

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

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

**OPEN SESSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

## WEBEX Virtual Meeting

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**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
	FRANK MEYERS, JD – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	P
	EMILIA MORGAN, INVESTIGATOR	EA
	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 NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-1118-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER - 9:35 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 Frank Meyers (Excused absence), Emilia Morgan (Excused absence) and Eric Curry (Excused absence)</b>  <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Emily Hovermale, HRA &amp; Dr. Megan McAndrew, HRA</b></p>
OS-1118-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of the November 18, 2021 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for November 18, 2021.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Lauren Stump, DVM Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-1118-03	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 16, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for September 16, 2021</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>
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OS-1118-04	<b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b>	
OS-1118-05	<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.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis forwarded a message for folks who have requested an exemption of the Covid19 vaccination mandate that their requests have been under review. Please note that there are three options for vaccine exemptions.</p> <p><b>1) Medical Exemption:</b> If there’s any medical conditions that prevents an individual to get vaccinated, he/she will be exempt. A doctor’s note is required.</p> <p><b>2) Religious Exemption:</b> If a religious belief prohibits someone from getting vaccinated, a personal statement is required in this case in order to get an exemption.</p> <p><b>3) WHO Exemption:</b> If an individual has received a vaccine outside of the U.S., which is not approved by FDA but approved by the World Health Organization, that individual will be exempt from vaccine requirements in the U.S.</p>	
OS-1118-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Frank Meyers could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. He had nothing to report.</p>	
OS-1118-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>DC Health Licensing System (SALESFORCE)</b></p> <p><a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415">https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415</a></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that to date we have jurisdictions over 398 veterinarians.</p> <p><b>License Renewal – Open November 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021</b></p>	

	<p>DC veterinary license renewal system is now live. The link has been provided to all active licensees along with the latest CE requirements that include 2 hours of LGBTQ courses and 3.6 hours of Public Health related courses.</p> <p><a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/vet.pdf">https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/vet.pdf</a></p> <p>Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt has mandated a 10 percent of continuing education to be allotted to public health issues/priorities, which makes four credit hours leaving 30 credit hours for veterinary specific subject matter.</p> <p>There is some resistance from licensees regarding this change in CE requirements. We have explained to the best of our ability that how these subjects are relevant to the veterinary medicine.</p> <p>These CE requirements are for all healthcare professionals not just veterinarians. We have also provided a list of LGBTQ and Public Health related courses to licensees if they choose to enroll in any of those programs to fulfill their CE requirements. Most of these courses are free and available online.</p> <p>We would like to make it clear that DC Health is not endorsing any of these courses and licensees can choose to enroll in any other RACE approved course outside of the ones that we have suggested so far.</p> <p>The regulations were released in August, but the board decided not to increase the total number of credits for CE courses. The CE requirement is still to complete 36 hours for the two-year period.</p> <p>Veterinarians are exempt from taking the COVID CE courses. Licensees can use Covid19 courses towards their Public Health credit requirement.</p> <p>Licenses are also required to be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).</p>	
OS-1118-08	<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 has come to an end in October, and we are in the process of summarizing the data and entering it into the national data bank.</p> <p>Animal Health Fair has been completed and we had these fairs every Saturday in each Ward of DC. The event kicked off on September 11 and the last event of the series was on October 30. The Humane Rescue Alliance took on the task this year and has done an outstanding job providing free pet vaccine clinics in the District.</p> <p>We have been inspecting veterinary facilities and the goal is to finish all inspections before the end of this year. To date, most inspections have been completed.</p>	

OS-1118-09	<b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b>	
OS-1118-10	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Ed Rich reports that all three sets of regulations that we worked on are in place now -- for veterinarians, vet techs and vet euthanasia technicians. These regulations went into effect on August 6, 2021. These regulations are final and enforced subject to the agency's requirement for licensees.</p> <p>The Department of Health has been planning to send a notification early next year to veterinarians who wish to apply for the vet technician license.</p> <p>Ed Rich further reports that a statute regarding the standard of care regulations that the council passed a few years ago has been finally signed off. The animal control officers from the Humane Rescue Alliance will now be issuing tickets for dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs. If rules are violated regarding these dogs, their owners will be subject to civil fines.</p>	
OS-1118-11	<b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>	
OS-1118-12	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p>December 16, 2021, January 20, 2022, February 17, 2022, and March 17, 2022.</p>	
OS-1118-13	<p><b><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></b></p> <p>COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities:</p> <p><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></p> <p>COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events:</p> <p><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></p>	
OS-1118-14	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The ICVA has released its 2021 Report for Veterinary Licensing Boards.</b> This report highlights their progress and accomplishments over the past fiscal year in the areas of the NAVLE and Species Specific Examination. The report can be accessed online at</li> </ul>	

