

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

9:30AM - 10:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	P
	SOPHIE STENNER, DVM – BOARD MEMBER (APPOINTMENT IN PROGRESS)	
	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 – INTERIM DIRECTOR	EA
	ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S. – INTERIM SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EA
	AISHA NIXON, MPT, CPM — ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, BS, CPM, ILAM – SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	EA
	KUNTUMIE HOLSTON, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST	EA
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	EA
	MATTEO LIEB, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	P
	SAHAR MAJID, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	P
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OPEN SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1117-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:41 AM B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All except Sophie Stenner, DVM, Board Member (Appointment in Progress) D. QUORUM — Yes E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Arian Gibson (Excused absence), Aisha Nixon (Excused absence), Joy McFarlane-Mills (Excused Absence), Kuntumie Holston (Excused Absence) and Emilia Moran (Excused Absence) F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Dr. Megan McAndrew, HRA & Dr. Cheryl Chooljian, City Wildlife Inc.</p>
OS-1117-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the November 17, 2022 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for November 17, 2022.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson Seconded By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-1117-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the October 20, 2022 meeting.</p>
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	<p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for October 20, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-1117-04	<u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u>	
OS-1117-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson who could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. He had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-1117-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon. Ms. Aisha Nixon could not join the meeting and she had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-1117-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento announced the official appointment of Dr. Dan Teich as Board's Chairperson. The vacant board member's position has been filled in and Dr. Sophie Stenner of the Union Veterinary Clinic will join as the new board member within a month or two.</p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Active Licenses: 420 ● Expired Licenses: 540 ● Approved Renewal Applications: 309 ● New Applications Under Review: 4 ● Renewal Applications Under Review: 0 	

	<p><u>Ebola Outbreak</u></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports the outbreak of Ebola. There is no specific concern related to the District. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently reported confirmed cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in the Uganda caused by the Sudan virus (species Sudan ebolavirus). No suspected, probable, or confirmed cases related to this outbreak have been reported in the United States or the District of Columbia.</p>	
OS-1117-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports the recent launch of the online dog licensing portal that can be utilized to submit New and Renewal Dog License Applications as well as Replacement Dog Tag Applications, Hobby Permits, Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Dog Applications, Chicken in the School Applications and Special Event Permit Applications. The portal can be accessed by the link below:</p> <p>https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F</p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that our rabies surveillance continues as it always does. Our 2022 arbovirus surveillance program has come to an end now and we are in the process of putting arbovirus data in the national database. There is going to be less animal related activity in winter months.</p> <p>With regards to Avian influenza, Dr. Vito DelVento reports that the first case of Avian influenza was confirmed by the National Zoo in October. The cause of death of the bird was blunt trauma and upon necropsy Avian Influenza detected as an incidental finding.</p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich reports that leptospirosis is back in the District, and it was recently reported by the Friendship Animal Hospital. A daycare center also reported a leptospirosis case. Dr. Teich further added that leptospirosis vaccine should be considered a core vaccination because there’s an uptick in the number of positive cases this year.</p>	
OS-1117-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>	

OS-1117-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-1117-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Dr. Megan McAndrew reports an uptick in Parvovirus. She stated that HRA is going to organize the Parvovirus vaccine clinics in the District.</p>	
OS-1117-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 15, 2022 • January 19, 2023 • February 16, 2023 (In-Person) • March 16, 2023 • April 20, 2023 	
OS-1117-13	<p><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities: 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: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html</p>	

OS-1117-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p> <p><u>ICVA Chair Kathy Bowler</u></p> <p>In a recent interview, Ms. Bowler shared more about her involvement with ICVA and her goals for her tenure as Chair of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Since 2015, she has been involved with ICVA and is designated to the board by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).</p> <p>Ms. Bowler brings a deep-rooted love for animals and a commitment to fair and just standards to her position at ICVA. She is currently in her ninth year on the California Veterinary Medical Board, having served two years as Vice President and now serving as President.</p>	
OS-1117-15	<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"> • October 2022 Conventional Report • October 2022 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • October 2022 Activity at a Glance <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-1117-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb reports that the 2022 Migratory Local Wildlife Protection Act’s committee had a hearing to set new standards for building exteriors to use bird-friendly material. Most of the testimony was in support of the legislation.</p> <p>Mr. Lieb further reports that the Council period is going to end at the end of this calendar year. “We had the election last week. There will be several new members of the Council,” he states. The new assignments will be announced by January 2023.</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-1117-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-1117-18	<p><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></p>	
OS-1117-19	<p><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>	

OS-1117-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>
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CLOSING	
OS-1117-21	<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-1117-22	<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 **December 15, 2022**

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