

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

**OPEN SESSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

## HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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**BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	P
	SOPHIE STENNER, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS – BOARD MEMBER (APPOINTMENT IN PROGRESS)	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 – 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	P
	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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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0216-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:36 AM</b> <b>B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson</b> <b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present</b> <b>D. QUORUM — Yes</b> <b>E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Sharon Lewis (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence) and Aisha Nixon (Excused absence).</b> <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Dr. Cheryl Chooljian, City Wildlife Inc. and Dr. Megan McAndrew, HRA</b></p>
OS-0216-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of the February 16, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for February 16, 2023.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Lauren Stump, DVM, Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>

<b>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
OS-0216-03	<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 January 19, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for January 19, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Lauren Stump, DVM, Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
OS-0216-04	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>	
OS-0216-05	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></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-0216-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></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-0216-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Licenses: 429</li> <li>• Expired Licenses: 540</li> <li>• Approved Renewal Applications: 309</li> <li>• New Applications Under Review: 13</li> <li>• Renewal Applications Under Review: 0</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento stated that this is the first in-person board meeting since pandemic, and we are gradually transitioning from virtual to in-person. He further stated that the board now has the full complement. The appointment of Dr. Sophie Stenner has been confirmed and she is now officially a member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Dan Teich and Ms. Amy Haywood have been reappointed. Board of Veterinary Medicine is helping Dr. Sharon Lewis in providing the relevant data in preparation of the oversight hearing.</p>	
OS-0216-08	<p><b><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></b></p> <p><b>ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>DC Health, Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) is excited to announce the opening of our new online dog licensing system. All dog owners in the District are required to submit their dog registration or renewal applications by going to the below link and submitting an online application.</p>	

	<p><a href="https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&amp;startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F">https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&amp;startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F</a></p> <p>Dr. DelVento stated that we regularly update the data related to the dog licensing. Rabies surveillance program has been going on well. Arbovirus surveillance program will begin in May 2023. We will continue to monitor the highly pathogenic avian influenza. Dr. Cheryl Chooljian stated that the District has not been affected but in the entire country there are 6000 bird cases and 120 mammals.</p>	
OS-0216-09	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich stated that for the past couple of weeks, bronchitis has been affecting dogs and it turned out to be mycoplasma positive. High density areas such as dog daycare centers have been highly affected.</p>	
OS-0216-10	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0216-11	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Megan McAndrew stated that animals in the shelter have been facing respiratory issues. Animals are turning out to be mycoplasma positive and they are resistant to doxycycline treatment.</p>	
OS-0216-12	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 16, 2023</li> <li>• April 20, 2023</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 18, 2023</li> <li>• June 15, 2023 (In-Person)</li> <li>• July 20, 2023</li> </ul>	
OS-0216-13	<p><b><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></b></p> <p>COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities:  <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:  <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-0216-14	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p>	
OS-0216-15	<p><b><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b>Watchdog Tracking Report</b></p> <p>AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of January 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January <a href="#">2023 Conventional Report</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">January 2023 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View</a></li> <li>• January 2023 Activity at a Glance (Attached with this agenda)</li> </ul> <p><i>Watchdog is your resource center for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative and regulatory activity reports</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board updates</li> <li>• VMA updates</li> <li>• Map view of Legislative Sessions</li> <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> <p>Ms. Amy Haywood reported that AAVSB had a winter meeting a couple of weeks ago for strategic planning and the focus in this year’s meeting was to adapt to the corporate partnerships because people in the field of veterinary medicine feel unappreciated, they are leaving the field because they feel burnt out.</p>	
OS-0216-16	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS PDMP</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb stated that the Migratory Local Wildlife Protection Act of 2022 (<a href="#">B24-0710</a>) would set new standards for building exteriors to ensure they use bird friendly materials. Legislation received a hearing on October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Committee of the Whole. Most witnesses testified in support. Several witnesses testified with concerns, including the Department of Buildings. This legislation was passed unanimously on final reading by the entire Council on December 20, 2022. It is undergoing Congressional Review and is expected to become law on March 28, 2023.</p> <p>He further reported that the Animal Care and Control Omnibus Amendment Act of 2021 (<a href="#">B24-0560</a>) contains several elements to address animal rights and care in the District. This includes prohibiting the declawing of cats unless it is for “therapeutic purposes”. Additionally, it would require a court take into consideration an animal’s “care and best interest” when determining custody following divorce, legal separation, annulment, or termination of a domestic partnership. This legislation was passed unanimously on final reading by the entire Council on December 20, 2022 and has since been enacted. It is undergoing Congressional Review and is expected to become law on May 11, 2023.</p> <p>Regarding the Board of Veterinary Medicine’s appointments, Mr. Lieb stated that three resolutions were approved by the Committee of the Whole relating to Board of Veterinary Medicine appointments and reappointments:</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board of Veterinary Medicine Daniel Teich Confirmation Resolution of 2022 (<a href="#">PR25-0041</a>)</li> <li>○ Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation Resolution of 2022 (<a href="#">PR25-0042</a>)</li> <li>○ Board of Veterinary Medicine Amy Haywood Confirmation Resolution of 2022 (<a href="#">PR25-0043</a>)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A mark up on these resolutions was held in the Committee on Health which can be viewed at the following <a href="#">link</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Lieb stated that the Committee on Health will once again host DC Health’s Performance and Budget Oversight hearings. The Performance Oversight hearing is scheduled for Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30am to 6pm. The Budget Oversight hearing is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.</p> <p>The Committee on Health will host Performance Oversight hearing on five of DC Health’s Health Professional Licensing Boards: 1) Boards of Medicine, 2) Nursing 3) Pharmacy 4) Psychology, and 5) Social Work. The hearing is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>.</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-0216-17	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dccouncil.us/events/list/">https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</a></p>	

<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	
OS-0216-18	<b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b>
OS-0216-19	<b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>
OS-0216-20	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>

<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-0216-21	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b>          To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><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</p>

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OS-0216-22	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><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.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **March 16, 2023**

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