

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

JULY 20, 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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+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:

	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:

	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	P
	KUNTUMIE HOLSTON — PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST	EA
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR	EA
	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-0720-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:37 AM B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present D. QUORUM — Yes E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Ayanna Bennett (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence) and Aisha Nixon (Excused absence). F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Dr. Sarah Sirica, City Wildlife</p>
OS-0720-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the July 20, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for July 20, 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-0720-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from May 18, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for May 18, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-0720-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0720-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson who could not join the meeting due to some other engagements.</p> <p>Mr. Gibson has confirmed the appointment of the new Director for DC Health — Dr. Ayanna Bennett who officially joined on July 17, 2023, and right now she’s been serving as the Acting Director until her appointment has been finalized.</p>	

OS-0720-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon. Ms. Nixon could not join the meeting due to some other engagements. She has confirmed the upcoming move of DC Health to a new location at 2201 Shannon Place SE. The move may take place in February 2024.</p>	
OS-0720-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 490 • Expired Licenses: 540 • Approved Renewal Applications: 309 • New Applications Under Review: 10 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 0 <p>Dr. DelVento reports that with regards to the reciprocity agreement between the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; both Maryland and Virginia have agreed. According to this agreement, all health professional licensees who are licensed in Maryland and/or Virginia will be entitled to a DC license as well.</p> <p>Motion: Board moves forward to approve the reciprocity of licenses between DC, Maryland, and Virginia.</p> <p>Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Lauren Stump, DVM, Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	

OS-0720-08	<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. DeIvento stated that we regularly update the data related to dog licensing. Rabies surveillance program has been going on well. We are now gearing up for the arbovirus surveillance program that will officially begin in the first week of June 2023. As Summer is here, we are expecting more animal related activity in the District.</p> <p>Smokey Bear in D.C.</p> <p>On June 9, 2023, a black bear was sighted in a tree in the Brandywine neighborhood. The bear posed no danger to District residents or visitors. Animal Control reached the scene and contacted MPD. The area was roped off so that onlookers could not create a dangerous scenario with the animal. He was being successfully tranquilized the same day and sent to Maryland where he was released.</p>	
OS-0720-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0720-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report.</p>	

OS-0720-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>	
OS-0720-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August (Recess) • September 21, 2023 • October 19, 2023 • November 16, 2023 (In-Person) • December 21, 2023 <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that HRLA has been putting together a quarterly newsletter/magazine that will highlight all boards' activities across HRLA.</p>	
OS-0720-13	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p> <p>ICVA Welcomes New Board Member</p> <p>ICVA is thrilled to welcome Johanna “Joie” Watson, DVM, Ph.D., as the new member of Board of Directors, designated by the AVMA Council on Education.</p> <p>NAVLE testing window</p> <p>The North American Veterinary Licensing Examination will be administered during the following testing windows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 1 - December 16, 2023 • April 1 - April 26, 2024 <p>All application materials must be received by:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 1 for November–December • February 1 for April 	
OS-0720-14	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Watchdog Tracking Report</p> <p>AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of January 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2023 Conventional Report • May 2023 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • May 2023 Activity at a Glance (Attached with this agenda) • June 2023 Conventional Report • June 2023 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • June 2023 Activity at a Glance (Attached with this agenda) <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. <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>The AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference</p> <p>September 28 - 30, 2023 in Kansas City, MO</p> <p>Registration is Open!</p>	

Check out the [AAVSB Meeting and Conference Site](#) for all the details and to register!

Early Bird Rates end July 28, 2023
Use Code: 2023EARLYBIRD

Mid-June updates

Race Standards: New standards have been recommended by the RACE Committee and approved by the AAVSB Board of Directors. The standards will be effective and available on the AAVSB website on July 1, 2023, for all programs, both new and renewals. A Town Hall for RACE Providers will be held on June 21 to help answer any questions regarding the revised standards.

AVMA: The VAULT team and executive staff will be at the AVMA conference this July in Denver Colorado between July 14 and July 18, 2023.

AVTE Convention at the Westin Rancho Mirage in California between August 4 and August 6, 2023

Quebec applies to AAVSB: The Quebec Board of Veterinary Medicine has formally applied to the AAVSB to become a Member Board and meets the requirements of the AAVSB Bylaws' definition of a Member Board.

AAVSB Veterinary Team Task Expansion Study: The AAVSB is undertaking a survey developed by a task force composed of stakeholders from the veterinary community. The survey seeks to identify potential opportunities to address the veterinary workforce shortage through expansion of task delegation within veterinary practice.

Bylaw Amendments: During the AAVSB's Business Session for the upcoming 2023 Annual Meeting & Conference, the Delegate Assembly will vote on proposed Bylaws amendments.

Carol Sparrow retires from AAVSB: After an impressive tenure of over 9 years as Exams Manager, Carol Sparrow retires from AAVSB.

Join the AAVSB!

The AAVSB is on the lookout for individuals from their Member Boards to join committees and task forces. Right now, they have some open positions:

- PAVE for Veterinarians Committee
- Conference Committee
- Leadership Development Task Force

If you are interested in being a volunteer, simply fill out this [online volunteer form](#).

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, visit www.aavsb.org/volunteer or email volunteer@aaavsb.org

Practice Act Model Updates

During the 2023 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference, Delegates will be asked to vote on the updated AAVSB [Practice Act Model \(PAM\)](#) to reaffirm the document as a Member Board resource available in response to or as a stimulus of statutory and regulatory updates.

AAVSB Survey to Veterinary Professionals

For the last 18 months, the AAVSB has collaborated with a range of experts, including regulators, professional veterinary and veterinary technician associations, academics, private practice representatives, state governments, and psychometricians. Together, they have developed a comprehensive survey to assess tasks within the veterinary team and the potential and interest for delegation of those tasks. **This survey** will be

	<p>distributed to a portion of veterinarians and credentialed veterinary technicians throughout North America.</p> <p>Mid-July updates</p> <p>VTNE Townhall: July 27, 2023 1pm US Central Time, Via Zoom</p> <p>The AAVSB's VTNE Content Outline has been updated and will go into effect on August 15th, 2023.</p>	
OS-0720-15	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb provided the following updates:</p> <p>Federal Spouse Licensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Congress has recently passed legislation to reduce barriers for military spouses to gaining licensure in new jurisdictions. This legislation, the <i>Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022</i> (H.R. 7939), went into effect on January 5th, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This new law intends to ensure that military spouses with professional licensure in good standing in other states can practice in new states where their spouses are relocated. ▪ The Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards and the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) are working to establish a process by which military spouses could attain privileges to practice in the District. <p>Board Membership Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the <i>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0312) on June 2, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.

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 Council will therefore consider the *Director of the Department of Health Dr. Ayanna Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2023* ([PR25-0290](#)). The Committee on Health will hold a hearing to discuss this resolution.

Council Recess:

- Council went on recess effective July 14 and will return to session on September 15.

Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations

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.

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.

OS-0720-16	<u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u> https://dccouncil.us/events/list/	
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DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0720-17	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u> Dr. Vito DelVento reported that the online portal for the veterinary technician application is in the development phase, and we are hoping to launch it in January 2024.	
OS-0720-18	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	
OS-0720-19	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>	

CLOSING	
OS-0720-20	<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-0720-21	<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 **September 21, 2023**

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