	<p><a href="https://www.icva.net/image/cache/2021_ICVA_Report_to_Licensing_Boards.pdf">https://www.icva.net/image/cache/2021 ICVA Report to Licensing Boards.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In September, ICVA issued its quarterly newsletter.</b> The newsletter featured ICVA Chair Dr. Karen Robertson. In her interview, Dr. Robertson shared her latest career shift in veterinary medicine, her involvement with ICVA, and her goals for her tenure as Chair of the Board of Directors.</li> <li>• <b>Recent Changes to the ICVA Board of Directors:</b> At the ICVA Board of Directors meeting held June 24th -25th, several important changes occurred. Two new board members were elected, three board members finished their terms, and a new Chair-Elect was announced.</li> <li>• <b>Nine Individuals Presented with ICVA Award for Outstanding Response During Unprecedented Times:</b> In 1999, the ICVA established an award to recognize people who have made significant personal contributions to the organization. From 1999 to 2011 this award was given out every year, then again in 2015 and 2020. 2021 marked a momentous occasion when all nine individuals of the ICVA staff were presented with this prestigious award.</li> <li>• <b>A Deep Dive into the NAVLE for Licensing Boards:</b> On September 30, Dr. Heather Case, CEO of the ICVA, presented the “NAVLE Deep Dive Session for Board Members” at the AAVSB annual meeting, along with Dr. Kent Hecker and Dr. Courtney Vengrin. The presentation provided information on ICVA as well as the development of the exam, essentially from start to finish.</li> </ul> <p><i>The newsletter can be accessed online at <a href="https://www.icva.net/in-focus-newsletter/issues/september-2021/">https://www.icva.net/in-focus-newsletter/issues/september-2021/</a></i></p>	
OS-1118-15	<p><b><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p>AAVSB meeting was held in Denver, Colorado between Thu, Sep 30, 2021 – Sat, Oct 2, 2021.</p>	

### **2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference Highlights**

The highlights summary document of the 2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference can be accessed online at

<https://files.constantcontact.com/e41dbc8a001/dc06c7e1-0f2d-4718-88cd-79cb4493777c.pdf>

### **New Board of Directors**

The AAVSB announced its new President and members of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. Elections were held at the 2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference in Denver, Colorado on October 2, 2021.

- **Dr. Chris Runde, AAVSB President**

Dr. Chris Runde moved into the President position. He will serve in this role for a one-year term. Dr. Runde has served on the AAVSB Board of Directors since 2014, including two years as Treasurer.

- **Leslie Knachel, MPH, AAVSB President-Elect**

Leslie Knachel, M.P.H. was elected to the President-Elect position. She will serve a one-year term. Ms. Knachel has held numerous AAVSB leadership positions since 2012.

The 2021 - 2022 AAVSB Board of Directors in its entirety consists of the following individuals:

- Chris Runde, DVM (Maryland), President
- Leslie Knachel, DVM (Virginia), President-Elect
- Roger Redman, DVM (Ohio), Immediate Past President
- Kim Gemeinhardt, DVM (North Carolina), Treasurer
- Thomas (T.C.) Branch, DVM (Alabama), Director
- Amy Haywood, LVT (District of Columbia), Director
- Timothy Kolb, DVM (Ohio), Director
- Stephanie Kube, DVM (Massachusetts), Director
- Mark Logan, VMD (New Jersey), Director
- Frank Richardson, DVM (Nova Scotia), Director
  
- James T. Penrod, CAE, FASLA, Ex-Officio Member (non-voting), Secretary & Executive Director



### **AAVSB Opens Veterinary Care Elite™ to Credentialed Veterinary Technicians in its Member Board Jurisdictions**

Earlier this year, the American Association of Veterinary State Boards® (AAVSB®) launched Veterinary Care Elite, a gold standard program for veterinary technicians recognizing those who demonstrate their commitment to performing at the highest level.

