





**LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:**

**LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:**

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

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES JULY 18, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0718-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:30 AM</b>  <b>B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson</b>  <b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present and one vacancy</b>  <b>D. QUORUM — Yes</b>  <b>E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Ayanna Bennett (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence), Lakethia McCoy (Excused Absence), Ed Rich (Excused Absence) replaced by Panravee Vongjaroenrat and Sahar Majid (Excused absence) replaced by Charles Annor.</b>  <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Beth Venit, AAVSB and Sarah Sirica, City Wildlife</b></p>
OS-0718-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of July 18, 2024 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for July 18, 2024.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM, Board Chairperson</p>

	<p><b>Seconded By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>
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<b>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
OS-0718-03	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of Open Session minutes from June 20, 2024 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session minutes from June 20, 2024 meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS, Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	

OS-0718-04	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>	
OS-0718-05	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon reported on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson who could not join the meeting due to other engagements. Mr. Gibson had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0718-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon stated that September 30, 2024, is the end of the current fiscal year and her team has been gearing up for the next fiscal year. “Our strategic initiative for 2025 is under Congressional review,” she said. We are also planning a town hall meeting for our board members to discuss with them the upcoming changes.</p>	
OS-0718-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Licenses: 464</li> <li>• Paid Inactive: 24</li> <li>• Expired Licenses: 667</li> <li>• Approved Renewal Applications: 378</li> <li>• New Applications Under Review: 08</li> <li>• Renewal Applications Under Review: 01</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Vito stated that DC, Maryland and Virginia have entered into an agreement to establish reciprocity amongst the parties to facilitate the expedited licensure of health professionals practicing within the three jurisdictions. The agreement is not yet fully signed by VA and MD and is under review by their legal counsel.</p>	

OS-0718-08	<p><b><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></b></p> <p><b>ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS</b></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><a href="https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&amp;startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F">https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&amp;startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F</a></p> <p>Ms. Joy McFarlane Mills stated that that our arbovirus program is in the second month now and our investigators have been diligently helping the city become mosquito-free.</p> <p>Due to increased heat stress, animals are not moving, Dr. Sarah Sirica reported.</p> <p>City Wildlife got five different sets of squirrels last month and they are expecting to have an early squirrel season.</p>	
OS-0718-09	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich thanked everyone who attended the in-person meeting. He had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0718-10	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Commercial animal facility regulations</a></p> <p><a href="#">Maryland Criminal Code on Animals</a></p>	

	<p><b>Topics of Legislative Priorities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cosmetic treatments on pets</li> <li>2. Artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine</li> </ol> <p>Dr. Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon stated that there is scientific evidence and studies related to cosmetic procedures involving animals. While some research has shown no benefits to these procedures for animals, there are ethical considerations.</p> <p>“The board's role in safeguarding animals and the public is crucial,” she said.</p> <p>Considering age-related concerns, pain perception, and neurological regulation, it's important to gather input from specialists.</p> <p>“An anesthesiologist has offered to address questions,” Dr. Kindberg-Hanlon added.</p> <p>Having this information will aid decision-making. If possible, the individual can participate in the September meeting’s open session. This would ensure that all board members receive relevant insights.</p> <p>Dr. Vito said that this topic will be revisited in the September meeting.</p>	
OS-0718-11	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Members of the public inquired about the vacancy on board. Dr. Vito informed them that MOTA has not yet received any application to fill in this position and those interested can reach out to MOTA directly to submit their applications. MOTA will then guide them about the rules and requirements to serve on the Board.</p>	

OS-0718-12	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 2024 (Recess)</li> <li>• September 19, 2024</li> <li>• October 17, 2024 (n-Person)</li> <li>• November 21, 2024</li> <li>• December 19, 2024</li> </ul> <p>Board will recess in August and October meeting is going to be in-person.</p>	
OS-0718-13	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p> <p><b>Upcoming Changes to the NAVLE®</b></p> <p>Significant changes are on the horizon to enhance accessibility, flexibility, and efficiency for candidates and licensing boards alike</p> <p><b>Updates to NAVLE® Accommodation Policies and Procedures</b></p> <p>The ICVA is dedicated to providing a level playing field for all candidates taking our assessments, including the NAVLE. <a href="#">Read more...</a></p>	
OS-0718-14	<p><b><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p>	



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**AAVSB UPDATES – FYI**

**Watchdog Tracking Report**

AAVSB's Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of September 2023.

- [June 2024 Report](#)

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**Dates to Remember**

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

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**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS**

**PDMP**

Mr. Matteo Lieb provided the following legal updates.

**Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:**

- 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 7<sup>th</sup>](#). 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024](#). The legislation was passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole on First Reading on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and on Second Reading on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The legislation was signed by the Mayor on May 29<sup>th</sup> and is now going through Congressional Review. OGR anticipates this will become law by either early August.

**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](#).
- There were two hearings, one on [April 10<sup>th</sup>](#) for public witnesses and one on [April 11<sup>th</sup>](#) for representatives from DC Health. During the hearing, there was discussion around staffing for health professional licensing boards and investments to address healthcare workforce issues.
- The mark-up for DC Health's budget in the Committee on Health was held on [May 9<sup>th</sup>](#). The marked-up FY25 budget was advanced unanimously out of Committee. It then went to the Committee of the Whole where it passed on Final Reading on June 11<sup>th</sup>. It now undergoing Mayoral Review.

	<p><b>Council Recess:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The District of Columbia Council will be on recess starting on July 15<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>▪ During that time, limited activity can take place by the Council.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Veterinarian Regulations</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&amp;ChapterId=699">https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&amp;ChapterId=699</a></p> <p><b><u>Veterinary Technician Regulations</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&amp;ChapterId=3904">https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&amp;ChapterId=3904</a></p> <p><b><u>Veterinary Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&amp;ChapterId=3903">https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&amp;ChapterId=3903</a></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-0718-17	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dccouncil.us/events/list/">https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</a></p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0718-18	<u><b>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</b></u>
OS-0718-19	<u><b>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</b></u>
OS-0718-20	<u><b>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</b></u>

CLOSING	
OS-0718-21	<p><u><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b></u></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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>

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OS-0718-22	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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 **September 19, 2024**

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