

Mr. Lieb's team had some concerns over that regarding patients' safety. They have worked with the office of Counsel to add the amendments into another piece of legislation. That amendment would reverse certain elements of that legislation and would increase flexibility for boards to consider criminal records and also repealing an element in there that gave prospective applicants, the ability to have a predetermination hearing about their chances to becoming a veterinarian because of a criminal background.

Mr. Matteo Lieb further stated that Mayor proposed the new fiscal year 2023 budget earlier in the spring. The budget went to various committees including the committee on health. The committee made some recommendations and one of those recommendations was to add 10 more full-time employees to facilitate the health licensing process in the Department of Health. The committee also recommended removing funding that is critical to the infrastructure of DC Health licensing boards. That funding has not been put back in and Mr. Lieb's team has been working with DC Council to reinstate the funding. The second and final meeting in this regard will take place on May 24, 2022.

Mr. Lieb's team has also been working to add or expand eligibility for the health professional loan repayment program as well as authorizing a healthcare professional scholarship program for certain healthcare professionals which may not impact the board of veterinary medicine.

Mr. Lieb also provided an update about a legislation introduced by the Council Member Mary Cheh. On March 14, Mary Cheh introduced the "Migratory Local Wildlife Protection Act of 2022." The legislation will require building permits for new construction or substantial improvements issued after January 1, 2023, to ensure the facade of the exterior wall envelope and exterior fenestration largely use bird-friendly materials. The bill will also require that bird hazard installations use bird-friendly materials; ensure the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, along with the Department of Energy and Environment issue regulations to implement the act; and establish the Bird-Friendly Buildings Fund to financially support building owners to comply with the requirements. The legislation would impact the exterior glazing for commercial buildings, multi-unit residential buildings, institutional facilities, or District-owned or operated buildings.

Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations

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-0519-17	<u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u> https://dccouncil.us/events/list/	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0519-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>	
OS-0519-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	
OS-0519-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>	

CLOSING

OS-0519-21	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). 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.	
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	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	
OS-0519-22	<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 **July 21, 2022**

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