

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MARCH 16, 2023
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	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. – 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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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0316-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:35 AM B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present D. QUORUM — Yes E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Sharon Lewis (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence) and Aisha Nixon (Excused absence). F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Dr. Cheryl Chooljian, City Wildlife Inc., Beth Venit, AAVSB and Donald Neiffer, Smithsonian's National Zoo</p>
OS-0316-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the March 16, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for March 16, 2023.</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-0316-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from February 16, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for February 16, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Lauren Stump, DVM, Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-0316-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0316-05	<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-0316-06	<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-0316-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 438 • Expired Licenses: 540 • Approved Renewal Applications: 309 • New Applications Under Review: 11 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 0 <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reported that Mr. Arian Gibson is now officially the Senior Deputy Director of HRLA.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento further reported that DC Health office is moving to a new location in early 2024 at St. Elizabeth Campus in Ward 8 of DC.</p> <p>HRLA is going to publish a newsletter/magazine twice a year that will highlight all boards’ activities across HRLA.</p>	
OS-0316-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS</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>https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F</p>	

	<p>Dr. DeVento 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 mid-May 2023. Dr. Cheryl Chooljian reported that two cases of avian influenza have been reported in Virginia and Maryland combined, no case has been reported in DC.</p>	
OS-0316-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0316-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0316-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>	
OS-0316-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 20, 2023 • May 18, 2023 • June 15, 2023 (In-Person) • July 20, 2023 • August (Recess) • September 21, 2023 • October 19, 2023 (In-Person) • November 16, 2023 • December 21, 2023 	

OS-0316-13	<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-0316-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p> <p>The ICVA has sent out a call for nominations for four (4) open positions on the Assessment Development Committee (ADC) with the term beginning in June 2023. Nominees should have knowledge and experience in the context of private clinical practice and/or practice of veterinary medicine at accredited veterinary schools.</p> <p>ADC Qualifications and Nomination Form can be accessed here:</p> <p>https://www.icva.net/news-and-updates/call-for-nominations-adc/</p>	
OS-0316-15	<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"> • February 2023 Conventional Report • February 2023 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • February 2023 Activity at a Glance (Attached with this agenda) 	

	<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> <p>2022 Member Board Profile Survey results</p> <p>The AAVSB is pleased to share the 2022 Member Board Profile Survey results. The survey will also be available at the new Executive Director and Registrar Summit this April, and the Annual Meeting & Conference this September in Kansas City, MO.</p> <p>View Results of the AAVSB 2022 Member Board Profile Survey</p>	
OS-0316-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb provided the following insights:</p> <p>Performance and Budget Oversight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee on Health hosted DC Health’s Performance Oversight hearing on Thursday March 2nd. ▪ During her testimony, Interim Director Dr. Lewis discussed the role of equity in DC Health’s work, DC Health’s IT modernizations efforts, DC Health’s response to the mpox outbreak, healthcare workforce development and licensure, and DC Health’s strategic planning process. 	

- You can watch a recording of the hearing at the following [link](#).
- DC Health's Budget Oversight hearing is scheduled for April 10th (public witnesses) and April 12th (DC Health representatives). The Committee of the Whole will host a budget briefing on March 24th to review the Mayor's proposed budget.

Health Licensing Board Oversight

- The Committee on Health hosted a Performance Oversight hearing for five of DC Health's Health Professional Licensing Boards.
 - These are the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Psychology, and Social Work.
- The hearing took place virtually on February 28th. It focused on topics including workforce shortages, board membership, and education and training. You can watch the hearing at the following [link](#).

Congressional Review:

- DC Health continues to monitor legislation undergoing Congressional Review.
- The U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate approved a resolution of disapproval for the *Revised Criminal Code Act of 2021* ([B24-0416](#))
 - This occurred for the first time in 30 years
- DC Health does not anticipate any concerns with Congressional Review for any public health related pieces of legislation.

Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations

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.

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.

OS-0316-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>
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DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0316-18	<p><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></p>
OS-0316-19	<p><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Mr. Donald Neiffer introduced himself during the public comments session. He has over 30 years of experience in zoological medicine. Dr. Neiffer's areas of expertise include environmental health assessments, sustainable conservation projects, disease transmission at the wildlife/human/livestock interface, developing anesthetic protocols, fish medicine, hoof-stock medicine, soft tissue surgery, and teaching.</p>
OS-0316-20	<p><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></p>

CLOSING	
OS-0316-21	<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-0316-22	<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 [April 20, 2023](#)

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