

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**JANUARY 20, 2022**

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

## **OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

### **WEBEX Virtual Meeting**

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<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=meaac4d7d4904dd32c60e11d87ee69c30>

**This meeting is available by phone:**

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:**

	VACANT - CHAIRPERSON	
	DANIEL TEICH, DVM – BOARD MEMBER	P
	LAUREN STUMP, DVM – BOARD MEMBER	P
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT – VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	P
	BLAIR ZERVOS – CONSUMER MEMBER	P

**STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

	SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM – SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EA
	ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S. – INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	P
	EMILIA MORGAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	ERIC CURRY, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	EA
	SAHAR MAJID, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	DIANE MOORER, IT 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 20, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0120-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:32 AM</b> <b>B. PRESIDING -- Dr. Dan Teich, DVM – Board Member (Serving as Chairperson)</b> <b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All except Chairperson (Position Vacant)</b> <b>D. QUORUM — Yes</b> <b>E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Eric Curry (Excused absence)</b> <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Dr. Megan McAndrew, HRA</b></p>
OS-0120-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of the January 20, 2022 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for January 20, 2022.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Lauren Stump, DVM Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0120-03	<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 16, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for December 16, 2021</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p>
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	<p><b>Seconded By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
OS-0120-04	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>	
OS-0120-05	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Dr. Sharon Lewis. She extends a Thank You to The Board of Veterinary Medicine for their continues efforts and commitment. She had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0120-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Mr. Arain Gibson. He is our Interim Associate Director after Mr. Frank Meyers’ departure. Mr. Gibson could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. He had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0120-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that the renewal cycle has come to an end on December 31, 2021 in terms of the official timeframe.</p> <p>We have jurisdictions over 407 veterinarians. So far, 299 renewal applications have been approved. There is still a 60-day period after the December 31 deadline to submit your renewal application with a late fee.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento further reports that the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) has been moving forward with a potential candidate’s application for an open position on this board and he hopes to have a confirmation from the office within a couple of weeks. MOTA will also name someone as the board’s chair.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that Ms. Erica Loadman from the Pharmacy department of DC Health reached out to him to gain insights into the diversion and abuse of the veterinary drug, Xylazine, in the District.</p> <p>On January 11, 2022, Ms. Loadman wrote in her email to Dr. DelVento: “...As Xylazine has become more prevalent in the illicit drug supply, the DC PDMP is making an effort to understand whether changes to program regulations would help to reduce diversion and abuse. During the most recent DC PDMP Advisory Committee meeting, committee members were given a high-level overview of Xylazine abuse and expressed the need to</p>	

	<p>learn more about this topic from several expert perspectives so that an informed decision can be made.</p> <p>As someone with expertise in the field of veterinary medicine, we are interested in hearing your perspective and understanding of this issue.”</p> <p>To this email, Dr. DelVento responded, “I do not know of anyone using xylazine. I know that the practices that I visit regularly are not using xylazine. Xylazine is very commonly utilized in large animal practice specifically Equine Practice as both a sedative and a tranquilizer.”</p> <p>When this question was asked during the board meeting, the board members agreed to Dr. DelVento’s response.</p> <p>Dr. Megan McAndrew from the Humane Rescue Alliance (HRA) who was present as a member of the public and who is also a veterinarian said that Xylazine is used wildly in shelter medicine setting as part of a pre-anesthetic and pre-euthanasia protocols.</p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich requested having a member join the DC PDMP Advisory Committee as a voice for the veterinary profession. Dr. DelVento will forward this request to the PDMP team at DC Health.</p>	
OS-0120-08	<p><b><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></b></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that our rabies surveillance continues as it always does. Our arbovirus surveillance program will resume in May-June timeframe. Most facilities in the District now have their new registrations and he’s in the process of inspecting the remaining facilities. The special animal permit process for large venues during the holiday season went well and this process will pick up again during the spring season.</p>	
OS-0120-09	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b></p>	
OS-0120-10	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich reports that since September 1, 2021, all healthcare professionals including the veterinarians in the District of Columbia are required to get fully vaccinated for Covid19. This is one of the requirements to get your renewal applications approved and therefore, those who are not vaccinated should submit a request for a medical or a religious exemption.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich further reports that the standard of care regulations that the council passed a few years ago was published back in December and the 30-day review period is now over and they have not received any positive or</p>	

	negative feedback. The final version of the standard of care regulations will be published soon.	
OS-0120-11	<b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>	
OS-0120-12	<b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b>  <i><b>Future Board Meeting Dates:</b></i> February 17, 2022, March 17, 2022, April 21, 2022, May 19, 2022	
OS-0120-13	<b><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></b>  COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pet-store.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pet-store.html</a>  COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html</a>	
OS-0120-14	<b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES -FYI</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ICVA released its most recent NAVLE Technical Report. This report documents the development, administration, and psychometric analysis of the 2020-2021 NAVLE.</li> </ul> <p>The report can be accessed through this link: <a href="https://www.icva.net/image/cache/NAVLE_Public_Technical_Report_2020-2021_FIN.pdf">https://www.icva.net/image/cache/NAVLE_Public_Technical_Report_2020-2021_FIN.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICVA released its quarterly newsletter of the International Council for Veterinary Assessment. The newsletter can be accessed online at <a href="https://www.icva.net/in-focus-newsletter/issues/december-2021/">https://www.icva.net/in-focus-newsletter/issues/december-2021/</a></li> </ul>	

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**AAVSB UPDATES – FYI**

**Watchdog Tracking Report**

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

[Go directly to the December 2021 Tracking Report](#)

*Watchdog is your resource center for:*

- 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.

