

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**OCTOBER 19, 2023**

**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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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:**

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|  | DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON                                | P |
|  | SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS — 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:**

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|  | AYANNA BENNETT, MD, MSPH, FAAP — ACTING 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 | EA |
|  | KUNTUMIE HOLSTON — PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST                   | EA |
|  | EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR                                | P  |
|  | GREGORY SCURLOCK — COMPLIANCE OFFICER                      | P  |
|  | MATTEO LIEB — LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST               | P  |
|  | JENNIFER STUART — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST              | P  |
|  | SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST                  | P  |

**LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:**

**LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:**

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|  | ED RICH, ESQ — BOARD ATTORNEY | P |
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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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| OS-1019-01 | <p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:39 AM</b><br/> <b>B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson</b><br/> <b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present</b><br/> <b>D. QUORUM — Yes</b><br/> <b>E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Ayanna Bennett (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence), Aisha Nixon (Excused absence), Joy McFarlane-Mills (Excused absence) and Kuntumie Holston (Excused absence).</b><br/> <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Elizabeth Venit, AAVSB &amp; Dr. Sarah Sirica, City Wildlife</b></p> |
| OS-1019-02 | <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of October 19, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for October 19, 2023.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>   |

| <b>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</b> |  |  |
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| OS-1019-03                       | <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 September 21, 2023 meeting.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for September 21, 2023 meeting.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Seconded By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Motion Carried</p> |  |
| OS-1019-04                       | <p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>  |  |
| OS-1019-05                       | <p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson who could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. He appreciated the board members who attended the Interprofessional Board Collaborative Symposium.</p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb summarized the symposium sessions and stated that during the event, particular emphasis was given to the use of AI in the healthcare industry.</p>   |  |
| OS-1019-06                       | <p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon.</p> <p>Ms. Nixon could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. She has been working with Mr. Ed Rich to draft regulations regarding the regional compact between DC, Maryland, and Virginia for all boards across HRLA.</p>   |  |

OS-1019-07

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

***Census***

- Active Licenses: 512
- Expired Licenses: 540
- Approved Renewal Applications: 00
- New Applications Under Review: 05
- Renewal Applications Under Review: 21

**Licensing system updates:**

- The renewal application portal for veterinary medicine licenses is now open. Applications can be submitted online using the link below:  
<https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce-sites.com/dchealthrenewals>
- Veterinary facility licenses portal has also been launched. New facility registration and renewal applications can be submitted online using the link below:  
<https://dchealthenterprise.my.site.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F>
- The online application portal for veterinary technician licensing is expected to be launched later this year.
- Regulations are being drafted to launch a license application system for the non-veterinary facilities as well that includes doggy daycare, pet grooming facilities, etc.

**Public Health CE requirements:**

Licensees have expressed concerns regarding the public health CE requirements and Dr. Kindberg-Hanlon has requested to consider veterinary medicine related courses to fulfill the public health CE requirements instead of human health related courses.

**Motion:** Board will write a letter to the new director and request her to waive the public health CE requirements.

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|            | <p><b>Moved By:</b> Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS, Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>   |  |
| OS-1019-08 | <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. DelVento stated that our arbovirus program has been going on well and is expected to continue until October, depending on the temperature and mosquito population.</p> <p>Dr. Sarah Sirica reported 27 cases of arbovirus in crows, there were a couple of cases from Maryland as well.</p> <p>There is a rise in rodenticide cases and City Wildlife had been tracking data to find out the point of origin in DC, but these cases are spread all across the District. They are also examining if there is any particular type of rodenticide responsible for this but this test is expensive and costs \$80 per sample.</p> |  |
| OS-1019-09 | <p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>   |  |

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| OS-1019-10 | <p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report.</p>  |  |
| OS-1019-11 | <p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>  |  |
| OS-1019-12 | <p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 16, 2023 (In-Person)</li> <li>• December 21, 2023</li> <li>• January 18, 2024</li> <li>• February 15, 2024</li> <li>• March 21, 2024</li> <li>• April 18, 2024 (In-Person)</li> </ul> <p>Board members have some scheduling conflicts, there will be no in-person meeting on November 16, 2023.</p> |  |
| OS-1019-13 | <p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p> <p><b>ICVA's New Chair of the Board</b></p> <p>ICVA welcomes Dr. Fernando J. Marqués to his new role as the Chair of the ICVA Board of Directors, which began at the June 2023 Board Meeting. A passionate contributor of 15 years, he has been involved in many projects with ICVA.</p>  |  |

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|            | <p><b>ICVA Assessment Workshops – One School’s Story</b></p> <p>The Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine recently brought ICVA in to conduct a series of workshops aimed at enhancing their assessment practices.</p> <p><b>ICVA Welcomes New Staff Member – Baylor Harton</b></p> <p>We sat down with J. Baylor Harton, M.Ed. to discuss her career path and get her perspective on her new role as the organization's first Program Operations Administrator.</p> <p><b>Assessment Development Committee Activities and New Additions</b></p> <p>Four members have been approved to fill vacancies on the 2023-2024 Assessment Development Committee, which plays a vital role in creating and maintaining the NAVLE®.</p> <p><b>Meet ICVA SAVMA Liaison Josie Peterson</b></p> <p>In November of 2022, the ICVA Board of Directors approved the creation of a liaison position with the Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA).</p> <p><b>The 2023 Report for Veterinary Licensing Boards is now available</b></p> <p>This <a href="#">report</a> highlights ICVA’s progress and accomplishments over the past fiscal year, including in the areas of the NAVLE, and other ICVA assessments used by licensing boards.</p> |  |
| OS-1019-14 | <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 September 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">September 2023 Report</a></li> </ul>   |  |



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|            | <p><i>Watchdog is your resource center for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative and regulatory activity reports</li> <li>• Board updates</li> <li>• VMA updates</li> <li>• Map view of Legislative Sessions</li> <li>• Conveniently linked news coverage of recent legislative activity and issues affecting the veterinary regulatory community.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p><b>The AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference</b></p> <p>September 28 - 30, 2023 in Kansas City, MO</p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich attended the AAVSB Annual Meeting. He highlighted the New Board Members session and, application of artificial intelligence in the healthcare industry.</p> <p><b>Dates to Remember</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterinary Educator Symposium (VES) - October 27-28, 2023</li> <li>• Deans Leadership Conference - By Invitation - January 11-13, 2024</li> </ul> |  |
| OS-1019-15 | <p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b><br/><b><u>PDMP</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb provided the following updates.</p> <p><b>DC Health Director Appointment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Bowser <a href="#">announced</a> the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director.</li> </ul>   |  |

- Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity.
- The Committee on Health held a confirmation hearing on [October 5<sup>th</sup>](#). The committee heard from Dr. Bennett as she detailed her experience and expressed her eagerness and excitement to get to work. Witnesses testified in support of the new director, addressing issues they’d like the Director to work/focus on.

**Board Confirmation Roundtable:**

- The Committee on Health hosted a [roundtable](#) on September 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the nominees to the Board of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Medicine.
  - Those nominees are Rayan Hagona-Wordie, Nicholas Caylor, and Ana Quiñones, to the Boards of Physical Therapy; Charles Bond to the Board of Occupational Therapy; and Dr. Carolyn Gorman, Daanish Jones, and Dr. Padmaja Pavuluri to the Board of Medicine.
- OGR anticipates that the Committee on Health will host more meetings like these ones to discuss health professional board nominations.

**Opioid and Fentanyl Epidemic Resolution of 2023**

- Councilmember Christina Henderson, Chair of the Committee on Health, announced a public roundtable, the [“Sense of the Council on the Opioid and Fentanyl Epidemic Resolution of 2023.”](#) The roundtable will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023. This Sense of the Council urges the Mayor to declare the opioid and fentanyl crisis in the District of Columbia a public health emergency, in recognition of the severity of the situation and the need to commit sufficient resources to safeguard the well-being of District residents.

**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 members of each board shall not be required to be residents of the District at the time of their appointments and while they are members of the board.
- The revised HORA is currently going through Mayoral approval.

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|            | <p><b><u>Veterinarian Regulations</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&amp;ChapterId=699">https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&amp;ChapterId=699</a></p> <p><b><u>Veterinary Technician Regulations</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&amp;ChapterId=3904">https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&amp;ChapterId=3904</a></p> <p><b><u>Veterinary Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&amp;ChapterId=3903">https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&amp;ChapterId=3903</a></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-1019-16 | <p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dccouncil.us/events/list/">https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</a></p>   |  |

| <b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b> |   |
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| OS-1019-17              | <b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b> |
| OS-1019-18              | <b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>  |
| OS-1019-19              | <b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b> |

| <b>CLOSING</b> |   |
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| OS-1019-20     | <p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>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> |

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| OS-1019-21 | <p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>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> |  |
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **November 16, 2023**

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