

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**JUNE 17, 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	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, B.S., CPM – PROGRAM SPECIALIST	P
	EMILIA MORGAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	ERIC CURRY, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	SAHAR MAJID, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	DIANE MOORER, IT SPECIALIST	P

**LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:**

**LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:**

	ED RICH, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	EA
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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
OPEN SESSION AGENDA JUNE 17, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

<p>OS-0617-01</p>	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER</b> – 9:32am  <b>B. PRESIDING</b> -- Dr. Dan Teich, DVM – Board Member (Serving as Chairperson)  <b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b> -- All except Chairperson (Position Vacant)  <b>D. QUORUM</b> -- Yes  <b>E. STAFF PRESENT</b> – All Staff Present  <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE</b> – Emily Hovermale (HRA), Patrick Gritt (HRA), Claudia Roll (HRA)</p>
<p>OS-0617-02</p>	<p><b>Board Action:</b> Acceptance of the June 17, 2021 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for June 17, 2021.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

<p>OS-0617-03</p>	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 20, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes 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>
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OS-0617-04	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>	
OS-0617-05	<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-0617-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>No new comment from Frank Myers. Dr. DelVento reiterates his comments from the previous board meeting about the launch of an online application system for health licenses. All paper applications have been discontinued. An online application link is live on DC Health website and applications are now being processed through Salesforce.</p>	
OS-0617-07	<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 Mayor has reopened the city and the Department of Health is returning back to work. All leadership is required to be in the office at least three days a week. There’s a change however, with regards to the telework policy. As telework enhances the productivity of workers, all employees are allowed to work from home two days in a week. The board meetings will be held online for the remainder of the year. The Board of Veterinary Medicine currently holds jurisdiction over 348 veterinarian licenses. We have been seeing upticks in applications since April due to graduation season.</p> <p>A survey has been designed to explore the impact of COVID-19 on the wellness of veterinarians. This research is a collaboration between the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, D.C. Health, the D.C. Veterinary Medical Association, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Virginia Tech. We will email this survey to all DC Veterinary licensees.</p>	
OS-0617-08	<p><b><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></b></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that there is no change in the rabies surveillance program. Our arbo virus surveillance began on June 1, 2021. We don’t have a lot of mosquitoes yet but we expect an increase in the mosquito population</p>	

	<p>since weather is getting more humid and warmer. Mr. Eric Curry has been actively involved in executing our arbo virus surveillance program.</p> <p>As DC has been gradually reopening, we will begin to accept applications for the specialty animal permits from July 1, 2021. It's going to be a busy summer in DC with animal related activity.</p>	
OS-0617-09	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich reports that the online application system has been successful. There is more than one address for some applicants and supporting documents such as transcripts may get lost if their institutions send these documents to a wrong address. In order to prevent this, institutions can now email applicants' transcripts to HRLA directly.</p>	
OS-0617-10	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>On vacation</p>	
OS-0617-11	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>No comments</p>	
OS-0617-12	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p>July 15, 2021, August Recess or August 19, 2021 (if needed), September 16, 2021, October 21, 2021.</p>	
OS-0617-13	<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-0617-14	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES -FYI</u></b></p>	
OS-0617-15	<p><b><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that the in-person annual AAVSB meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado in September-October 2021. The registration has been opened. Some funding programs will cover board members' travel expenses provided there's no Covid-related restrictions by then. We will have more concrete information by September.</p>	

	<p>AAVSB has launched its RACetrack program which is a free service that allows veterinary professionals to record their continuing education (CE) in a single centralized database. This system communicates CE to credentialing agencies to help both veterinary professionals and CE providers manage authorized course work with ease. A mass email will be sent out to the veterinarians regarding this program.</p> <p>Amy Haywood attended the summer board of directors meeting on June 11-12, 2021 in Cape Neddick, Maine. She reports that they have voted to fund 20 board attorneys to attend the annual AAVSB meeting in Denver, Colorado.</p>	
OS-0617-16	<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://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>	
OS-0617-17	<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-0617-18	<b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b>
OS-0617-19	<b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>
OS-0617-20	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>

**CLOSING**

OS-0617-21	<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 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-0617-22	<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 July 15, 2021**

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