

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	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
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR	P
	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 FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0220-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. <b>CALL TO ORDER - 9:31 AM</b></li><li>B. <b>PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson</b></li><li>C. <b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present except Amy Haywood (Excused absence) and one vacancy</b></li><li>D. <b>QUORUM — Yes</b></li><li>E. <b>STAFF PRESENT - All except Ayanna Bennett (Excused absence), J. Sam Hurley (Excused absence) and Aisha Nixon (Excused absence).</b></li><li>F. <b>PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Sarah Sirica (City Wildlife).</b></li></ul>
OS-0220-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of February 20, 2025 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for February 20, 2025.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM, Board Chairperson</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>

<b>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
OS-0220-03	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of Open Session minutes from December 19, 2024 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session minutes from December 19, 2024 meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM, Board Chairperson</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
OS-0220-04	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>	
OS-0220-05	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></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>	

<p>OS-0220-06</p>	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento presented on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon, who was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.</p> <p>Ms. Nixon reported the formation of a new Board of Integrated Medicine, which will oversee the practices of acupuncture, chiropractic, and naturopathic medicine. In addition to the Board of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. DelVento will now also oversee the Board of Integrated Medicine, the Board of Optometry, and the Board of Podiatry.</p>
<p>OS-0220-07</p>	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Licenses: 494</li> <li>• Paid Inactive: 24</li> <li>• Expired Licenses: 667</li> <li>• Approved Renewal Applications: 379</li> <li>• New Applications Under Review: 10</li> <li>• Renewal Applications Under Review: 00</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reported the feedback from Maryland regarding the reciprocity agreement.</p> <p>Maryland has expressed concerns regarding the implementation of the agreement, particularly around licensing pathways for individuals using clinical or teaching experience routes. Currently, these individuals are not required to submit NAVLE scores or transcripts but must provide letters of good standing. However, issues arise with licensees who have been licensed for over five years in certain states (e.g., DC, VA) but also hold licenses in other states (e.g., FL), as the letters of good standing may be outdated and not reflect recent disciplinary actions in other jurisdictions.</p> <p>For those licensed only in DC or VA, the process is already efficient, with license verification typically completed within a week. The agreement might benefit newly licensed graduates with recently verified NAVLE scores and transcripts, but inconsistencies in state policies (e.g., VA's lack of NAVLE expiration versus MD/DC's 7-year limit) could pose challenges.</p> <p>Additionally, Maryland raised concerns about Section B-V, which involves information sharing. Maryland only shares confidential information after a</p>

	<p>case is finalized and public disciplinary action is taken, which may conflict with the agreement’s requirements. Further discussion is needed to clarify processes and ensure alignment among all parties involved.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento provided an update regarding the launch date of the Veterinary Technician licensing portal, noting that it has not yet been finalized. Ms. Aisha Nixon expressed her intention to review the policy before proceeding. Dr. DelVento mentioned that further updates on this matter will be available in the coming weeks.</p>	
<p>OS-0220-08</p>	<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>Dr. Vito DelVento provided an update on the construction of a new facility by DC Health’s partner, Brandywine Valley SPCA. Once completed, the facility, located at 4 DC Village Lane SW, Washington, DC 20032, will be open to community programs.</p> <p>During the transition period, the old facility at 1201 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002, will remain operational.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento also highlighted the success of the inauguration-related activities. Despite the cold weather, which necessitated moving the event indoors and suspending animal-related activities, animal control officers continued to be on duty.</p> <p>Dr. Sarah Sirica, attending the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association meeting, reported on wild bird recovery, noting antibodies in species like great horned owls and bald eagles. Locally, cases have been diagnosed in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia, with symptoms including neurological</p>	

	<p>issues. City Wildlife is at bio security level three, restricting bird intake from Maryland and advising staff to avoid farm activities. Supplies from Maryland’s diagnostic labs ensure prompt testing if needed. A case in Montgomery County didn’t escalate their measures. With migratory birds posing ongoing risks, Dr. Sirica remains cautious, emphasizing monitoring and preventive actions to manage potential outbreaks.</p>	
<p>OS-0220-09</p>	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich has not provided any specific updates at this time. However, he has been in discussions with the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) regarding the possibility of extending his term to continue his service on the Board.</p>	
<p>OS-0220-10</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telehealth Policy             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">AAVSB telehealth regulations</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Revision — Telemedicine regulations for veterinarians</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Mr. Edward Rich presented updated telehealth regulations, covering the establishment of a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR), continuing education requirements, and an extended grandfathering clause for vet techs until February 2026.</p>	

The grandfathering clause allows vet techs to be licensed without additional testing or education if they have 4,000 hours of work experience within two to five years.

