

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.

	<p>viii. Population Health Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AI helps track population health trends, assess vaccination coverage, and manage disease control programs. - It contributes to better overall animal welfare. <p>Dr. Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon continued the discussion on cosmetic treatments of pets and the ethical aspects associated to it. She invited Dr. Nicole Luensman from Friendship Hospital for Animals who gave a presentation about how these cosmetic treatments affect pets' physical and mental health. Board will continue this discussion in the upcoming meetings.</p>	
OS-0919-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Dr. Janine Calabro read DCVMA's support statement regarding the proposed Telemedicine Practice Act for healthcare professionals in the District.</p>	
OS-0919-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 17, 2024 (In-Person) • November 21, 2024 • December 19, 2024 • January 16, 2025 • February 20, 2025 • March 20, 2025 	

OS-0919-13	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p> <p>ICVA Volunteers</p> <p>Several exciting new volunteer opportunities are available beginning this year. ICVA invites all veterinarians, from experienced practitioners to recent graduates, to join our community of volunteers. You can learn more about volunteer opportunities here and how you can get involved, or contact us directly.</p>	
OS-0919-14	<p><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></p>	
OS-0919-15	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Watchdog Tracking Report</p> <p>AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of July and August -- 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 2024 Report • August 2024 Report <p><i>Watchdog is your resource center for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

Seeking Volunteers for Working Group on Artificial Intelligence

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) seeks volunteer subject matter experts to assist in refining a Guidance Document on Regulatory Considerations on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Mid-Year passed Bill Report

<https://aavsbmemberservices.org/full-reports/>

2024 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all of the nominees and their Member Boards for their interest in being leaders of the AAVSB.

[View the nominating committee report](#)

AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee

This year, the AAVSB received one resolution. During the AAVSB's Business Session for the upcoming 2024 Annual Meeting & Conference, the Delegate Assembly will vote on the proposed Bylaws Amendment, Resolution, and Proclamations. Please review the information found on the AAVSB Annual Meeting webpage and Voting Delegates tab.

2024 Nominee Interview Videos

To help you get to know this year's nominees running for leadership positions, the Meet the Nominee videos are available to view on the AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference website.

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LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS

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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 7th](#). 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. A mark-up was held on [March 21st, 2024](#).
- This legislation was unanimously approved on first and second readings, was then signed by the Mayor on May 29th, and became law on July 19, 2024. DC Health is developing an implementation plan which will closely involve Board members.

Pets in Housing Amendment Act of 2024:

- On May 22nd, Councilmember R. White along with Councilmembers Bonds, Pinto, T. White, and Lewis George introduced the *Pets in Housing Amendment Act of 2024* ([B25-0827](#)).
 - 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 has been scheduled for October 8, 2024.

Council Recess:

- The District of Columbia Council is on recess from July 15th through September 15th.
- Upon their return, the Council will resume their regular legislative business.

Mr. Matteo Lieb reported the consolidation of some boards within DC Health and the formation of new ones.

He also informed that the Council is back from recess.

The Council is currently working on regulations about how housing entities can prohibit having certain breeds of animals in the apartment units.

	<p><u>Veterinarian Regulations</u></p> <p>https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&ChapterId=699</p> <p><u>Veterinary Technician Regulations</u></p> <p>https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&ChapterId=3904</p> <p><u>Veterinary Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></p> <p>https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&ChapterId=3903</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-0919-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0919-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-0919-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-0919-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-0919-21	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>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. 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>

	Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov	
OS-0919-22	<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 **October 17, 2024**

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