

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

9:30AM - 10:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

In-person meetings will resume in FY 2024, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	P
	SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS — BOARD MEMBER	P
	<i>Vacancy</i>	—
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT — VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	EA
	BLAIR ZERVOS — CONSUMER MEMBER	P

STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

STAFF MEMBERS:

	AYANNA BENNETT, MD, MSPH, FAAP — DIRECTOR	EA
	J. SAM HURLEY, MPH, EMPS, NRP — SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EA
	AISHA NIXON, MPT, CPM — ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, BS, CPM, ILAM — SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	P
	LAKETHIA MCCOY, INVESTIGATOR	EA
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR	EA
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ — BOARD ATTORNEY	P
	MATTEO LIEB — DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	P

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1121-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. CALL TO ORDER - 9:35 AMB. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — ChairpersonC. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present except Amy Haywood (Excused absence) and one vacancyD. QUORUM — YesE. STAFF PRESENT - All except Ayanna Bennett (Excused absence), J. Sam Hurley (Excused absence), Aisha Nixon (Excused absence), Emilia Moran (Excused absence) and Lakethia McCoy (Excused absence).F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Sarah Sirica, City Wildlife.
OS-1121-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of November 21, 2024 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for November 21, 2024.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM, Board Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-1121-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of Open Session minutes from October 17, 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session minutes from October 17, 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS, Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-1121-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-1121-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reported on behalf of Mr. Sam Hurley who could not join the meeting due to other engagements. He did not have anything specific to report.</p>	

OS-1121-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reported on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon who could not join the meeting due to other engagements. She did not have anything specific to report.</p>	
OS-1121-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 478 • Paid Inactive: 24 • Expired Licenses: 667 • Approved Renewal Applications: 379 • New Applications Under Review: 14 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 00 <p>Dr. Vito DelVento provided an update about the launch of the veterinary technician licensing portal.</p> <p>The communications material has been provided to the Board members for review.</p> <p>The licensing portal is expected to go Live in March 2025.</p>	
OS-1121-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>DC Health, Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) is excited to announce the opening of our new online dog licensing system. All dog owners in the District are required to submit their dog registration or renewal applications by going to the below link and submitting an online application.</p>	

	<p>https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F</p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento informed the Board about a new partnership with Brandywine Valley SPCA, a Delaware-based non-profit organization that has been awarded the animal control contract from DC Health.</p> <p>Brandywine Valley SPCA will be replacing HRA and will officially take over from January 1, 2025.</p> <p>Animal shelter will be taking a new shape as well and currently, DC Health is working with General Services to locate a property for the shelter.</p> <p>Ms. Joy McFarlane-Mills provided an update about the arbovirus program that has come to an end for this season.</p> <p>DC Health is working with CDC to report this year’s arbovirus data.</p>	
OS-1121-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich stated that he is excited for the new animal shelter and for the District’s new association with Brandywine Valley SPCA.</p>	
OS-1121-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Commercial animal facility regulations</p> <p>Maryland Criminal Code on Animals</p> <p>Topics of Legislative Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Telehealth Policy 2. Cosmetic treatments on pets 3. Artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine 	

i. Client Communication and Education:

- Chatbots powered by AI can provide instant answers to common pet-related questions.
- Educational resources can be personalized based on an individual pet's needs.

ii. Natural Language Processing (NLP):

- NLP algorithms can analyze veterinary literature, case reports, and clinical notes to extract relevant information.
- Veterinarians can benefit from AI-generated summaries and recommendations.

iii. Diagnostics and Imaging:

- AI algorithms can analyze medical images (such as X-rays, MRIs, and ultrasounds) to assist veterinarians in diagnosing conditions like fractures, tumors, or organ abnormalities.

iv. Predictive Analytics:

- AI models can predict disease outbreaks, track disease trends, and assess risk factors in animal populations for example, predicting the spread of infectious diseases or identifying at-risk animals for preventive measures.

v. Treatment Planning:

- AI can recommend personalized treatment plans based on an individual animal's health history, genetics, and response to previous treatments.
- It can also suggest optimal drug dosages and monitor treatment effectiveness.

vi. Health Monitoring:

- Wearable devices and sensors equipped with AI can continuously monitor vital signs, detect anomalies, and alert veterinarians to potential health issues.
- This real-time monitoring enhances early disease detection and intervention.

	<p>vii. Research and Drug Discovery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AI assists in analyzing large datasets, identifying genetic markers, and predicting drug interactions. - It accelerates research and drug development for both animals and humans. <p>viii. Population Health Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AI helps track population health trends, assess vaccination coverage, and manage disease control programs. - It contributes to better overall animal welfare. <p>Mr. Ed Rich has been drafting the regulations for Cosmetic treatments on pets. He is also part of the AAVSB committee on AI policy. He will have more updates on that later. Mr. Rich has emailed Board members the AAVSB telehealth regulations for the veterinary medicine to review. This will be discussed in the next board meeting.</p>	
OS-1121-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>	
OS-1121-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 19, 2024 • January 16, 2025 • February 20, 2025 	

- March 20, 2025
- April 17, 2025
- May 15, 2025

OS-1121-13

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI

NAVLE Testing Windows

Starting with the 2025-2026 testing cycle, the NAVLE will transition to three testing windows.

2025 – 2026 NAVLE® TESTING CYCLE				
Testing Window	Application Period	Licensing Board Approvals	Testing Dates	Approx. Score Release
October – November	June 1 – July 15	July 22	October 15 – November 15	December 15 – 27
March	December 1 – January 7	January 14	March 1 – 21	April 20 – May 2
July – August	April 2 – May 7	May 14	July 13 – August 8	September 7 – 19

Academic Veterinary Assessment Committee

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) is seeking individuals with an interest in assessment to volunteer for the ICVA Academic Veterinary Assessment Committee (AVAC).

If you are passionate about assessment and have an interest in joining like-minded individuals, the AVAC invites you to submit a brief letter of intent and CV to Jeanne Blasewitz at jblasewitz@icva.net by December 6, 2024.

Interested veterinary educators, veterinarians, or associations are invited to nominate individuals. Self-nominations are also welcome. Those interested in learning more about the AVAC positions should contact Jeanne Blasewitz at jblasewitz@icva.net.

	<p>2023-2024 Annual Report</p> <p>The ICVA 2023-2024 Annual Report is now available on our website, highlighting our assessments, dedicated volunteers, board, and staff.</p>	
OS-1121-14	<p><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></p>	
OS-1121-15	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Watchdog Tracking Report</p> <p>AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of July and August -- 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2024 Report <p><i>Watchdog is your resource center for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative and regulatory activity reports • Board updates • VMA updates • Map view of Legislative Sessions • Conveniently linked news coverage of recent legislative activity and issues affecting the veterinary regulatory community. <p>The AAVSB is thrilled to bring you this new member service in support of its mission to support and advance the regulatory process for veterinary medicine. As this online resource center expands, Member Boards will gain a powerful research tool and increase their usability of key legislative advancements.</p>	

The AAVSB Regulatory Policy Committee seeks Member Board commentary

The AAVSB Regulatory Policy Committee requests Member Board commentary on the following two documents:

1. [Article V](#): The RPC proposes replacing the current language found in PAM Sections 501 and 501 with the new language.
2. [Model Regulations Medical Records](#): The RPC will move much of the language from PAM Sections 501 and 502 into Model Regulations and have added additional language.

Please provide feedback before **February 14, 2025**, via [this form](#).

Please contact Beth Venit, AAVSB Chief Veterinary Officer, with any questions or concerns at evenit@aavsb.org.

Mid-month Bulletin

Executive Directors & Registrars Roundtable

Wednesday, November 13 at 1:00 pm EST / 12:00 pm CST

As a dedicated forum, the Executive Directors' and Registrars' Roundtable engages Board Executive Directors and Registrars in meaningful dialogue on key challenges, shares best practices, and explores innovative solutions within their roles. [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Get Ready for Spring Training in 2025. Registration Opens in January!

Join us in Kansas City, MO, for our Executive Directors' and Registrars' Summit on March 28-29, and the Board Basics and Beyond on March 26-27. For more information on training and registration, visit [our website](#).

Accessing VTNE Scores Through the AAVSB Portal

VTNE scores are now available to view, search, and export through the AAVSB Portal. Please view this guide that shows the steps for accessing scores for individuals who selected your jurisdiction when applying for the VTNE. Please email vettech@aavsb.org for any questions and further assistance with VTNE Score Access.

	<p>Interested in the AAVSB Hosting Your Jurisprudence Exam?</p> <p>The AAVSB's State and Provincial Exams (SPA) program takes your state exam for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, or both, and delivers it through the AAVSB's platform. The AAVSB's experts in exam delivery handle the process, start to finish, with the goal of removing some of the administrative burden from Member Board staff. There is no charge to Member Boards for use of this service. For more information on the SPA program, please reach out to spa@aavsb.org.</p>	
OS-1121-16	<p><u>AAVMC UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>AAVMC Diversity Reads</p> <p>This program is designed to promote texts exploring diversity issues in higher education and using our new knowledge to improve our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts within our institutions.</p>	
OS-1121-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>End of Council Period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council Period 25 will conclude on December 23, 2024. The Council will then go on recess. ▪ Council Period 26 will then commence on January 2, 2024. <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb will have more updates on committee assignments by the end of December.</p> <p><u>Veterinarian Regulations</u></p> <p>https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&ChapterId=699</p>	

Veterinary Technician Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&ChapterId=3904>

Veterinary Euthanasia Technician Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&ChapterId=3903>

The new Veterinary Technician and Euthanasia Technicians regulations became effective Friday, August 6, 2021. At this time, the DC Department of Health will not be issuing registrations until the process is in place.

The Department of Health is currently creating the platform by which individuals can submit an application for registration as either a Veterinary Technician or a Veterinary Euthanasia Technician. Once the platform is available, there will be a grace period for which individuals will need to come into full compliance.

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

[DC Vet Tech Communication Material.pdf](#)

11202 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

11202.1 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for veterinary technician certification shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has successfully graduated from a two (2) year associate program in the practice of veterinary technology or animal health at an institution accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) at the time the applicant graduated.

11203 NATIONAL EXAMINATION

11203.1 To qualify for certification, an applicant shall furnish proof of having obtained, no more than seven (7) years prior to the submission of a certification application under this chapter, a passing score on

the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) or its successor examination, administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) or its successor.

11203.2 The passing score for the VTNE shall be as established by AAVSB.

11203.3 An applicant shall arrange for the score to be transmitted to the Board directly from AAVSB.

11204 KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VETERINARY JURISPRUDENCE

11204.1 To qualify for certification under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that he or she possesses competent knowledge and understanding of the laws and rules pertaining to veterinary practice in the District. The Board may adopt or implement a District of Columbia Veterinary Jurisprudence Examination or other methods such as mandatory educational sessions.

11205 ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING

11205.1 Notwithstanding the requirement of § 11202, an applicant who does not meet the requirement of § 11202.1 may qualify for a veterinary technician certification if he or she:

(a) Has completed, with a minimum passing grade of C or equivalent, at least two-hundred and thirty (230) clock hours of post-secondary instruction relevant to the practice of veterinary technician, which includes:

- (1) Biology I;
- (2) Biology II;
- (3) Microbiology;
- (4) Chemistry;
- (5) Anatomy and physiology I; and
- (6) Anatomy and physiology II; and

(b) Has accrued at least four thousand (4,000) hours of Directed Clinical

	<p>Practice under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p><u>Fee Schedule:</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="386 464 906 548">VETERINARY EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN:</th> <th data-bbox="906 464 1297 548">VETERINARY TECHNICIAN:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 548 906 621">Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00</td> <td data-bbox="906 548 1297 621">Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 621 906 730">Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00</td> <td data-bbox="906 621 1297 730">Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 730 906 804">Renewal Fee \$ 50.00</td> <td data-bbox="906 730 1297 804">Renewal Fee \$ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 804 906 877">Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00</td> <td data-bbox="906 804 1297 877">Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 877 906 951">Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00</td> <td data-bbox="906 877 1297 951">Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 951 906 1024">Verification of Records \$ 34.00</td> <td data-bbox="906 951 1297 1024">Verification of Records \$ 34.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 1024 906 1098">Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00</td> <td data-bbox="906 1024 1297 1098">Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 1098 906 1171">Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00</td> <td data-bbox="906 1098 1297 1171">Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VETERINARY EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN:	VETERINARY TECHNICIAN:	Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00	Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00	Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00	Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00	Renewal Fee \$ 50.00	Renewal Fee \$ 50.00	Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00	Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00	Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00	Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00	Verification of Records \$ 34.00	Verification of Records \$ 34.00	Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00	Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00	Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00	Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00	
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OS-1121-18	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>																			

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-1121-19	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-1121-20	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-1121-21	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-1121-22	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Executive Section, which is closed to the public, to seek the advice of counsel to the board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4); to administer licensing of health professionals governed by the Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9); administration of licensing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); discuss ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14). This meeting is governed by the</p>

	Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov	
OS-1121-23	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **December 19, 2024**

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