

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

APRIL 18, 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.

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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Call in Number:

+1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

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

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	P
	BLAIR ZERVOS — CONSUMER MEMBER	P

STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

STAFF MEMBERS:

	AYANNA BENNETT, MD, MSPH, FAAP — DIRECTOR	EA
	ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S. — 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	P
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

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

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0418-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:41 AM B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present and one vacancy D. QUORUM — Yes E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Ayanna Bennett (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence) and Aisha Nixon (Excused absence). F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Sarah Sirica (City Wildlife)</p>
OS-0418-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of April 18, 2024 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for April 18, 2024.</p> <p>Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS, Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0418-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of Open Session minutes from March 21, 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session minutes for March 21, 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Dr. Dan Teich, DVM, Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-0418-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0418-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reported on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson who could not join the meeting due to other engagements.</p> <p>Mr. Gibson thanked everyone for their continued support for DC Health. He further stated that DC Health is still in the process of settling in the new workspace and we hope to get all tech issues resolved soon.</p>	

OS-0418-06	<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 has provided updates about a new license renewal cycle process for healthcare professionals that may be based on the birth months of licensees. This change may be implemented in the next renewal cycle.</p>
OS-0418-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 412 • Paid Inactive: 24 • Expired Licenses: 667 • Approved Renewal Applications: 377 • New Applications Under Review: 22 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 02 <p>Dr. Vito stated that currently DC has jurisdiction over 412 licensees. New applications are coming in from fresh graduates and we are processing their applications in a timely manner.</p>
OS-0418-08	<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 stated that DC Health has been working on the contract modification with HRA. He will have more updates on this soon.</p> <p>Arbovirus program will kick in during May and our team is ready for the season.</p> <p>Joy McFarlane-Mills reported on a partnership with the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Service. They have a farmland in Laurel, MD where they educate and rehab youth through animals and nature. They have been organizing pop-up events at DC Public Schools this summer and Animal Services team has been actively representing DC Health in these events by educating school students about pet licensing, emotional support animals and responsible pet ownership.</p> <p>Dr. Sarah Sirica reported on the Duck Watch program.</p> <p>City Wildlife recently received an adult female mallard as an intake. The Duck Watch response staff captured her after finding her disoriented and falling over in a parking lot. Upon examination, there were no obvious external injuries, but some blood spots were present on the towels in her enclosure. Her eyes were crusted shut, and manual opening revealed marked corneal edema in both eyes, along with slightly yellow discharge.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the patient was chemically immobilized and euthanized. All examination and care took place in the outdoor quarantine area, and she has been securely triple-bagged and stored in a freezer away from other animal care facilities. The address where she was found is 2316 L St NW, Washington, DC 20037.</p>	
OS-0418-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>	

OS-0418-10	<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 <p>Board will discuss the abovementioned topics in detail in the next board meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich stated that his legal team in collaboration with Ms. Aisha Nixon has been putting together a fee schedule for veterinary technician and veterinary euthanasia licensing.</p>	
OS-0418-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>	
OS-0418-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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-0418-13	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p> <p>ICVA Committee Members Presenting at 2024 AAVMC Meeting</p> <p>ICVA committee volunteers and staff members will be presenting in Washington, DC at the upcoming AAVMC Meeting this April 11-13, 2024.</p> <p>ICVA Board of Directors Meeting: Foresighting Exercise</p> <p>The January ICVA Board of Directors meeting focused on foresight, emphasizing a forward-thinking mindset among board members and staff.</p> <p>2023 ICVA Assessment Grant Winner</p> <p>Congratulations to the 2023 ICVA Assessment Grant winner, Dr. Carolyn Legge, University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.</p>
OS-0418-14	<p><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></p>
OS-0418-15	<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"> • March 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.

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.

Dates to Remember

- 2024 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference — September 25 - 28, 2024 at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort in San Diego, CA

New Opportunities

Now is the time for you or members of your board to take the opportunity to join the AAVSB leadership. 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. Nominations are due **May 29, 2024**.

2024 AAVSB Call for Resolutions

It's time to submit resolutions for the 2024 Annual Meeting & Conference. The AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee is providing a [Call for Resolutions Packet \(PDF\)](#) for distribution to your Board Members and presentation at your next Board meeting. The [recording](#) of our recent VetBoard Connect on Bylaws and resolutions provides information on the resolution process.

The AAVSB Streamlines CE Approval Process with Direct Upload to CE Broker

AAVSB is pleased to announce that it is now offering Member Boards and State Veterinary Medical Associations (VMAs) the ability to upload their statutorily approved continuing education (CE) programs into the CE Broker Board Suite. This allows Member Boards and State VMAs the autonomy to

	<p>upload directly, streamlining the process for veterinarians and veterinary technicians to meet their mandatory CE requirements.</p>	
<p>OS-0418-16</p>	<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 <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. ▪ DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up was held on March 21st, 2024. The legislation was passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole on First Reading on April 2nd. It is scheduled for a Second Reading on May 7th. <p><i>Here is the summary of the legislation that was passed:</i></p> <p>A health professional who is licensed, registered, or certified in the District pursuant to this act may offer telehealth services to a District resident or an individual located within the District if the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The telehealth services are consistent with the applicable standard of care in the District and fall within the health professional's authorized scope of practice in the District. • The telehealth services are not otherwise prohibited by law or regulation. • A practitioner-patient or practitioner-client relationship can be established through telehealth, in accordance with the appropriate standard of care and the practitioner's competence and scope of practice. However, the Mayor may issue additional requirements 	

through rulemaking for specific health professionals to establish a practitioner-client relationship, including the possibility of an initial in-person physical examination.

DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight

- 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.
 - You can find information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget [here](#).

Two hearings, one on April 10 for public witnesses and one on April 11 for representatives from DC Health also took place. These hearings can be watched here:

Hearing link (April 11th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsl31tkyHtE>

Hearing link (April 10th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpvDpBqBfaA>

Veterinarian Regulations

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

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.	
OS-0418-17	<u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u> https://dccouncil.us/events/list/	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0418-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-0418-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-0418-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-0418-21	<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-0418-22	<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>

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **May 16, 2024**

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