

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

DECEMBER 21, 2023

9:30AM - 10:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING AGENDA

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

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	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	
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	KUNTUMIE HOLSTON — PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST	
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR	
	MATTEO LIEB — LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ — BOARD ATTORNEY	
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1221-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER B. PRESIDING C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT D. QUORUM E. STAFF PRESENT F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE</p>
OS-1221-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of December 21, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-1221-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from November 16, 2023 meeting.</p>
OS-1221-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>

OS-1221-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p>	
OS-1221-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p>	
OS-1221-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 519 • Expired Licenses: 605 • Approved Renewal Applications: 191 • New Applications Under Review: 03 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 74 	
OS-1221-08	<p>Public Health CE requirements:</p> <p>Licenses have expressed concerns regarding the public health CE requirements. Board has decided to write a letter to DC Health Director to request a waiver in public health CE requirements.</p> <p>Update: Board has elected to refine/edit the proposed letter before sending it to Dr. Bennett.</p>	

OS-1221-09	<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-1221-10	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p>	
OS-1221-11	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p>	
OS-1221-12	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>	
OS-1221-13	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 18, 2024 (In-Person) • February 15, 2024 • March 21, 2024 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 18, 2024 (In-Person) • May 16, 2024 • June 20, 2024 	
OS-1221-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p> <p>The ICVA is pleased to present the 2022-2023 NAVLE Technical Report. This report documents the development, administration, and psychometric analysis of the 2022-2023 NAVLE administration.</p>	
OS-1221-15	<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"> • November 2023 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>AAVSB to Discontinue the Veterinary Care Elite Program</p> <p>After careful consideration, the AAVSB has decided to discontinue the Veterinary Care Elite program, effective December 31, 2023.</p> <p>Dates to Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deans Leadership Conference — By Invitation — January 11-13, 2024 • Executive Director and Registrar Roundtable — February 14, 2024 via Zoom • 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 	
OS-1221-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><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 <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (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. <p>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the <i>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0312) on June 2, 2023. 	

- This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
- There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
- This bill received a hearing on [July 13, 2023](#). DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It was voted out of the Committee on Health during a markup on [September 26th](#) and was passed on first reading by the Committee of the Whole on October 3rd.
- The bill passed on final reading on November 7th and was signed by the Mayor on November 21st. It is now undergoing Congressional Review.

DC Health Director Appointment:

- On June 8th, Mayor Bowser [announced](#) the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director.
 - Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity.
- The Committee on Health held a confirmation hearing on [October 5th](#). During the roundtable, Acting Director Bennett expressed her eagerness and excitement to take on the role, highlighting her qualifications for the position. The hearing also included testimonies from members of the public who voiced their support for the new director and discussed the key issues they hope the Director will prioritize.
- Acting Director Bennett's nomination was unanimously voted out of the Committee on Health and was then unanimously approved by the entire Council on November 7th.

Veterinarian Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&ChapterId=699>

	<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-1221-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-1221-18	<p><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></p>	
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OS-1221-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-1221-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING

OS-1221-21	<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>
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OS-1221-22	<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 **January 18, 2024**

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