

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**DECEMBER 21, 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	P
	<b><i>Vacancy</i></b>	—
	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	P
	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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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-1221-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 AM</b> <b>B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson</b> <b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present and one vacancy</b> <b>D. QUORUM — Yes</b> <b>E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Ayanna Bennett (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence) and Aisha Nixon (Excused absence).</b> <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Elizabeth Venit (AAVSB) and Leslie Brooks (District of Columbia Veterinary Medical Association).</b></p>
OS-1221-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of December 21, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for December 21, 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>		
OS-1221-03	<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 November 16, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Members move to approve the Open Session minutes for November 16, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p><b>Seconded By:</b> Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
OS-1221-04	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>	
OS-1221-05	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reported on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson.</p> <p>Mr. Gibson thanked everyone who participated in the townhall meeting held on December 7, 2023. He also confirmed that DC Health headquarter will be moving to 2201 Shannon Place SE on February 26, 2024.</p>	

OS-1221-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reported on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon. She confirmed that the compact for all licensing boards between DC, Maryland and Virginia has been reviewed and accepted. It is likely to be implemented soon.</p>	
OS-1221-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Licenses: 519</li> <li>• Expired Licenses: 605</li> <li>• Approved Renewal Applications: 145</li> <li>• New Applications Under Review: 04</li> <li>• Renewal Applications Under Review: 81</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento stated that the veterinary license renewal process has been going well. Last date to submit renewal applications without a late fee is December 31, 2023. Licenses can be renewed 60 days after December 31 with a late fee of \$85. After the 60-day period, licensees will be required to submit a reinstatement application for their expired license if they choose to renew.</p> <p>Veterinary technician and veterinary euthanasia technician portal for applications is in the process of development and will be launched soon.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento shared an update regarding the veterinary medicine students who want to gain experience in D.C. These students can work in licensed veterinary facilities in the District under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</p>	
OS-1221-08	<p><b>Public Health CE requirements:</b></p> <p>Licenses 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><b>Update:</b> Board has elected to refine/edit the proposed letter before sending it to Dr. Bennett.</p> <p><b>Update 2:</b> Dr. Dan Teich has requested DC Health to accept 4 CE hours from USDA courses in the next renewal cycle. He stated that USDA public health courses thoroughly cover the animal related public health issues.</p>	
OS-1221-09	<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 arbovirus program has come to an end for this season. The information collected will be transferred to the National Data Bank. This program will resume in Summer months. Rabies surveillance has been going on smoothly.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento also discussed the respiratory illness in dogs that has been spread in 19 U.S. states so far including Maryland. Virginia and D.C. have not yet reported any cases.</p>	
OS-1221-10	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich thanked all board members, DC Health staff and public visitors for their constant support, comments, and feedback in his journey as the Board’s chair.</p>	

OS-1221-11	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich stated that he and Dr. Teich had some discussions regarding the telemedicine aspect of HORA amendments. Telemedicine must be done in accordance with the standard of care for any practice. Typically, veterinary medicine should be practiced in person at least for the initial contact. This needs to be formalized in the form of regulations. The legislation, however, is not moving on the fast track and it may be implemented probably by mid-2024.</p> <p>Mr. Rich also discussed the topics of legislative priorities that Board has requested to consider. The topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regulation of non-veterinary facilities (dog day care, etc.)</li> <li>2. Artificial Intelligence</li> <li>3. Cosmetic procedures</li> <li>4. Breeding</li> <li>5. Continuing Education requirements</li> <li>6. HORA -Telemedicine/VCPR</li> <li>7. PDMP exemption for veterinarians</li> <li>8. Xylazine Act</li> </ol> <p>Dr. Vito reported that regulations for non-veterinary facilities including doggy daycare, pet grooming salons, pet spa, etc. will be implemented soon.</p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich will send Maryland regulations for pet cosmetic procedures for Board to consider if they would like to implement the same for D.C. as well.</p> <p>Rest of the legislative topics will be considered based on their priorities.</p>
OS-1221-12	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Venit inquired about the scope of practice for veterinary students who wish to work in D.C.</p> <p>Dr. Vito stated that since students will be working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, it is up to the licensed veterinarian to assign the responsibilities to students based on their comfort level. Licensed veterinarians acting as the supervisor are ultimately responsible.</p> <p>Ms. Leslie Brooks supported the idea of tailoring the public health CE requirements to align with the veterinary medicine profession. She also suggested that non-veterinary medicine healthcare professionals should also be allowed to take zoonosis CE courses so they can also get familiar with animal healthcare.</p>

OS-1221-13	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 18, 2024 (In-Person)</li> <li>• February 15, 2024</li> <li>• March 21, 2024</li> <li>• April 18, 2024 (In-Person)</li> <li>• May 16, 2024</li> <li>• June 20, 2024</li> </ul>	
OS-1221-14	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p> <p>The ICVA is pleased to present the <a href="#">2022-2023 NAVLE Technical Report</a>. This report documents the development, administration, and psychometric analysis of the 2022-2023 NAVLE administration.</p>	
OS-1221-15	<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="#">November 2023 Report</a></li> </ul> <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>	



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**AAVSB to Discontinue the Veterinary Care Elite Program**

After careful consideration, the AAVSB has decided to discontinue the Veterinary Care Elite program, effective December 31, 2023.

**Dates to Remember**

- Deans Leadership Conference — By Invitation — January 11-13, 2024
- Executive Director and Registrar Roundtable — February 14 , 2024 via Zoom
- Executive Director and Registrar Summit — April 10 - 11, 2024 at The Fontaine Hotel in Kansas City, MO
- 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

OS-1221-16

**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS**  
**PDMP**

**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.

**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.
- The bill passed on final reading on November 7th and was signed by the Mayor on November 21st. It is now undergoing Congressional Review

**DC Health Director Appointment:**

- On June 8th, Mayor Bowser [announced](#) the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director.
  - 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting Director Bennett’s nomination was unanimously voted out of the Committee on Health and was then unanimously approved by the entire Council on November 7th.</li> </ul> <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-1221-17	<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-1221-18	<u><b>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</b></u>
OS-1221-19	<u><b>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</b></u>
OS-1221-20	<u><b>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</b></u>

CLOSING	
OS-1221-21	<p><u><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b></u></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</p>

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OS-1221-22	<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 **January 18, 2024**

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