

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

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
	ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S. – INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	EA
	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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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0217-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:31 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 Arian Gibson (Excused absence) & Eric Curry (Excused absence) F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Emily Hovermale, HRA & Dr. Cheryl Chooljian, City Wildlife Inc.</p>
OS-0217-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the February 17, 2022 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for February 17, 2022.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0217-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for January 20, 2022</p>
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	<p>Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Lauren Stump, DVM Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-0217-04	<u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u>	
OS-0217-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></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.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis has conveyed a message about the public health emergency in the District. The public health emergency has ended in the District effective February 15, 2022. The mask mandate will also end on February 28, 2022. The department is still working through some of the elements associated with the third vaccine also referred to as the booster shot. An individual is now considered fully vaccinated only if he/she has taken two initial shots and a booster shot.</p> <p>Dr. Sharon Lewis will be testifying before the council next week for the performance hearings. The performance hearing will be live streamed next week, February 23, 2022 on Wednesday.</p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich inquired about the mask mandate for the veterinarian facilities. Dr. DelVento stated that veterinarian facilities are not considered human healthcare facilities and they are exempt from reporting requirements.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich stated that various staff members at the veterinarian facilities are considered healthcare professionals and it is up to the individual facilities to implement the mask mandate and the vaccination requirements for people entering the facility.</p>	
OS-0217-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Mr. Arain Gibson.</p> <p>Mr. Gibson could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. He had nothing specific to report.</p>	

OS-0217-07

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DC Health Licensing System (SALESFORCE)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415>

License Renewal – Open November 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/vet.pdf

Dr. Vito DelVento reports that the renewal cycle has come to an end on December 31, 2021 in terms of the official timeframe. There is still a 60-day period after the December 31 deadline to submit your renewal application with a late fee, which is coming to an end on March 1, 2022.

He further states that the board has jurisdictions over the following active licenses.

Census

- Active Licenses: 332
- Expired Licenses: 253
- Approved Renewal Applications: 304
- New Applications Under Review: 8
- Renewal Applications Under Review: 3

Dr. DelVento clarifies that there is a difference between 'active licenses' and 'approved renewal applications' because veterinarians who applied after September 2, 2021 (90 days before the license expiration date, they were approved with an expiration date of December 31, 2023, and they were exempt from submitting a renewal application.)

Dr. DelVento further reports that the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) has been moving forward with a potential candidate's application for an open position on this board and he hopes to have a confirmation from the office within a couple of weeks. MOTA will also name someone as the board's chair.

OS-0217-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that our rabies surveillance continues as it always does. Our 2022 arbovirus surveillance program will resume in May. Dog licensing issues continue to move smoothly.</p> <p>The special animal permit process will pick up again during the spring season for animal or animal-related events such as large parades. The Cherry Blossom Festival is coming up so that kicks off the whole flurry of activities where folks will be requesting animals to come into the District for specialty animal permit.</p>	
OS-0217-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p>	
OS-0217-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich reports that the standard of care regulations' final version was published on February 8, 2022, that requires all healthcare workers (licensed or unlicensed) to be fully vaccinated which means that two shots of Moderna or Pfizer or one shot of Johnson & Johnson plus the booster requirement must be fulfilled by March 1, 2022.</p>	
OS-0217-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Dr. Cheryl Chooljian reports that a highly pathogenic virus is coming to the country right now and she would like to make sure if there is anything in the pipeline related to the screening and surveillance planning.</p> <p>She further states that there is a minimal amount of poultry in the District but her concern was mainly about the wildlife.</p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento responded to her and said that DC Health was contacted by the National Zoo earlier this week and they have a vested interest in this subject matter. There is nothing specific that DC Health has implemented in terms of the surveillance of the poultry that's been residing in the District. He said, "We don't have a large number of poultry in DC, we have usually 1-5 hen type poultry backyards."</p> <p>He further stated that he would rely on City Wildlife in keeping DC Health updated about any uptick in the avian influenza and then DC Health can talk further about how they would like to manage that and/or do surveillance based on what the initial reporting was.</p> <p>Dr. Cheryl Chooljian added that the avian influenza comes in a two- to three-year cycle and it probably is in the District already.</p>	

OS-0217-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <p>March 17, 2022, April 21, 2022, May 19, 2022, June 16, 2022</p>	
OS-0217-13	<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-0217-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p>	
OS-0217-15	<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> <p>Go directly to the January 2022 Tracking Report</p> <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. 	