**AAVSB Member Board Topics for Discussion January – March 2022**

**Save These Dates for 2022**

**Call for Bylaws Amendments (discussion/possible action)**

Proposed Bylaws amendments are due to the AAVSB office by **February 18, 2022**.

Bylaws can be found at <https://www.aavsb.org/about-us/governance>. See page 4 for the "Call for Bylaws" memo.

**Board Basics & Beyond Workshop (discussion/possible action)**

Board Basics & Beyond is an interactive workshop led by AAVSB General Counsel Dale Atkinson and is designed with the new board member, executive director, board staff, or attorney in mind. Participants acquire knowledge and skills necessary to excel in their regulatory role and will meet AAVSB staff available to discuss available programs and services. This workshop is ideal for individuals new to their position or those wishing to learn more about being a regulator.

The Member Board investment is \$250 USD. See pages 5 - 7 for the Board Basics & Beyond policy.

Visit [www.aavsb.org/BoardBasics](http://www.aavsb.org/BoardBasics) for more information. **Space is limited.** Registration closes **February 28, 2022.**

#### **How to Make Virtual Meetings Effective, Efficient and Engaging (fyi)**

What changes can we expect to virtual meetings and productivity in the near future, and how will virtual meetings impact the veterinary regulatory community?

View a recording of this highly-rated educational session from the 2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference presented by Liz Guthridge, AAVSB Parliamentarian and Managing Director of Connect Consulting Group, as the uncertainty around COVID-19 variants continue into 2022: <https://www.aavsb.org/board-services/current-topics/130>.

Additional recaps from the 2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference will be released in Spring 2022.

#### **PAVE for Veterinary Technicians (fyi/action)**

Has your board had any discussions on accepting the PAVE for Veterinary Technicians Certificate after receiving the announcement in September? The California, Ohio, Virginia, Nevada, and Tennessee boards have approved PAVE for Veterinary Technicians and expect statute and/or rules changes to be effective in early 2022.

In anticipation of an early 2022 launch, the AAVSB is available to provide a presentation at your upcoming Board/Council meeting. Please contact Nancy Grittman, Senior Director of Program Services, at [ngrittman@aavsb.org](mailto:ngrittman@aavsb.org), or [816.931.1504](tel:816.931.1504) ext. 226 to schedule a presentation.

#### **CE Tracking (fyi/action)**

Email the Continuing Education Team at [racetrack@aavsb.org](mailto:racetrack@aavsb.org) to begin utilizing the AAVSB RACetrack program for member boards! Notify the AAVSB of additional staff person(s) contact information who will be conducting CE audits. With this information you will login to the AAVSB.org website and be redirected to RACetrack powered by CE Broker for tracking and auditing of continuing education. Note: If your Board has not yet signed on to the AAVSB's RACetrack program, you will only be able to view the licensees who have created a RACetrack account. The AAVSB Member Services staff can also assist in coordinating license updates to the VIVA



	<p>database which is a critical part of updated licensee information in RACEtrack for auditing.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2022, all RACE Providers are required to upload attendee lists of RACE approved continuing education courses into RACEtrack. Licensees can easily track their continuing education and Member Boards can audit continuing education directly in the RACEtrack system.</p> <p><b>Invite the AAVSB to Attend One of Your Board Meetings (discussion/possible action)</b></p> <p>Are you taking full advantage of the services offered by your association? Not sure? Invite us to one of your board meetings to explain how the AAVSB’s programs and services can benefit your board. The AAVSB would also like to hear from you regarding what new services you need from us. We are currently available in-person or virtually. Email Lainie Franklin at <a href="mailto:efranklin@aavsb.org">efranklin@aavsb.org</a> to schedule a visit.</p> <p>Have questions regarding the materials? Contact Lainie Franklin, Member Services Concierge, at <a href="mailto:efranklin@aavsb.org">efranklin@aavsb.org</a> or call <a href="tel:816.301.6855">816.301.6855</a>.</p>	
OS-0120-16	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b> <b><u>PDMP</u></b></p> <p>The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Query Amendment Act of 2020 has a projected law date of March 15, 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890">https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp">www.dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp</a></p> <p><b><u>Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></b></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-0120-17	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dccouncil.us/events/list/">https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</a></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that the Department of Health is currently preparing for the upcoming performance review hearing that the department undergoes each year.</p> <p>He stated that they spent the last couple of weeks compiling a data from FY2021 to date. All that information is now under review with Dr. Sharon Lewis and Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt.</p> <p>The board members are certainly allowed to attend the hearing but they won't be asked to provide a testimony nor they are 'required' to attend the hearing whether it will take place in-person or virtual. If Dr. Nesbitt has any specific question, she will reach out to the board.</p> <p>The performance review hearing and the financial review hearing will take place in Spring and more information will be shared soon.</p>
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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

OS-0120-18	<b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b>
OS-0120-19	<b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>
OS-0120-20	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>

**CLOSING**

OS-0120-21	<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</p>
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	<p>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-0120-22	<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 17, 2022**

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