

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**MAY 20, 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	<b>P</b>
	LAUREN STUMP, DVM – BOARD MEMBER	<b>P</b>
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT – VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	<b>EA</b>
	BLAIR ZERVOS – CONSUMER MEMBER	<b>P</b>

**STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

	SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM – SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<b>EA</b>
	FRANK MEYERS, JD – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	<b>P</b>
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	<b>P</b>
	EMILIA MORGAN, INVESTIGATOR	<b>P</b>
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	<b>P</b>
	DIANE MOORER, IT SPECIALIST	<b>P</b>

**LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:**

**LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:**

	ED RICH, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	<b>P</b>
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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA MAY 20, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0520-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER</b> – 9:36am</p> <p><b>B. PRESIDING</b> - Dr. Dan Teich, DVM – Board Member (Serving as Chairperson)</p> <p><b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b> - All except Amy Haywood and Chairperson (Position Vacant)</p> <p><b>D. QUORUM</b> - Yes</p> <p><b>E. STAFF PRESENT</b> – All Staff Present</p> <p><b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE</b> - Dr. Megan McAndrews (HRA), Emily Hovermale (HRA), Patrick Gritt (HRA), Norris</p>
OS-0520-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b> Acceptance of the May 20, 2021 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for May 20,2021.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos - Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0520-03	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to except the Open Session meeting minutes for April 15,2021</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>
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OS-0520-04	<b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b>	
OS-0520-05	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. 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.</p>	
OS-0520-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Frank Myers reports that the District's online licensing portal is live. Email correspondence has been sent out to inform all stakeholder groups of the new process. With the portal currently live, the district has removed all applications from the website in efforts to support the online licensing profession transition.</p> <p>There will be some growing pains during the process but the staff are excited to receive any feedback.</p> <p>The have been some recent changes in policies regarding Covid – 19 restrictions. Most recently this week there was a new orders regarding the public health emergency which loosens restriction on indoor and outdoor occupancy as well as wearing mask. That information could be found at coronavirus.dc.gov.</p> <p>Lastly related to the new Covid – 19 restrictions loosening, we are looking at staff returning to the office. This will be in limited capacity of 25 % at the moment with a goal of returning closer to normal on July 12,2021.</p>	
OS-0520-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>DC Health Licensing System (SALESFORCE)</p> <p><a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415">https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415</a></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that The Board of Veterinary Medicine currently holds jurisdiction over 342 veterinarian licenses. During this time of year, we see upticks in applications due to graduation season, so we are looking for those numbers to increase.</p>	
OS-0520-08	<b><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></b>	

	<p>Dr. DelVento reports with respect to programmatic updates our rabies program continues yearly without interruption. The rabies program is still being conducted at the public health lab in terms of testing results.</p> <p>The District’s arbovirus surveillance program is currently in its trial period. We will start collecting reportable data effective June 1, 2021. Different this year is that the mosquito testing efforts will be handled by the CDC. This is due to the capacity of Covid- 19 testing at the public health lab. The public health lab has applied for a grant that they expect funding from sometime mid-summer, which would expand our mosquito testing efforts to the public health lab.</p> <p>The Hepra Group is doing a comprehensive review of the emergency preparedness plan for the district and which includes an animal component. This happens every 2 years. Plans will be reviewed and updated and if there are any changes Dr. DelVento will provide updates as needed.</p>	
OS-0520-09	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich wants to extend a Thank You to HRLA for the roll out of the online licensing portal for new applications, renewals.</p>	
OS-0520-10	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></b></p>	
OS-0520-11	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Norris posed a question – Is there a source of finding the scope of investigative activity in the district?</p> <p>Dr. DelVento answer that the only made public is determinations made by the board with a public component to them. All matters are confidential until the board comes to a final decision.</p>	
OS-0520-12	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p>June 17,2021, July 15,2021, Aug. 19,2021 (normally recess), September 16,2021</p>	
OS-0520-13	<p><b><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></b></p> <p>COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities:</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-0520-14	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p>	
OS-0520-15	<p><b><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b>AAVSB Board Basics and Beyond Training - Update</b> April 22,2021 – April 23,2021</p>	
OS-0520-16	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PDMP</u></b> The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Query Amendment Act of 2020 has a projected law date of March 15, 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://lms.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890">https://lms.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>Dr. DelVento reports that the 3<sup>rd</sup> 30-day comment period has come to completion. There have been some additional comments made that have been reviewed by Ed Rich. Ed Rich will advise the board as to what the next steps are. Ed will make clear that if the comments made are of significance to render the boards further review and possible changes or are the comments some that have been reiterated and we as a board can continue to move forward with rule making.</p>	
OS-0520-17	<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-0520-18	<b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b>
OS-0520-19	<b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>  Dr. McAndrew thanks everyone for accepting the comments made to the regulation. She is open to any further discussion that it may take to get the regulation process with respect to euthanasia.
OS-0520-20	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>

<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-0520-21	<p><b><u>MOTION TO COSE</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 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></p>
OS-0520-22	<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 June 17, 2021**



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