



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## COUNCIL MEETING

In Person – 10991 Shellbridge Way, Richmond, BC  
Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### Minutes of the Open Meeting

- Council Members:** Dr. Jane Pritchard (President), Mr. Gian Sihota (Treasurer), Dr. Justin McLash, Mr. Harinder Mahil, Ms. Kari Michaels, Dr. Gigi Lin and Dr. Kirsten Riphagen
- By Zoom:** Dr. Michele Martin (Vice President)
- Staff:** Ms. Christine Arnold (Registrar & CEO), Dr. Stacey Thomas (Deputy Registrar) & Ms. Rosalee Magcalas (Executive Assistant)
- Guests:** Ms. Amanda Barker, BCVTA Liaison and Ms. Larke Miller (observation only)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pritchard at 10:04 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**

The meeting started with the new and current Council members introducing themselves and a warm welcome to Drs. Lin and Riphagen.

##### 2.3 President's Remarks

The introductions served as the President's remarks.

##### 2.4. Approval of Consent Agenda

**MOTION: THAT** the Open Consent Agenda be approved as presented with items 2.5, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5.

**MOVED/SECONDED**

**CARRIED**

**2.5. Minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Open Council Meeting**

**MOTION: THAT** the Minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

**Direction:** To post the approved February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 open meeting minutes.

**3. ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION**

**3.1. Update from the BCVTA**

Ms. Barker thanked Council for the invitation to share what the BCVTA has been doing and advised that all Council members will be invited to the Spring Conference and AGM which is scheduled for the end of May in Kamloops. Having it held at this time will permit the year end financials to be shared in a timely manner.

The BCVTA had just completed their wage and benefits survey which had 53% of members completing it and the results will be shared with the CVBC once compiled. They will be attending Pet-A-Palooza in Yaletown in August to reach out to the public. Bylaw and registration reviews are currently being done to ensure that everything aligns, and they are starting to register non-resident members, i.e. members registered in BC, but live in another jurisdiction that does not have a governing body.

The Council President asked how the BCVTA intends to handle complaints that may be brought against non-resident members. Ms. Barker advised that if there is a complaint, the BCVTA would only deal with it if it occurred in BC and from another jurisdiction.

Mr. Sihota asked how they managed to get a 53% completion rate for their survey, as the CVBC has never had such a high turnout and Ms. Barker said that they offered 1 CE credit for each member who completed the survey and in the past, they have had gift card draws.

**3.2. Election of Council Executive**

Ms. Arnold referred Council to the CVBC Officer Election Policy.

Dr. Pritchard gave a brief overview of what each elected position (President, Vice-President, Treasurer) entails.

The floor was opened for the position of Council President and Mr. Sihota nominated Dr. Pritchard, who accepted the nomination. Called two more times for further nominations for Presidents, which went unanswered, and the floor was then closed.

**MOTION: TO** allow for an electronic vote for Council Executives, if required.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

**MOTION: TO** appoint Dr. Jane Pritchard by acclamation as Council President effective immediately.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

The floor was opened for the position of Council Vice President and Dr. Pritchard nominated Dr. Martin, who agreed to let her name stand. Nominations were called for a second time and a third time, and the floor was closed.

**MOTION: TO** appoint Dr. Michele Martin by acclamation as Council Vice President effective immediately.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

The floor was opened for the position of Council Treasurer and Mr. Harinder Mahil nominated Mr. Sihota, who accepted the nomination. Nominations were called for a second time and a third time, and the floor was closed.

**MOTION: TO** appoint Mr. Gian Sihota by acclamation as Council Treasurer effective immediately.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

**Direction:** To update the website with the Executive.

**3.3. Council Meeting Dates for 2024/2025**

Dates were set as May 3, June 21, September 13, November 15, November 24 (AGM), December 13 (if required), January 31, 2025, and March 14, 2025.

With the gap in meetings over the summer, Council members are requested to ensure that their contact information is up to date in the event the office needs to reach members for a virtual/email meeting and potential vote.

Dr. Pritchard reminded members that if they are unable to attend a meeting, they may forward comments or questions to the office or to her to ensure their voices are heard.

**Direction:** To post dates of the Council meetings on the website and send calendar reminders to members.

**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** – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

**4.4. Report on Facilities, Closed, New & Reaccredited** – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

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

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**5.1. Next Meeting Date**

Friday, May 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom.

**MOTION: THAT** the Open meeting be closed at 10:45 a.m.

**MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED**

***Council took a break until 11:00 a.m.***