	

Mr. Lieb's team had some concerns over that regarding patients' safety. They have worked with the office of Counsel to add the amendments into another piece of legislation. That amendment would reverse certain elements of that legislation and would increase flexibility for boards to consider criminal records and also repealing an element in there that gave prospective applicants, the ability to have a predetermination hearing about their chances to becoming a veterinarian because of a criminal background.

Mr. Matteo Lieb further stated that Mayor proposed the new fiscal year 2023 budget earlier in the spring. The budget went to various committees including the committee on health. The committee made some recommendations and one of those recommendations was to add 10 more full-time employees to facilitate the health licensing process in the Department of Health. The committee also recommended removing funding that is critical to the infrastructure of DC Health licensing boards. That funding has not been put back in and Mr. Lieb's team has been working with DC Council to reinstate the funding. The second and final meeting in this regard will take place on May 24, 2022.

Mr. Lieb's team has also been working to add or expand eligibility for the health professional loan repayment program as well as authorizing a healthcare professional scholarship program for certain healthcare professionals which may not impact the board of veterinary medicine.

Mr. Lieb also provided an update about a legislation introduced by the Council Member Mary Cheh. On March 14, Mary Cheh introduced the "Migratory Local Wildlife Protection Act of 2022." The legislation will require building permits for new construction or substantial improvements issued after January 1, 2023, to ensure the facade of the exterior wall envelope and exterior fenestration largely use bird-friendly materials. The bill will also require that bird hazard installations use bird-friendly materials; ensure the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, along with the Department of Energy and Environment issue regulations to implement the act; and establish the Bird-Friendly Buildings Fund to financially support building owners to comply with the requirements. The legislation would impact the exterior glazing for commercial buildings, multi-unit residential buildings, institutional facilities, or District-owned or operated buildings.

Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations

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.

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.	
OS-0519-17	<u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u> https://dccouncil.us/events/list/	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0519-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>	
OS-0519-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	
OS-0519-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>	

CLOSING

OS-0519-21	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). 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.	
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	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	
OS-0519-22	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u> Board Action: To adjourn the meeting. 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.	

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

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