



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, January 30, 2026

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, Dr. Raminder Kang, and Mr. Wes Shoemaker

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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 November 21, 2025 Open Council Meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the November 21, 2025 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Direction: To post the approved November 21, 2025 open meeting minutes.

3. ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. Update from the BCVTA

The BCVTA Liaison was not able to attend this meeting. Accordingly, no update was given.

3.2. PFAC – Notice of Resignation

Presented by the Registrar for notice.

Kim Holbrow, RVT, member and chair of the Practice Facility Accreditation Committee resigned from the Committee effective January 29, 2026.

3.3. Council Self-Assessment

Presented by the Council President for discussion.

Council discussed and considered options. Questions were asked and answered.

Direction: For the College's EA to work with Dr. Riphagen and Mr. Shoemaker to arrange to circulate the self-assessment to all Council 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. Report on Facilities, Closed, New & Reaccredited - Accepted and not discussed as per the Consent Agenda.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1. Next Meeting Date

Next scheduled Council meeting, Friday, March 20, 2026 (in person).

MOTION: THAT the Open meeting be closed at 10:26 a.m.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED