

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

DECEMBER 15, 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, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS – 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	P
	KUNTUMIE HOLSTON, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST	EA
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	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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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1215-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:33 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 Sharon Lewis (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence), Aisha Nixon (Excused absence) and Kuntumie Holston (Excused Absence). F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Dr. Megan McAndrew, HRA & Dr. Cheryl Chooljian, City Wildlife Inc.</p>
OS-1215-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the December 15, 2022 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for December 15, 2022.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-1215-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting.</p>
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	<p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for November 17, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Lauren Stump, DVM, Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-1215-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-1215-05	<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-1215-06	<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-1215-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 420 • Expired Licenses: 540 • Approved Renewal Applications: 309 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Applications Under Review: 8 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 0 	
OS-1215-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that the District residents have been utilizing the online dog licensing portal and DC Health has been regularly issuing dog licenses without any issues. 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-1215-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p>	
OS-1215-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich reports that Bill 24-560 has been introduced in the Council. The bill has been proposed to make changes pertaining to domestic animal care and animal control operations. It would authorize animal control vehicles to operate emergency lights and sirens when responding to life</p>	

	<p>threatening emergencies. It allows the Washington Humane Society to recover costs incurred boarding animals during a pending criminal or other proceeding. The legislation also addresses pet ownership in divorce cases.</p>	
OS-1215-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>	
OS-1215-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 19, 2023 • February 16, 2023 (In-Person) • March 16, 2023 • April 20, 2023 • May 18, 2023 	
OS-1215-13	<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-1215-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p>	
OS-1215-15	<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"> • November 2022 Conventional Report • November 2022 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • November 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-1215-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb further elaborated upon Bill 24-0560. The Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, to which the Bill was referred, met on November 22, 2022 and recommended approval of the Bill by the Council.</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-1215-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-1215-18	<p><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></p>	
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OS-1215-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-1215-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-1215-21	<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-1215-22	<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 [January 19, 2023](#)

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