Dr. Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon raised concerns about prescribing anti-anxiety medications (e.g., Gabapentin) before establishing a VCPR, particularly for anxious animals. She proposed allowing a one-time prescription to facilitate the VCPR, emphasizing safety and convenience.

The board agreed on the benefits but expressed concerns about potential abuse, especially with medications like Gabapentin, which can enhance opioid effects. A solution was proposed: limit prescriptions to one dose per pet, requiring in-person pickup at the clinic to reduce diversion risks.

The discussion also touched on the 4,000-hour work experience requirement for grandfathering, which may need further review.

The board prioritized finalizing telehealth regulations, as they will impact other aspects of veterinary practice. Mr. Rich will draft language for the one-time prescription rule and circulate it for feedback.

The board plans to continue discussions on telehealth and other regulatory components at the next meeting, aiming to balance regulatory compliance with practical needs for veterinarians and pet owners.

- Cosmetic treatments on pets
- 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.

**vii. Research and Drug Discovery:**

- AI assists in analyzing large datasets, identifying genetic markers, and predicting drug interactions.  
- It accelerates research and drug development for both animals and humans.

**viii. Population Health Management:**

- AI helps track population health trends, assess vaccination coverage, and manage disease control programs.  
- It contributes to better overall animal welfare.

OS-0220-11	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Sarah Sirica announced an upcoming DC Environmental Network breakfast meeting to address the harmful use of anticoagulant rodenticides, particularly second-generation types, in the District.</p> <p>She highlighted the formation of a coalition to reduce their use, citing dangers to animals and humans.</p> <p>City Wildlife’s data revealed widespread rodenticide exposure in non-target species like squirrels, hawks, and crows, compromising their immune systems.</p> <p>A map showed positive cases across the District, including areas managed by government agencies.</p> <p>The meeting aims to engage stakeholders, promote safer pest control, and clarify misleading product labels. The event is scheduled for Thursday at 8:30 at the Mad Hatter.</p>	
OS-0220-12	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 20, 2025</li> <li>• April 17, 2025</li> <li>• May 15, 2025</li> <li>• June 19, 2025</li> <li>• July 17, 2025</li> <li>• August 2025 (Recess)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Update:</u></b> Board has been planning to meet in person on May 15, 2025.</p>	
OS-0220-13	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Beginnings</u></b></p> <p>By Heather Case, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, CAE   Chief Executive Officer</p>	

	<p><b><i>“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a process; working together is success.” – Edward Everett Hale</i></b></p> <p>This time of year always has me feeling a bit of whiplash – not just with all of the holiday activities, but because I feel like I’m simultaneously looking back at everything that happened in the last year while looking forward to everything in the works for the next twelve months.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more...</a></p> <p><b><u>ICVA Welcomes Two New Board Members</u></b></p> <p>Board Members Trina Ralph and Dr. Winnie Krogman were elected as AAVSB designees at the September 2024 AAVSB Annual meeting.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more...</a></p> <p><b><u>NAVLE® Deep Dive at the AAVSB Conference</u></b></p> <p>A key element of the session was the presentation and discussion of the five-limit retake policy, which received positive feedback from attendees.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more...</a></p> <p><b><u>Three New Staff Join the ICVA Team</u></b></p> <p>The ICVA recently welcomed three new team members: Valerie Goddard, Anāsha Lanford, and Brittney Ventress. Each brings a unique set of skills and perspectives that will enhance ICVA operations.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more...</a></p>	
OS-0220-14	<p><b><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>AVMA Congressional Advocacy Network</u></b></p> <p>The AVMA’s advocacy team expects new and revamped advocacy campaigns starting in the first part of 2025 as legislation is introduced and reintroduced. Equipping you will all the necessary tools and information, please be sure to engage with these AVMA CAN action alerts when your help is requested as they are essential to the profession’s advocacy work.</p>	

