

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

NOVEMBER 16, 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.

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	P
	SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS — BOARD MEMBER	EA
	LAUREN STUMP, DVM — BOARD MEMBER	EA/ Resigned
	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	EA
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR	P
	MATTEO LIEB — LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	P
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

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

OS-1116-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 AM</p> <p>B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson</p> <p>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present except Dr. Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon (Excused Absence) and Dr. Lauren Stump (Excused Absence and Resigned)</p> <p>D. QUORUM — Yes</p> <p>E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Ayanna Bennett (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence), Aisha Nixon (Excused absence) and Kuntumie Holston (Excused absence).</p> <p>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Elizabeth Venit (AAVSB), Dr. Sarah Sirica (City Wildlife) and Emily Hovermale (Humane Rescue Alliance).</p>
OS-1116-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of November 16, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for November 16, 2023.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-1116-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from October 19, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session minutes for October 19, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-1116-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-1116-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reported on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibosn. Mr. Gibson said that there will be a hearing on B25-0545 — Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023 on December 7, 2023 in which consolidation of some non-veterinary boards will be considered.</p>	

OS-1116-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reported on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon. She said that the compact for all licensing boards between DC, Maryland Virginia has been reviewed and accepted. It is likely to be signed on soon.</p>	
OS-1116-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 515 • Expired Licenses: 605 • Approved Renewal Applications: 65 • New Applications Under Review: 05 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 27 <p>Dr. Vito DelVento stated that the veterinary license renewal process has been going well. Licensees can renew their licenses by utilizing the DC Health online licensing system. Their questions and concerns are handled by the staff in a timely manner.</p>	
OS-1116-08	<p>Public Health CE requirements:</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>Update: Board has elected to refine/edit the proposed letter before sending it to Dr. Bennett.</p>	

OS-1116-09	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS</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>https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F</p> <p>Dr. DelVento stated that arbovirus program has come to an end for this season. Rabies surveillance has been going on smoothly.</p> <p>Dr. Sarah Sirica shared updates about the City Wildlife’s program called Lights Out DC. To help the migratory birds that hit glass buildings in downtown Washington DC, volunteers patrol a four-mile area and look for any casualties. They rescue the wounded birds and either release them after they recover or take them to City Wildlife’s center for more treatment. They also tag and store the dead birds. They use the data to persuade the building owners and managers to reduce light pollution for the sake of the birds.</p>	
OS-1116-10	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-1116-11	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report.</p>	

OS-1116-12	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>	
OS-1116-13	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 21, 2023 • January 18, 2024 (In-Person) • February 15, 2024 • March 21, 2024 • April 18, 2024 (In-Person) • May 16, 2024 	
OS-1116-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p>	
OS-1116-15	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Dr. Beth Venit discussed the VTNE eligibility criteria. AAVSB Board members have requested AAVSB to amend its 2008 VTNE Policy to the following:</p> <p>Any candidate who is currently enrolled in an AVMA CVTEA or CVMA Accredited veterinary technology or veterinary nursing program shall be eligible to take the VTNE.</p> <p>To implement this policy, CVTEA and CVMA Accredited programs could send lists of their enrolled students to AAVSB. Once students apply to the VTNE, AAVSB staff could confirm they are on the enrolled students list and approve them to sit for the VTNE.</p>	

This policy change would streamline the VTNE approval process by eliminating:

- 1) The majority of Member Boards involved in the eligibility review process; and,
- 2) The need for AAVSB staff to review individual transcripts for each applicant.

This policy change would eliminate an unnecessary barrier while maintaining the same level of public protection, as member boards would continue to verify education during the license application process.

Watchdog Tracking Report

AAVSB's Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of September 2023.

- [October 2023 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.

Dates to Remember

- Deans Leadership Conference — By Invitation — January 11-13, 2024
- Executive Director and Registrar Summit — April 10 - 11, 2024 at The Fontaine Hotel in Kansas City, MO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>New President and Board of Directors</p> <p>The AAVSB is pleased to announce its new President and members of the 2023-2024 Board of Directors. Elections were held at the 2023 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, on Saturday, September 30, 2023.</p> <p>NAVLE Retake Policy</p> <p>At the September 2023 AAVSB Annual Meeting ICVA announced upcoming changes to the NAVLE Retake Policy. Following up on this announcement, we want all licensing boards to have the complete information now.</p> <p>Bylaws</p> <p>The AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee is providing you with important information and dates for submitting Bylaws amendments for voting at the 2024 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Per current Bylaws, any Member Board of the AAVSB, any committee established by the Bylaws, or the AAVSB Board of Directors may propose Bylaws amendments. Please send any proposed amendments in the actual wording for inclusion in the Bylaws by February 29, 2024. A copy of the current Bylaws is attached for your review.</p>	
OS-1116-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>DC Health Director Appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 5th](#). During the roundtable, Acting Director Bennett expressed her eagerness and excitement to take on the role, highlighting her qualifications for the position. The hearing also included testimonies from members of the public who voiced their support for the new director and discussed the key issues they hope the Director will prioritize.
- Acting Director Bennett's nomination was unanimously voted out of the Committee on Health and now awaits a vote by the entire Council.

Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:

- Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the *Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0312](#)) on June 2, 2023.
 - This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
 - There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
- This bill received a hearing on [July 13, 2023](#). DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It was voted out of the Committee on Health during a markup on [September 26th](#) and was passed on first reading by the Committee of the Whole on October 3rd.

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](#)). A hearing is anticipated later this year for this bill.

Opioid Epidemic Roundtable:

- The Committee on Health hosted a public roundtable on October 26th at 10:00am to declare the opioid and fentanyl crisis in the District a public health emergency.
 - Dr. Barbara Bazron, Director of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), provided testimony and was joined by DC Health Acting Director Bennett and Dr. Robert Holman, Medical Director at the District's Fire and EMS Department.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The roundtable focused on available data related to the ongoing opioid crisis and the District’s LIVE.LONG.DC. strategy. ▪ You can watch the hearing at the following link. <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-1116-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-1116-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-1116-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-1116-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-1116-21	<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 Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov</p>

OS-1116-22	<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>	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **December 21, 2023**

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