The program initially opened in April to VTNE applicants graduating from an AVMA-CVTEA or CVMA accredited program and intending to be credentialed in a United States or Canadian jurisdiction which regulates veterinary technicians. As of October 18, 2021, the program is now open to credentialed veterinary technicians in all the AAVSB Member Board jurisdictions which regulate veterinary technicians.

### **Mandatory Use of Single Sheet DEA 222 Order Form**

As of October 30, 2021, The Drug Enforcement Administration is implementing the mandatory use of a single sheet DEA 222 Order Form and the triplicate DEA Order Forms will no longer be available or utilized as stated in the Code of Federal Regulations 1305.20(a). If you are needing to place an order for the newly implemented DEA Order Forms, please use the following link to complete your request:

<http://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/webforms2/spring/orderFormsLogin>.

If you are needing to relinquish unused triplicate DEA Order Forms, please send them to DEA Registration Section, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Spring Field, Virginia, 22152.

### **Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD)**

The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine announced an update to the web resource “Does the State or Federal VCPR Definition Apply to a Lawful VFD in my State?” Out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 39 have had one or more changes to their state website, citations, and/or VCPR definition over the last 5 years.

**Background:** The FDA webpage “Does the State or Federal VCPR Definition Apply to a Lawful VFD in my State?” was created in 2015-16 to identify whether the state-defined Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) or a federally-defined VCPR is required for a lawful Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) in each state. In those States with VCPR requirements applicable to VFDs that include the key elements of a VCPR as described in the Federal definition at 21 CFR 530.3(i), FDA defers to the State VCPR requirements. In other cases where no applicable and appropriate State VCPR requirements

currently exist, the Federally defined VCPR requirements will continue to apply. The State vs Federal VCPR determination is also relevant to extra-label use requirements contained in 21 CFR 530.

### **Watchdog Tracking Report**

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

[Go directly to the October 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.

### **The AAVSB® Develops Guidance Document on the Use of Cannabidiol (CBD) on Companion Animals**

The AAVSB is pleased to share the *AAVSB Guidance Document for CBD Use on Companion Animals* as released at the 2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference.

Because many consumers are utilizing CBD products for their animals or asking Veterinarians about the efficacy and safety of CBD products, the AAVSB's Regulatory Policy Task Force (RPTF) deemed it prudent to develop the *AAVSB Guidance Document for CBD Use on Companion Animals* to provide key information and practical guidelines to assist Member Boards. The intent of the guidelines is to act as a resource for licensees and clients to refer to as a basis for the use of CBD products in a defined treatment plan.

[View the AAVSB Guidance Document for CBD Use on Companion Animals](#)

OS-1118-16	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b> <b><u>PDMP</u></b> 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 further notice.</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-1118-17	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dccouncil.us/events/list/">https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</a></p>	

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

OS-1118-18	<p><b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b></p>
OS-1118-19	<p><b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Megan McAndrew inquired about the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, data collection and reporting requirements.</p> <p>Data Submission Dispenser Guide is available online at</p> <p><a href="https://doh.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/DC%20PMP%20AWARxE%20Dispenser%20Guide_Final.pdf">https://doh.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/DC%20PMP%20AWARxE%20Dispenser%20Guide_Final.pdf</a></p> <p>Effective August 15, 2016 the District of Columbia Department of Health Prescription Drug Monitoring Program requires dispensers of drugs of concern including Schedule II –</p>

	<p>V controlled substances, cyclobenzaprine and butalbital be reported to the DC PDMP database within 24 hours of non-exempt dispensing.</p> <p><b>Zero Reports:</b> If you have no dispensations to report, you must report this information to the DC PDMP by performing the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you do not have an account, perform the steps in Creating Your Account.</li> <li>2. After logging into PDMP Clearinghouse, navigate to Zero Reports in the menu bar.</li> <li>3. You must select a destination PDMP from the available states listed in the drop-down.</li> <li>4. Enter the start date and end date for the report and click on the “Submit” button. (NCPDP and DEA number are required)</li> <li>5. The request will be submitted to PDMP Clearinghouse.</li> </ol>
OS-1118-20	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>

<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-1118-21	<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 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-1118-22	<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 [December 16, 2021](#)

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