	<p><b><u>2024 ends with advocacy wins for the veterinary profession</u></b></p> <p>At the end of December 2024, a provision to expand license reciprocity for veterinarians with the Department of Defense (DoD) was enacted with the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Supported by the AVMA, this provision will allow veterinarians in the Army Veterinary Corps and elsewhere in the DoD to practice anywhere if they are licensed in a state, territory, or possession and acting within the scope of their authorized duties. This means they'll be able to practice freely across the country when on DoD-authorized business.</p> <p><b><u>AVMA-approved xylazine bill considered on Senate floor</u></b></p> <p>On December 20, 2024, there was an effort to advance the updated Combating Illicit Xylazine Act in the Senate. The AVMA believes the bill would have had overwhelming support on a traditional "up or down" vote; however, the motion was blocked by a handful of senators on a procedural point.</p> <p><b><u>Become an AVMA fellow</u></b></p> <p>The AVMA Fellowship Program is an unparalleled opportunity to shape public policy while enhancing your knowledge of the political process. Serve for one year in Washington as a scientific advisor to members of Congress or congressional committees. Applications for 2025-2026 fellowships are due February 10, 2025.</p>	
OS-0220-15	<p><b><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b>Watchdog Tracking Report</b></p> <p>AAVSB's Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of July and August -- 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">December 2024 Report</a></li><li>• <a href="#">January 2025 Report</a></li></ul> <p><i>Watchdog is your resource center for:</i></p>	

- 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.

#### **President Update**

Dear AAVSB Member Boards,  
As your new AAVSB President, I wanted to reach out to you with an [update regarding my leadership](#) and our refined [Strategic Map](#).

#### **Proposed Bylaws Amendments**

Per current Bylaws, any Member Board of the AAVSB, any committee established by the Bylaws, or the AAVSB Board of Directors may propose Bylaws amendments. Any proposed amendments in the actual wording for inclusion in the Bylaws are due on February 21, 2025. Submission can be made to [Bylaws@aavsb.org](mailto:Bylaws@aavsb.org).

#### **Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners — AAVSB Bylaws – Proposed amendments**

Please find attached a letter regarding proposed AAVSB Bylaws Amendments provided at the direction of the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE).

- The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) respectfully submits the [enclosed](#) proposed Association Bylaws amendments for consideration.
- AAVSB Bylaws [proposed edits](#) from KY.

**Spring Meetings Registration is now open**

- March 26 - 27, 2025 Executive Directors' & Registrars' Summit
- March 28 - 29, 2025 Board Basics and Beyond

**AMC 2025 Save the Date**

The AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference brings together Member Boards to connect, collaborate, educate, and conduct business to strengthen the veterinary regulatory community. The next Annual Meeting & Conference will be held September 17-20, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Westin Downtown.

**NAVLE “No Board Option”**

Starting with the Fall 2024 NAVLE testing window, candidates are no longer required to select a specific licensing board to receive their NAVLE score. All NAVLE scores (including those not initially designated for a specific board) will still be reported to the AAVSB. Scores will be released in late January 2025.

**For the Nominating Committee**

Please look for the AAVSB Call for Nominations email and packet in the next couple of weeks from the Nominating Committee.

**Thoughts on the Bylaws for the Committee to Consider**

As mentioned during the 2024 Annual Meeting, the Bylaws Committee is conducting a comprehensive review of the Bylaws document. We anticipate proposing amendments for voting at the 2026 Annual Meeting. We encourage the Member Boards to review the Bylaws and provide ideas to the Committee at [Bylaws@aavsb.org](mailto:Bylaws@aavsb.org). The current Bylaws can be found at <https://aavsb.org/about-us/governance>.

**Help Us Stay Up-to-Date on Your Continuing Education Requirements**

As AAVSB prepares for the upcoming year, the CE department would like to ensure that we have the most accurate information regarding your continuing education requirements. Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire by clicking [here](#). Your input will help us maintain accurate records and guarantee that we can continue to support the needs for both you and your licensees.

**Interested in the AAVSB Hosting Your Jurisprudence Exam?**

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. 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](mailto:spa@aavsb.org).

**New Opportunities with the AAVSB**

Now is the time for you or members of your board to take the opportunity to join the AAVSB leadership. Nominations for the 2025-2026 leadership year are now open. The AAVSB Nominating Committee asks that you review the [Call for Nominations document](#) and visit [Nominations Application](#) to submit nominations online.

Nominations are due May 22, 2025.

**Review the 2025 VTNE Application Process Changes Resource Guide**

The AAVSB is releasing a resource guide for Member Boards on the VTNE application process changes. This includes step by step tutorials of the latest updates. You can download it here:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/e41dbc8a001/938f00e4-3e5e-4ff5-a920-7f87c1eba420.pdf>

	<p><b><u>Model Document Policy Review</u></b></p> <p>The AAVSB Board of Directors has approved a new Model Document Policy, and it is <a href="#">attached for review</a> by AAVSB Member Board Members. This policy outlines the lifecycle for Model Documents, including performing research, obtaining Member Board feedback, allowing for adequate review time, and conducting the voting process. This applies to both the AAVSB Practice Act Model and Model Regulations.</p> <p><b><u>Release of Fall 2024 NAVLE Scores</u></b></p> <p>The AAVSB expects NAVLE scores to be released sometime between January 20-31. Scores for candidates who selected your jurisdiction when registering for the NAVLE will be accessible through the <a href="#">NBME Portal</a>.</p> <p><b><u>Canadian NAVLE Scores</u></b></p> <p>All NAVLE scores for Canadian candidates are sent to the Canadian National Examining Board (NEB).</p> <p><b><u>Schedule a VAULT Refresher</u></b></p> <p>Curious about VAULT services, the online portal, or licensure support from the AAVSB? To schedule a VAULT Refresher, email Katie Koch, Mobility Program Manager at <a href="mailto:kkoch@aavsb.org">kkoch@aavsb.org</a></p>	
OS-0220-16	<p><b><u>AAVMC UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Save the Date for Catalyze 2025!</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">The Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C. — April 10-12, 2025</a></p> <p><a href="#">Register now...</a></p>	



### **Rowan University is now an AAVMC Member Institution**

We welcome [Rowan University](#) as an AAVMC Member Institution. Per AAVMC Guidelines, Member Institutions must be accredited by or gain “reasonable assurance” from [AVMA’s Council on Education \(COE\)](#).

### **Call for Volunteers**

Our annual call for volunteers is now live! Openings:

- Admissions and Recruitment Committee
- Wellbeing Committee
- Advocacy Committee
- JVME – *Journal of Veterinary Medical Education* Editorial Board

Review the full details and requirements via the [Volunteer](#) page on CONNECT.

### **Midwestern University in Downers Grove joins AAVMC as a Provisional Member**

[Midwestern University in Downers Grove](#) is our newest provisional member.

Midwestern University has named [Coretta Cosby Patterson, D.V.M., DACVIM-SA](#), as Dean of the proposed College of Veterinary Medicine. Pending accreditation approval, the first class is planned to matriculate in fall 2027.

### **Systemic Wellbeing Course**

AAVMC is excited to announce the launch of a new online *Introduction to Systemic Wellbeing* course in 2025. Designed for college leaders, this course provides participants with the foundational knowledge and tools necessary to adopt a systemic approach to promoting wellbeing at their institutions.

Topics include:

- Systems thinking
- Leveraging data to inform wellbeing initiatives
- Engaging community stakeholders

- Establishing effective committees
- Selecting the right personnel to lead wellbeing efforts

The 16-week course will feature both asynchronous and synchronous sessions, with a time commitment of about two hours per week.

Applications opened on January 6, 2025.

**AAVMC Names 2025 Chewy Veterinary Leaders Cohort**

AAVMC, in partnership with Chewy Health, is excited to announce the [2025 Chewy Veterinary Leaders Cohort](#).

**AAVMC Highlights 2025 Merck Animal Health and Patricia M. Lowrie Diversity Leadership Scholarship Winners**

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) has [awarded \\$166,000 in scholarships](#) to students enrolled at AAVMC Member Institutions. These scholarships support AAVMC’s mission to inspire innovation and promote excellence in academic veterinary medicine worldwide.

**FFAR Veterinary Student Research Fellowship is open for applications through February 26**

[Learn more here...](#)

**AAVMC's Signature Podcast: Diversity & Inclusion On Air**

Tune in for a replay of past episodes on YouTube [here](#).

**AAVMC Endorses AAUP 1940 Statement on Academic Freedom**

The AAUP statement defines and lays out the principles of academic freedom. In endorsing this statement, the AAVMC entrusts our member institutions and asserts support of the right to express their own views, study, research, and teach on any topic, and the right to develop academic programs of their choosing.

	<p><b><u>VMCAS Application</u></b></p> <p>The Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) is now officially open for the 2025-26 application cycle!          Learn more about VMCAS or start your application <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b><u>PCVE 2025</u></b></p> <p>Save the date for PCVE 2025! Registration details will be forthcoming.</p> <p><b><u>Academic Veterinary Medicine Symposium</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: Texas A&amp;M University</li> <li>• Dates: June 3-6, 2025</li> <li>• Events:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 3: Spectrum of Care Symposium                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Call for Abstracts</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• June 4-5: Competency-Based Veterinary Education (CBVE) Summer Workshop</li> <li>• June 6: The Consortium of Workplace Based Education and Learning (COWBEL) Meeting*</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Registration details will be forthcoming</li> </ul>	
OS-0220-17	<p><b><u>Brandywine Valley SPCA – Washington DC UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Newsletter</a></p>	
OS-0220-18	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PDMP</u></b></p> <p>Pets in Housing Amendment Act of 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Councilmember R. White along with Councilmembers Bonds, Pinto, T. White, and Lewis George introduced the <i>Pets in Housing Amendment Act of 2024</i> (<a href="#">B25-0827</a>).</li> </ul>	

- This legislation limits fees by housing providers (monthly rent and security deposits) for pets as well as banning breed restrictions.
- This legislation has been referred to the Committee on Housing, and a [hearing](#) was held on October 8, 2024.
- Following a markup on November 21<sup>st</sup>, the legislation was passed on first reading on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and second reading on December 17<sup>th</sup> by a unanimous vote.
- It has since been [Enacted](#) without the Mayor’s signature on January 16, 2025.

New Council Period:

- Council Period 26 started on January 2, 2024.
- Committee assignments were released as part of [PR26-0002](#). In that resolution, Councilmember Henderson was reappointed as Chairperson of the Committee on Health with Councilmembers Allen, Felder, Parker, and Nadeau as the other members.

Performance Oversight:

- The Council will conduct its FY24 Performance Oversight process over the coming months.
- As it relates to DC Health, this will provide an opportunity to share developments that occurred last fiscal year – including around health professional licensing.
  - DC Health’s Performance Oversight hearing will be on February 24<sup>th</sup> (Public Witnesses) and February 26<sup>th</sup> (Government Witnesses).
  - Board Performance Oversight hearing will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> for the Boards of Pharmacy, Psychology, Medicine, and Dentistry.

Matteo Lieb reported on a bill undergoing Congressional review aimed at improving animal welfare by banning breed restrictions in housing for dogs and capping rent and security deposits, projected to become law on March 27.

The 26th Council period began on January 2, with Wendell Felder replacing retired Council member Gray on the Committee on Health, led by Chair Henderson.

Council member Treyon White was expelled, with a special election later this year; his absence minimally impacts the committee. Performance oversight hearings are underway, with public testimony on February 24 and DC health leadership testimony on February 26.

**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.

**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 Practice under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian

**Fee Schedule:**

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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<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	
OS-0220-20	<b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b>
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OS-0220-22	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>



<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-0220-23	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></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 Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at <a href="mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov">opengovoffice@dc.gov</a></p>
OS-0220-24	<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 **March 20, 2025**

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