

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

SEPTEMBER 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.

In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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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	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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0921-01	<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), Aisha Nixon (Excused absence) and Kuntumie Holston (Excused absence). F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — No public attendance</p>
OS-0921-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the September 21, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for September 21, 2023.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Lauren Stump, DVM, Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0921-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from July 20, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for July 20, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-0921-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0921-05	<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 forwarded an invitation to all board members across HRLA to the first Interprofessional Board Collaborative Symposium to be held at DC Health on September 27, 2023.</p> <p>This symposium is designed to engage all of our health professional board members in a dialogue about how to effectively rebuild and strengthen DC</p>	

	<p>Health workforce and promote best practices in team-based care and regulation to improve population health in the District.</p>	
<p>OS-0921-06</p>	<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 had nothing specific to report.</p>	
<p>OS-0921-07</p>	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 510 • Expired Licenses: 540 • Approved Renewal Applications: 309 • New Applications Under Review: 6 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 0 <p>Dr. DelVento reports that the renewal application portal for veterinary medicine licenses will open in November 2023.</p> <p>Two new application portals i) for veterinary technician applications and ii) veterinary facility licenses are expected to be launched later this year.</p> <p>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.</p>	

OS-0921-08	<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. 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>	
OS-0921-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0921-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0921-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no public attendance.</p>	

OS-0921-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 19, 2023 • November 16, 2023 (In-Person) • December 21, 2023 	
OS-0921-13	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - <u>FYI</u></u></p>	
OS-0921-14	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – <u>FYI</u></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"> • July 2023 Conventional Report • July 2023 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • July 2023 Activity at a Glance • August 2023 Report <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</p>	

powerful research tool and increase their usability of key legislative advancements.

The AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference

September 28 - 30, 2023 in Kansas City, MO

ED and Registrar Session at the AAVSB

We are excited to offer the Executive Director & Registrar Session at this year's AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference over two days to allow for longer in-depth discussions about issues impacting veterinary regulation.

This year, we have several group discussions lined up around relevant topics to you. Check out the [agenda](#) (as of 8/14/23) to learn about some of the topics we will discuss.

Member Board Training Session

We are excited to offer an all-new Member Board Training Session at this year's AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference over two days to allow for in-depth presentations and discussions about issues impacting veterinary regulation.

During this session, several topics will be covered:

- The history and mission of the AAVSB
- The AAVSB's role in the accreditation of veterinary schools and programs
- The AAVSB's standards for veterinary education and practice
- The AAVSB Practice Act Model, Statutes, Rules and Regulations
- The legal aspects of veterinary practice
- Networking and professional development

Meet the Speakers

To help you get to know this year's speakers during the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference, a speakers page is available to view on the [AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference website](#).

Quebec Joins the AAVSB as the 63rd Member Board

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) is pleased to announce that the AAVSB Board of Directors has approved the Quebec Veterinary Medical Association's application to join the AAVSB as its 63rd Member Board.

Nominating Committee report

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all of the nominees and their Member Boards for their interest in being leaders of the AAVSB. For your review and to prepare the Delegates for voting at the Annual Meeting & Conference in Kansas City, please review this year's Nominating Committee report which includes information on the nominees.

Meet the Nominees

To help you get to know this year's nominees running for leadership positions, the Meet the Nominee videos are available to view on the [AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference website](#).

AVMA Updates

House Committee advances AVMA-backed xylazine language. [Read more...](#)

Veterinarians exempt from new DEA education requirement. [Read more...](#)

Educational debt repayment program awards \$9M in 2022. [Read more...](#)

AVMA Congressional Advocacy Network urging Congress to improve dog importation standards. [Read more...](#)

List of items for voting at the AAVSB Annual Conference

AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference [webpage on the Documents section](#).

AAVSB 2023 Proposed Bylaws Amendments – 3 to consider

AAVSB Practice Act Model – 2023 Revisions
2023 Nominating Committee Report

AAVMC Updates

AAVMC launches VetMed Pathways

AAVMC is excited to announce the launch of VetMed Pathways, an innovative initiative aimed at inspiring and educating the next generation of veterinarians.

Collaborating with AAVSB

As veterinary students embark on their journey toward becoming skilled and compassionate practitioners, one fear often looms large in their minds: litigation. The AAVMC-SOCI Task Force is actively working to combat this misperception.

Diversity and Inclusion

AAVMC is pleased to recognize July as Disability Pride Month.

AAVMC Reads

The latest AAVMC Reads will focus on Queer Identities & Experiences in Higher Education. Registration is free and open to anyone!

Register [here](#) now!

Call for abstracts

Call for abstracts for the 2024 AAVMC Annual Conference and Iverson Bell Symposium, April 11-13, 2024 in Washington, DC

The deadline is August 29, 2023, submit abstracts [**here**](#).

	<p>2023 FFAR Vet Fellows</p> <p>AAVMC and the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) jointly announce the 2023 Cohort of FFAR Vet Fellows.</p> <p>A list of the 2023 FFAR Vet Fellows can be found here.</p> <p>Dates to Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care Veterinary Educators (PCVE) - October 18-21, 2023 • Veterinary Educator Symposium (VES) - October 27-28, 2023 • Deans Leadership Conference - By Invitation - January 11-13, 2024 	
OS-0921-15	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>Health Professional Compact Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councilmember Gray has introduced bills that would have the District join two health professional licensing compacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The <i>Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2023</i> (B25-0286) would have the District join the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact and applies to Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants. The compact is not operational but is scheduled to start accepting applications in mid-2024. ○ The <i>Counseling Compact Approval Act of 2023</i> (B25-0287) would have the District join the Counseling Compact and applies to Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs). ▪ Additionally, Councilmember Frumin has introduced the <i>District of Columbia Nurse Licensure Compact Authorization Act of 2023</i> (B25-0430) which applies to Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). ▪ DC Health is evaluating these bills and anticipates they will receive a hearing later this fall. <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. 	

- 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 hold a hearing on the *Director of the Department of Health Dr. Ayanna Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2023 (PR25-0290)*. The Committee on Health will hold a hearing on [October 5th](#) at 10AM to hear from the Director.

Council Return from Recess:

- Following a roughly two month recess, Council returned to session on September 15th.

Veterinarian Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&ChapterId=699>

Veterinary Technician Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&ChapterId=3904>

Veterinary Euthanasia Technician Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&ChapterId=3903>

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-0921-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	
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DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0921-17	<p><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></p>	
OS-0921-18	<p><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>	
OS-0921-19	<p><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></p>	

CLOSING		
OS-0921-20	<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-0921-21	<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 **October 19, 2023**

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