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AAVSB Member Board Topics for Discussion January – March 2022

Save These Dates for 2022

Call for Bylaws Amendments (discussion/possible action)

Proposed Bylaws amendments are due to the AAVSB office by February 18, 2022.

Bylaws can be found at <https://www.aavsb.org/about-us/governance>. See page 4 for the “Call for Bylaws” memo.

Board Basics & Beyond Workshop (discussion/possible action)

Board Basics & Beyond is an interactive workshop led by AAVSB General Counsel Dale Atkinson and is designed with the new board member, executive director, board staff, or attorney in mind. Participants acquire knowledge and skills necessary to excel in their regulatory role and will meet AAVSB staff available to discuss available programs and services. This workshop is ideal for individuals new to their position or those wishing to learn more about being a regulator.

The Member Board investment is \$250 USD. See pages 5 - 7 for the Board Basics & Beyond policy.

Visit www.aavsb.org/BoardBasics for more information. **Space is limited.** Registration closes **February 28, 2022.**

AAVSB Nominations

Dr. Vito DelVento reports that nominations for the AAVSB board president, treasurer, executives, and other such positions are due by May 2022.

Amy Haywood would be running for the president’s post for a second term.

	<p>AAVSB will soon formally announce the committee member appointments for this group.</p> <p>Board members are welcome to join committees that will occur through the remainder of this year until the September annual meeting.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento informed that he would be running for the treasurer position in the executive suite, and he will soon prepare a package for the board members' signatures and support.</p> <p>Amy Haywood reports that the AAVSB board met in Tucson, Arizona between February 3-6, 2022. The board did not discuss the committee appointments, but they will have something by next week.</p> <p>The board also discussed the strategic planning, budget, and operational details.</p> <p>There was a long and heated discussion about the creation of a veterinary tech practitioner role to help fill the need especially in rural settings.</p> <p>Would it be an additional coursework in the veterinary schools or would it be a completely different education track... were the main points of this discussion.</p> <p>The Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Western University College of Veterinary Medicine have created a veterinary master's degree that is more on an academic side but there are conversations with them if they could move it to the nurse practitioner side.</p> <p>AAVSB is also opening conversations with some of the larger corporations including VEG to help them with their staff's licensure and license portability needs because VEG has staff that bounce between hospitals in different states, and they are having a very hard time meeting state-specific license and CE requirements.</p> <p>AAVSB is still on track for an in-person meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in September.</p>	
OS-0217-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><u>PDMP</u> The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Query Amendment Act of 2020 has a projected law date of March 15, 2021.</p> <p>https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890</p> <p>www.dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp</p>	

	<p><u>Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></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-0217-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p> <p>➤ Performance Oversight Hearing: Committee on Health</p> <p>Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 Time: 10:00 am Location: Virtual Meeting Platform 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, DC, 20004</p> <p>The Committee on Health will hold a Performance Oversight Hearing.</p> <p>The following agency will testify: Department of Health</p> <p>➤ Judiciary & Public Safety Public Hearing</p> <p>Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 Time: 01:30 pm Location: Virtual Meeting Platform 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, DC, 20004</p> <p>The Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety will hold a Public Hearing on the following Legislation:</p> <p>B240516, the “Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2021”</p> <p>B24-0560, the “Animal Care and Control Omnibus Amendment Act of 2021”</p> <p>Watch: https://www.facebook.com/CMcharlesallen/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0217-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-0217-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-0217-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-0217-21	<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-0217-22	<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 March 17, 2022

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