



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

Via Zoom

Friday, May 2, 2025

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members: Dr. Jane Pritchard (President), Dr. Michele Martin, Mr. Gian Sihota (Treasurer),
Dr. Justin McLash and Dr. Kirsten Riphagen

Regrets: Dr. Gigi Lin

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

Guests: Ms. Amanda Barker, BCVTA Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pritchard at 10:00 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

No 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 and 4.3.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2.5. Minutes of March 14th, 2025 Open Council Meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the March 14th, 2025 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Direction: To post the approved March 14th, 2025 open meeting minutes.

3. ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. Update from the BCVTA (verbal)

The BCVTA liaison to the CVBC provided Council with an update which touched upon projects that are being undertaken. CE requirements have been increased and the BCVTA is currently going through an audit of their CE. The 2026 wage compensation survey, which is done every two years, will be launching soon and results from that will be shared with Council at a future meeting.

Council inquired about the chatter regarding veterinary assistants originating from Ontario, but the liaison had not heard of anything but will endeavor to find out more at the CVMA meeting and report back to Council, possibly in September.

3.2. Investigation Committee Reappointments

Presented by the Registrar for discussion and decision.

Information was provided on the agenda for two current members of the Investigation Committee who have agreed to another term.

MOTION: TO appoint Dr. Sarah Dyck to the Investigation Committee for a second term effective April 29, 2025.

MOVED/SECONDED

Council had no questions regarding the reappointments and appreciates the members agreeing to continue on with the Investigation Committee, realizing the time commitment and amount of training required for this Committee.

CARRIED

MOTION: TO appoint Dr. Peter Watson to the Investigation Committee for a second term effective April 29, 2025.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Direction: To advise the members of their reappointments and update any lists with current terms.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1. Next Meeting Date

Friday, June 20, 2025, via Zoom.

MOTION: THAT the Open meeting be closed at 10:30 a.m.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED