

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

JULY 21, 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, ILAM – SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	EA
	KUNTUMIE HOLSTON, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST	P
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	MATTEO LIEB, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	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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OPEN SESSION MINUTES JULY 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0721-01	<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) D. QUORUM — Yes E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Dr. Sharon Lewis (Excused absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence) & Joy McFarlane-Mills (Excused Absence) F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Dr. Megan McAndrew, HRA & Dr. Cheryl Chooljian, City Wildlife Inc.</p>
OS-0721-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the July 21, 2022 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for July 21, 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-0721-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 19, 2022 meeting.</p>
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	<p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for May 19, 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-0721-04 (a)	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0721-05	<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 monitoring the outbreak of monkeypox. The District has higher rates of this disease as compared to the other parts of the country. At present, there are at least 100 confirmed cases of monkeypox in the District. There is vaccine available and CDC is distributing this vaccine based on need and the District is further rationing based on the risk level. Currently, there are about 2,500 doses of vaccine in the District and 7,500 additional individuals are seeking it.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis has also forwarded a message regarding the departure of Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt as the Director of DC Health. She has been our director for the past seven years. She has supported us during a number of health crisis including zika, Covid19 and now monkeypox. She will be formally stepping down from her position at the end of July 2022.</p>	

OS-0721-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson. Mr. Gibson could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. He had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0721-07	<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> <p>License Renewal – Open November 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021</p> <p>https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/vet.pdf</p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 396 • Expired Licenses: 330 • Approved Renewal Applications: 309 • New Applications Under Review: 8 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 0 <p><u>Update:</u> The audit of 10 percent of the randomly selected renewed application has been completed.</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>	

	<p>Dr. Vito DelVento stated that with the departure of Dr. Nesbitt, there are going to be some changes within DC Health, and he will keep the board members posted on that.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento mentioned the board members’ request to have a seat at the PDMP committee. The request was forwarded to Dr. Nesbitt, and it was well received. A determination on this request is yet to be made.</p>	
OS-0721-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that our rabies surveillance continues as it always does. It’s a busy time of the year and our 2022 arbovirus surveillance program is at its peak.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento also spoke about the monkeypox issue. He stated that CDC is interested in conducting a surveillance in the District to combat the disease with respect to the individuals who are at risk as well as their pets. No testing has been done so far but he will have more information on that in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento stated that DC Health is also monitoring the avian influenza. Dr. Chooljian added that the City Wildlife sent a batch of birds for testing about a week ago and they were tested negative.</p> <p>She also said that there is no documented fact regarding the risk of wildlife catching monkeypox from humans.</p>	
OS-0721-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich stated that he has been appointed as the Board’s Chair again this year by MOTA. He had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0721-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report. He said that his team has been waiting to hear any update regarding the veterinary technician and veterinary euthanasia regulations.</p>	

OS-0721-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>	
OS-0721-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <p>Dr. DeIvento discussed with board members, the possibility of having a meeting in August instead of taking a break because the AAVSB Annual Meeting in September will fall around the dates of the board meeting, and it would be difficult to schedule a meeting in September.</p> <p>Because of the scheduling conflicts, board members collectively decided to recess in August and not meet in September. The next board meeting will be on October 20, 2022.</p>	
OS-0721-13	<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-0721-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p>	

OS-0721-15

AAVSB UPDATES – FYI

Watchdog Tracking Report

AAVSB's Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of January 2022.

- [May 2022 Conventional Report](#)
- [May 2022 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View](#)
- **May 2022 Activity at a Glance**
- [June 2022 Conventional Report](#)
- [June 2022 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View](#)
- **June 2022 Activity at a Glance**

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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.

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>AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference</p> <p>AAVSB members will meet in Charlotte, North Carolina from Thursday, September 15 to Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Hilton Charlotte Uptown. Delegate information can be found here:</p> <p>https://na.eventscloud.com/website/39319/delegates/</p> <p>During the AAVSB's Business Session, the Delegate Assembly will vote on proposed Bylaws amendments. Please review the Proposed AAVSB Bylaws Amendments Memo.</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding Bylaws, please email AAVSB Senior Director of Membership, Marketing & Technology, Ms. Chrissy Bagby at cbagby@aavsb.org or call at 1.877.698.8482, extension 237.</p> <p>Take advantage of the Delegate Funding Program, which covers all reasonable travel and lodging expenses for two Delegates (voting & alternate).</p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento stated that due to the travel restrictions to the state of North Carolina, board members will not be able to attend the Annual AAVSB Meeting in person. The approval of an exemption request to travel to North Carolina is not likely.</p>	
OS-0721-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></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>	

	<p>Mr. Matteo Lieb stated that the DC Council is in recess from July 15, 2022 until September 20, 2022 so in terms of legislative activity, things shut down. We are at the end of a Council period which ends at the end of this year. We anticipate that there are going to be a flurry of legislative activity between once they return in September through the end of the year. One of those bills could be a large animal control omnibus piece of legislation. He will not have any updates on that until the Council comes back.</p> <p>In terms of legislative updates, there was a piece of legislation passed as an amendment to a bill called the HIV AIDS Data Privacy Protection Amendment Act that gives boards greater flexibility for evaluating criminal history so now boards have that, and applicants are no longer able to ask for a predetermination hearing when they are looking into licensure.</p> <p>Mr. Lieb also stated that as the District continues to grapple its healthcare workforce issues, they are looking at a whole host of innovative ways to tackle that. The Mayor has convened a healthcare workforce taskforce with leaders across the District.</p> <p>DC Health also worked to introduce and then get passed a bill called High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Healthcare Loan Repayment Program Emergency Act so that Bill expands our existing Health Professional Loan Repayment Program and creates a Healthcare Career Scholarship program.</p> <p>The scholarship program is not for veterinary professionals but includes things like nursing, assistant personnel, EMTs, etc.</p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich added that we do not have in-state education opportunities for veterinary technicians. He said that we do not have a veterinary medicine program in the District. It is a crisis that we need to address.</p> <p>Mr. Lieb stated that the University of District of Columbia (UDC) has a Veterinary Assistant program, but he is not sure if those veterinary assistants would be capable to fill in the vacant positions in the District.</p>	
OS-0721-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0721-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-0721-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-0721-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-0721-21	<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-0721-22	<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>	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **October 20, 2022**

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