

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**JANUARY 18, 2024**

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

## OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

### 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.

In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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**This meeting is available by web:**

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Call in Number:

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

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**BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	P
	SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS — BOARD MEMBER	P
	<i><b>Vacancy</b></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
	KUNTUMIE HOLSTON — PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST	P
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR	P
	MATTEO LIEB — LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	EA
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P

**LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:**

**LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:**

	ED RICH, ESQ — BOARD ATTORNEY	P
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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA JANUARY 18, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0118-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:40 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), Aisha Nixon (Excused absence) and Matteo Lieb (Excused absence).</b> <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Sarah Sirica (City Wildlife)</b></p>
OS-0118-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of January 18, 2024 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for January 18, 2024.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

<p>OS-0118-03</p>	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from December 21, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session minutes for December 21, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
<p>OS-0118-04</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>	
<p>OS-0118-05</p>	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></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 stated that DC Health is scheduled to have its performance oversight hearing on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. During that hearing, DC Health will provide an overview of its achievements from Fiscal Year 2023.</p>	

OS-0118-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reported on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon who could not join the meeting due to other engagements.</p> <p>Ms. Nixon stated that DC Health is scheduled to move to the new location at Shannon Place on February 26, 2024.</p> <p>February 23, 2024 will be the last day of DC Health employees in the 899 N. Capitol building.</p>	
OS-0118-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Licenses: 508</li> <li>• Expired Licenses: 536</li> <li>• Expired - Renewal Eligible: 133</li> <li>• Approved Renewal Applications: 359</li> <li>• Renewal in process - Review pending: 18</li> <li>• New Applications Under Review: 04</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento stated that the renewal period for veterinary licenses has been officially ended on December 31, 2023. Licensees can still renew their licenses until March 1, 2024 with a late fee of \$85.</p> <p>After March 1, 2024, within five years, they can choose to reinstate their licenses.</p> <p>After five years, they will have to submit a new license application if they decide to practice in the District.</p>	
OS-0118-08	<p><b>Public Health CE requirements:</b></p> <p>Licensees 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><b>Update:</b> Board has elected to refine/edit the proposed letter before sending it to Dr. Bennett.</p> <p><b>Update 2:</b> Dr. Dan Teich has requested DC Health to accept 4 CE hours from USDA courses in the next renewal cycle. He stated that USDA public health courses thoroughly cover animal related public health issues.</p>	
OS-0118-09	<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. DeVento stated that arbovirus program has come to an end for this season. The information collected will be transferred to the National Data Bank. This program will resume in Summer months.</p> <p>Rabies surveillance has been going on smoothly. Ms. Joy McFarlane-Mills has been overseeing the rabies program.</p>	
OS-0118-10	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich appreciated the diligent process of DC veterinary license renewals. He also thanked all board members for their constant support.</p>	

OS-0118-11	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich stated that they have been waiting for regs to establish the license fee for veterinary technician licenses.</p> <p>He also said that they will begin with 1) cosmetic procedures on pets and 2) artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine as the topics for legislative priorities.</p>	
OS-0118-12	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Sarah Sirica reported that City Wildlife will be participating in the Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in February 2024.</p>	
OS-0118-13	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 15, 2024</li> <li>• March 21, 2024</li> <li>• April 18, 2024 (In-Person)</li> <li>• May 16, 2024</li> <li>• June 20, 2024</li> <li>• July 18, 2024</li> <li>• August (Recess)</li> </ul>	
OS-0118-14	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES -</u></b> <b><u>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 December 2023.

- [December 2023 Report](#)

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- 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.

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**Dates to Remember**

- 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



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**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS**

**PDMP**

**Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization  
Amendment Act**

- Councilmember McDuffie introduced the *Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0619](#)) on December 16, 2023.
  - This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and professional licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health.
- This bill is not scheduled for a hearing at the current time.

**DC Health FY23 Performance Oversight Hearing**

- DC Health is scheduled to have its performance oversight hearing on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. During that hearing, DC Health will provide an overview of its achievements from Fiscal Year 2023.
- Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide testimony during a hearing on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. at 9:30am.

**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>

	<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-0118-17	<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-0118-18	<p><b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b></p>
OS-0118-19	<p><b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p>
OS-0118-20	<p><b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b></p>

<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-0118-21	<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-0118-22	<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 **February 15, 2024**

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