



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 20, 2026

In Person

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members: Dr. Jane Pritchard (President), Mr. Gian Sihota (Treasurer), Dr. Gigi Lin, Dr. Kirsten Riphagen, Ms. Raminder Pooni, Dr. Raminder Kang, Dr. Douglas Casey and Dr. Robert McLeod

Regrets: 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 2:48 p.m.

A member of the public attended and observed the meeting by phone.

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 item 2.5.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2.5. Minutes of January 30, 2026 Open Council Meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the January 30th, 2026 Open Council meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

Direction: To post the approved January 30, 2026 open meeting minutes.

3. ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION/DISCUSSION

3.1. 2026-2027 Council Meetings Dates

Presented by the Registrar for discussion and decision.

See CVBC Bylaws:

- 1.30(1): The council must hold regular council meetings.
- 1.52(1): A general meeting must be held in British Columbia in each calendar year.

Proposed meeting dates:

- May 15, 2026
- July 10, 2026
- September 11, 2026
- November 20, 2026
- January 29, 2027
- March 19, 2027 (first meeting of 2027-28 Council year)

MOTION: TO schedule Council meetings in accordance with the dates set out above.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

MOTION: TO schedule the 2026 Annual General Meeting on November 29, 2026.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

3.2. Election of Council Officers

Presented by the Registrar and President for discussion and decision.

See CVBC Bylaws: 1.19-1.25 and CVBC Officer Election Policy (March 15, 2022)

Nominations

for President (2):

- Dr. Douglas Casey
- Dr. Jane Pritchard

for Vice-President (1):

- Dr. Gigi Lin

for Treasurer (2):

- Dr. Robert McLeod
- Mr. Gian Sihota

MOTION: TO elect a president by vote via paper ballot.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Dr. Jane Pritchard was elected by a vote of 6 to 2.

MOTION: TO elect a vice-president by acclamation.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

MOTION: TO elect a treasurer by vote via paper ballot.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

Mr. Gian Sihota was elected by a vote of 5 to 3.

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.1. Next Meeting Date

Next scheduled Council meeting, Friday, May 15, 2026, by Zoom.

MOTION: THAT the Open meeting be closed at 3:21 p.m.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED