

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MARCH 21, 2024

9:30AM - 10:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING AGENDA

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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

In-person meetings will be at 2201 Shannon Place SE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020.

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<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=meaac4d7d4904dd32c60e11d87ee69c30>

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1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

STAFF MEMBERS:

	AYANNA BENNETT, MD, MSPH, FAAP — DIRECTOR	
	ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S. — SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
	AISHA NIXON, MPT, CPM — ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, BS, CPM, ILAM — SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR	
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ — BOARD ATTORNEY	
	MATTEO LIEB — LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0321-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> A. CALL TO ORDER B. PRESIDING C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT D. QUORUM E. STAFF PRESENT F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE </p>
OS-0321-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of March 21, 2024 Open Session agenda.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0321-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from February 15, 2024 meeting.</p>
OS-0321-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>

OS-0321-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p>	
OS-0321-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p>	
OS-0321-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 396 • Expired Licenses: 748 • Approved Renewal Applications: 374 • New Applications Under Review: 09 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 05 	
OS-0321-08	<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>	

OS-0321-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p>	
OS-0321-10	<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. Cosmetic treatments on pets 2. Artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine 	
OS-0321-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>	
OS-0321-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 18, 2024 (In-Person) • May 16, 2024 • June 20, 2024 • July 18, 2024 • August 2024 (Recess) • September 19, 2024 • October 17, 2024 • November 21, 2024 • December 19, 2024 	

OS-0321-13	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p>	
OS-0321-14	<p><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></p>	
OS-0321-15	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Watchdog Tracking Report</p> <p>AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of September 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 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> <p>Dates to Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director and Registrar Summit — April 10 - 11, 2024 at The Fontaine Hotel in Kansas City, MO 	

- Board Basics and Beyond — April 12 - 13, 2024 at The Fontaine Hotel in Kansas City, MO
- 2024 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference — September 25 - 28, 2024 at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort in San Diego, CA

AAVSB Call for Nominations

Nominations for the 2024-2025 leadership year are now open. The AAVSB Nominating Committee asks that you review the Call for Nominations document and visit www.aavsb.org/nominations to submit nominations online.

Welcome our new Executive Directors and Registrars

- Jacob Bell- Ohio Board
- Christine Arnold- British Columbia Board
- Vonda Apking- Nebraska Board

Changes to the VTNE Policy

In December 2023, the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Board of Directors approved proposed [amendments to the Veterinary Technician National Examination \(VTNE\) application eligibility policy](#). While approved, research is still underway before these changes are implemented. This research phase is projected to extend through most of the year, and the approved changes will not take effect for any of the 2024 exam windows.

NAVLE Import

Scores from the fall exam window of the NAVLE have been uploaded to the ICVA/NBME portal.

Member Board Presentations

If you would like a presentation (live or via zoom) to your board to learn more about the services offered by the AAVSB, email member services at memberservices@aavsb.org.

	<p>Member Board Staff Updates</p> <p>Keeping our database updated is vital to providing the best communications. Don't forget to let us know of any staffing changes or updates at memberservices@aavsb.org. This helps us to make sure communications are being sent to the appropriate people.</p>	
OS-0321-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. • The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0545). • This legislation received a hearing on December 7th. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health's Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. • DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up has been scheduled for March 21st, 2024. <p>DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health will have its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight hearing in early April. This hearing offers an opportunity for the Committee on Health to review DC Health's proposed budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year. • There will be two hearings, one on April 1st for public witnesses and one on April 4th for representatives from DC Health. 	

	<p><u>Veterinarian Regulations</u></p> <p>https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&ChapterId=699</p> <p><u>Veterinary Technician Regulations</u></p> <p>https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&ChapterId=3904</p> <p><u>Veterinary Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></p> <p>https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&ChapterId=3903</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
OS-0321-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0321-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-0321-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-0321-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-0321-21	<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 Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov</p>

OS-0321-22	<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>	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **April 18, 2024**

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