



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

By videoconference

### Minutes of the Open Meeting

**Council Members:** Dr. Jane Pritchard (President), Dr. Michele Martin (Vice-President), Mr. Gian Sihota (Treasurer), Dr. Justin McLash, Dr. Gigi Lin, Dr. Kirsten Riphagen, Ms. Raminder Pooni, Mr. Raminder Kang, Mr. Wes Shoemaker

**Staff:** Ms. Christine Arnold (Registrar & CEO), Dr. Stacey Thomas (Deputy Registrar), Mr. Joel Walsoff (Deputy Registrar / General Counsel), and 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 10:01a.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.*

A round of introductions was held between existing Council members and College staff and the three new public Council members: Ms. Pooni, Mr. Kang, and Mr. Shoemaker.

*Mr. Walsoff left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.*

##### 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

The President advised Council that she had received an email signed by 5 veterinary college in Canada to confirm that despite the fact that the AVMA has been forced to change bylaws around DEI, the Canadian colleges will not be doing the same.

#### **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 and 4.4. A request was made to remove item 4.4, the NEB Report, from the consent agenda and will be discussed in its order.

**MOVED/SECONDED**

**CARRIED**

#### **2.5. Minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Open Council Meeting**

**MOTION: THAT** the Minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

**MOVED/SECONDED**

**CARRIED**

**Direction:** To post the approved June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 open meeting minutes.

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

#### **3.1. New Council Members: Welcome & Introductions**

Presented by Council President.

Completed.

#### **3.2. Update from the BCVTA (verbal)**

Presented by the BCVTA Liaison.

The Liaison presented her report to Council advising that the Provincial Associations had met to discuss several matters, including the idea of creating a national wage and compensation review. The BCVTA learning series will be kicking off next week and will run once a week until January 2026 for CE credit.

The Liaison raised for information and opinion an unusual membership situation involving one of the BCVTA members. Council provided opinions and suggestions.

The Liaison will be writing an article for the SBCV's magazine and asked if she could have someone at the College review it prior to submission. Council agreed to cause the Registrar to do so.

### **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.

**4.4. NEB Report** – Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda. **Removed from the consent agenda.**

Clarification was provided to Council that Dr. Thomas has been nominated to sit on the

National Examining Board (NEB) but her nomination has not been approved yet. Written thanks will be sent to the previous NEB representative from Council.

**Direction:** To prepare a letter of thanks to the outgoing NEB representative for her work on NEB, Council and committees.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

### **5.1. Next Meeting Date**

Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**MOTION: THAT** the Open meeting be closed at 11:10 a.m.

**MOVED/SECONDED**

**CARRIED**