



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

Video Conference

Friday, February 2nd, 2024

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members: Dr. Jane Pritchard (President), Dr. Michele Martin (Vice President), Mr. Gian Sihota (Treasurer), Dr. Josh Waddington, Dr. Justin McLash and Ms. Kari Michaels

Regrets: Mr. Harinder Mahil

Staff: Ms. Christine Arnold (Registrar & CEO), Dr. Stacey Thomas (Deputy Registrar), Mr. Joel Walsoff (General Counsel) & Ms. Rosalee Magcalas (Executive Assistant)

Guests: Ms. Amanda Barker, BCVTA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pritchard at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

2.1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Council would like to respectfully acknowledge that we work and live on the traditional ancestral and unceded lands of the Coast Salish, Squamish, Sechelt, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh nations and we acknowledge all other first nations in British Columbia.

2.2 Approval of the Open Agenda

MOTION: THAT the Agenda be approved with the power to add.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2.3 President's Remarks

Welcome to Christine in her transition from Council member to Registrar and CEO. So far, she seems to be settling in with a big thanks to both Dr. Thomas and Mr. Walsoff for helping with her transition. A happy new year to all.

2.4. Approval of Consent Agenda

In an email prior to the start of the meeting, Dr. Martin requested that items 4.3 and 4.4 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: THAT the Open Consent Agenda be approved as presented with items 2.5, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.5.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2.5. Minutes of the December 15th, 2023 Open Council Meeting

Question about highlighting and underlining on SharePoint minutes, but are not in the actual minutes as confirmed with a screen share.

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the December 15th, 2023 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Direction: To post the approved December 15th, 2023 open meeting minutes.

3. ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. Update from the BCVTA

Ms. Barker provided an update and welcomed Ms. Arnold to her new position. The Board met four times, including a strategic planning meeting, which both Drs. Pritchard and Thomas participated in. The BCVTA is currently working on their AGM as well as on a jurisprudence course for members which will be online when completed. A new policy regarding CE was approved which limits the number of hours for outreach and on boards, etc. Planning for the spring conference is progressing and an invitation will be sent out to both Ms. Arnold and Dr. Pritchard to join. The BCVTA is currently in the process of attempting to clean up their policies with the governance committee and the next meeting is scheduled for February 12th.

3.2. Public Sector Eligibility Policy

This is a Policy to clarify a vague definition of who can be registered in the public sector category. It was sorted out last year and the Policy was approved by the Registration Committee in August 2023 but is now being put to Council for final approval. With the information provided in the agenda package, Council questioned whether the letter provided by counsel should be included and discussed on the open agenda, as it was marked as Personal and Confidential. A decision was made to move this item to the Closed agenda for discussion then come back to the open portion to hold a vote after discussion.

After discussion on the closed agenda of this Policy, with the supporting legal opinion, Council returned to the open portion of the meeting for a vote.

No vote held – Council through discussion is having it returned to Mr. Cavouras for another review.

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

4.1. Report on New Registrants – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

4.2. Report on Change of Registration Class – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

4.3. Name Approvals

Dr. Martin had requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda as she is seeking clarification on non-veterinary, corporate names. The facility name process sets out requirements and restrictions on what can be used publicly for providing services and a separate corporate name approval for corporate applications. To have a corporate name approved using the word or variant of “veterinary” when it is submitted to the BC Registry, it

must also be approved by the CVBC. Brief discussion on Rooting for Change Veterinary Dentistry Education, submitted by Brittany Harmening who is a veterinary technician specializing in dentistry and will be hosting training sessions.

MOTION: THAT the Report on Name Approvals be accepted as presented.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

4.4. Report on Facilities, Closed, New & Reaccredited

Dr. Martin sought clarification regarding PFAC making 18-25 accreditation decisions per meeting and whether that is not enough, and if so is there a severe shortage in the number of inspectors and is there a plan to resolve the issue by conducting more inspections and having more inspectors brought on and what the plan is to remedy the backlog. Ms. Arnold noted that she is aware that Facilities and PFAC faces challenges, the discussion of which involves matters appropriate for the closed agenda. The issue will be addressed in detail in the Registrar's Report on the closed agenda.

MOTION: THAT the Practice Facility Accreditations be accepted as presented.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED Dr. Waddington abstained.

4.5. Task List – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1. Next Meeting Date

The open portion of the meeting was adjourning at 10:37 a.m. for a short time. It was reopened after Council came back from the closed agenda at 11:05 a.m. No further items to discuss.

Friday, March 22nd, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in person at #210 – 10991 Shellbridge Way, Richmond, BC.

MOTION: THAT the Open meeting be closed at 11:05 a.m.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED