

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**DECEMBER 16, 2021**

**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
	FRANK MEYERS, JD – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	P
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	P
	EMILIA MORGAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	ERIC CURRY, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	EA
	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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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA DECEMBER 16, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-1216-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></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 Eric Curry (Excused absence)  F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Emily Hovermale, HRA &amp; Dr. Megan McAndrew, HRA</p>
OS-1216-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of the December 16, 2021 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for December 16, 2021.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Lauren Stump, DVM Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-1216-03	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for November 18, 2021</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
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OS-1216-04	<b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b>	
OS-1216-05	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></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 wishes everybody happy holidays.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis forwarded a message for folks who have requested an exemption of the Covid19 vaccination mandate that their requests have been under review. Thee review process has been taking longer than expected but the effort is ongoing.</p> <p>Please note that there are three options for vaccine exemptions.</p> <p><b>1) Medical Exemption:</b> If there’s any medical conditions that prevents an individual to get vaccinated, he/she will be exempt. A doctor’s note is required.</p> <p><b>2) Religious Exemption:</b> If a religious belief prohibits someone from getting vaccinated, a personal statement is required in this case in order to get an exemption.</p> <p><b>3) WHO Exemption:</b> If an individual has received a vaccine outside of the U.S., which is not approved by FDA but approved by the World Health Organization, that individual will be exempt from vaccine requirements in the U.S.</p>	
OS-1216-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Frank Meyers reports that December 17, 2021 is going to be his last day with the Department of Health. He has accepted a position with another organization.</p> <p>He further reports that licensure waiver was extended by legislation until August 2022. The licensure waiver allows individuals to practice in the District — who are licensed in other states and their license is in good standing — if they are doing so at a District licensed healthcare facility or providing continuity of care to already established patients via telehealth.</p> <p>DC Health staff members have been continuing to report at work. It’s a hybrid work environment these days — staff members work in the office most days a week.</p>	

OS-1216-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>DC Health Licensing System (SALESFORCE)</b></p> <p><a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415">https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415</a></p> <p><b>License Renewal – Open November 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021</b></p> <p><a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/vet.pdf">https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/vet.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Census: 401</i> <i>Approved Renewal Applications: 165</i></p>	
OS-1216-08	<p><b><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></b></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that our rabies surveillance continues as it always does. Our arbovirus surveillance program has come to an end in October, and we are in the process of summarizing the data and entering it into the national data bank.</p> <p>A couple of facilities are left for inspection and we hope to complete their inspection by the end of this year.</p> <p>There are quite a few animal related events going to take place in the District during the holiday season. These events need animal specialty permits.</p>	
OS-1216-09	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dan Teich wishes everybody safe and happy holidays.</p>	
OS-1216-10	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Ed Rich reports that a statute regarding the standard of care regulations that the council passed a few years ago has been finally signed off and these regulations will be published on this Friday's register (December 17, 2021). These regulations will establish civil infractions for violation of the animal control laws and abusive treatment of certain pets.</p> <p>The Humane Rescue Alliance will now be able to issue tickets for these violations and for not complying with laws related to dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs.</p> <p>Ed Rich further reports that if healthcare professionals including veterinarians are not fully vaccinated, their licenses will not be renewed.</p>	

OS-1216-11	<b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>	
OS-1216-12	<b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b>  <p>January 20, 2022, February 17, 2022, March 17, 2022; and April 21, 2022.</p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that Malika Kamara has joined the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) team as their Associate Director. She has reached out to us to inquire about the vacancies on this board.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento has informed her about the board's composition and the vacancy for the role of a chairperson and he will follow up with her soon to fill in this position.</p>	
OS-1216-13	<b><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></b>  <p>COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities:</p> <p><a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pet-store.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pet-store.html</a></p> <p>COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events:</p> <p><a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html</a></p>	
OS-1216-14	<b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b>	
OS-1216-15	<b><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></b>  <p><b>Watchdog Tracking Report</b></p> <p>AAVSB's Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of November.</p> <p><a href="#">Go directly to the November 2021 Tracking Report</a></p> <p><i>Watchdog is your resource center for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative and regulatory activity reports</li> <li>• Board updates</li> <li>• VMA updates</li> <li>• Map view of Legislative Sessions</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conveniently linked news coverage of recent legislative activity and issues affecting the veterinary regulatory community.</li> </ul> <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-1216-16	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PDMP</u></b></p> <p>The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Query Amendment Act of 2020 has a projected law date of March 15, 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890">https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp">www.dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp</a></p> <p><b><u>Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></b></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-1216-17	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dccouncil.us/events/list/">https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</a></p>	

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-1216-18	<b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b>
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OS-1216-19	<b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>
OS-1216-20	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>

## CLOSING

OS-1216-21	<b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).  <b>Background:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov">opengovoffice@dc.gov</a>	
OS-1216-22	<b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.  <b>Background:</b> 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 [January 20, 2022](#)

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