



BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 9:30AM - 10:30AM

OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

In-person meetings will resume in FY 2024, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

In-person meetings will be at 2201 Shannon Place SE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting virtually is listed below:

This meeting is available by web:

https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=meaac4d7d4904dd32c60e11d87ee69c30

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Call in Number:

+1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)





BOARD MEN	BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:	
BOARD MEN	IBERS:	
	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	
	SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS — BOARD MEMBER	
	Vacancy	
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT — VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	
	BLAIR ZERVOS — CONSUMER MEMBER	

STAFF MEMB	SERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:
STAFF MEMB	BERS:
	AYANNA BENNETT, MD, MSPH, FAAP — DIRECTOR
	J. SAM HURLEY, MPH, EMPS, NRP — SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR
	AISHA NIXON, MPT, CPM — ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, BS, CPM, ILAM — SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:		
LEGAL STAFF	MEMBERS:	
	ED RICH, ESQ — BOARD ATTORNEY	
	MATTEO LIEB — DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	





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OPEN SESSION AGENDA FEBRUARY 20, 2025

CALL TO ORD	ER AND ROLL CALL
OS-0220-01	INTRODUCTIONS A. CALL TO ORDER B. PRESIDING C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT D. QUORUM E. STAFF PRESENT F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
OS-0220-02	Board Action: Acceptance of February 20, 2025 Open Session agenda.

MINUTES AN	D STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0220-03	APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:	
	Board Action:	
	Consideration of Open Session minutes from December 19, 2024 meeting.	



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OS-0220-04	OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:	
OS-0220-05	SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:	
OS-0220-06	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:	
OS-0220-07	 Census Active Licenses: 494 Paid Inactive: 24 Expired Licenses: 667 Approved Renewal Applications: 379 New Applications Under Review: 10 Renewal Applications Under Review: 00 	
OS-0220-08	ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP) ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS 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	



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	renewal applications by going to the below link and submitting an online application. https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2	
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OS-0220-09	BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT	
OS-0220-10	BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT	
	Commercial animal facility regulations	
	Maryland Criminal Code on Animals	
	Topics of Legislative Priorities:	
	 Telehealth Policy AAVSB telehealth regulations Revision — Telemedicine regulations for veterinarians Cosmetic treatments on pets Artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine 	
	i. Client Communication and Education:	
	 Chatbots powered by AI can provide instant answers to common pet-related questions. Educational resources can be personalized based on an individual pet's needs. 	





ii. Natural Language Processing (NLP):

- NLP algorithms can analyze veterinary literature, case reports, and clinical notes to extract relevant information.
- Veterinarians can benefit from Al-generated summaries and recommendations.

iii. Diagnostics and Imaging:

Al algorithms can analyze medical images (such as X-rays, MRIs, and ultrasounds) to assist veterinarians in diagnosing conditions like fractures, tumors, or organ abnormalities.

iv. Predictive Analytics:

- Al models can predict disease outbreaks, track disease trends, and assess risk factors in animal populations for example, predicting the spread of infectious diseases or identifying at-risk animals for preventive measures.

v. Treatment Planning:

- Al can recommend personalized treatment plans based on an individual animal's health history, genetics, and response to previous treatments.
- It can also suggest optimal drug dosages and monitor treatment effectiveness.

vi. Health Monitoring:

- Wearable devices and sensors equipped with AI can continuously monitor vital signs, detect anomalies, and alert veterinarians to potential health issues.
- This real-time monitoring enhances early disease detection and intervention.

vii. Research and Drug Discovery:

- Al assists in analyzing large datasets, identifying genetic markers, and predicting drug interactions.
- It accelerates research and drug development for both animals and humans.



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viii. Population Health Management:	
 Al helps track population health trends, assess vaccination coverage, and manage disease control programs. It contributes to better overall animal welfare. 	
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC	
HOUSEKEEPING	
Future Board meeting dates:	
 March 20, 2025 April 17, 2025 May 15, 2025 June 19, 2025 July 17, 2025 August 2025 (Recess) 	
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ACCESSMENT (ICVA) LIRO ATES	
FYI	
<u>Beginnings</u>	
By Heather Case, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, CAE Chief Executive Officer "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a process; working together is success." – Edward Everett Hale This time of year always has me feeling a bit of whiplash – not just with all of the holiday activities, but because I feel like I'm simultaneously looking	
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back at everything that happened in the last year while looking forward to everything in the works for the next twelve months.

Read more...

ICVA Welcomes Two New Board Members

Board Members Trina Ralph and Dr. Winnie Krogman were elected as AAVSB designees at the September 2024 AAVSB Annual meeting. Read more...

NAVLE® Deep Dive at the AAVSB Conference

A key element of the session was the presentation and discussion of the five-limit retake policy, which received positive feedback from attendees. Read more...

Three New Staff Join the ICVA Team

The ICVA recently welcomed three new team members: Valerie Goddard, Anāsha Lanford, and Brittney Ventress. Each brings a unique set of skills and perspectives that will enhance ICVA operations.

Read more...

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AVMA UPDATES - FYI

AVMA Congressional Advocacy Network

The AVMA's advocacy team expects new and revamped advocacy campaigns starting in the first part of 2025 as legislation is introduced and reintroduced. Equipping you will all the necessary tools and information, please be sure to engage with these AVMA CAN action alerts when your help is requested as they are essential to the profession's advocacy work.

2024 ends with advocacy wins for the veterinary profession

At the end of December 2024, a provision to expand license reciprocity for veterinarians with the Department of Defense (DoD) was enacted with the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Supported by the AVMA, this



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provision will allow veterinarians in the Army Veterinary Corps and elsewhere in the DoD to practice anywhere if they are licensed in a state, territory, or possession and acting within the scope of their authorized duties. This means they'll be able to practice freely across the country when on DoD-authorized business.

AVMA-approved xylazine bill considered on Senate floor

On December 20, 2024, there was an effort to advance the updated Combating Illicit Xylazine Act in the Senate. The AVMA believes the bill would have had overwhelming support on a traditional "up or down" vote; however, the motion was blocked by a handful of senators on a procedural point.

Become an AVMA fellow

The AVMA Fellowship Program is an unparalleled opportunity to shape public policy while enhancing your knowledge of the political process. Serve for one year in Washington as a scientific advisor to members of Congress or congressional committees. Applications for 2025-2026 fellowships are due February 10, 2025.

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AAVSB <u>UPDATES - FYI</u>

Watchdog Tracking Report

AAVSB's Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of July and August -- 2024.

- December 2024 Report
- January 2025 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.

President Update

Dear AAVSB Member Boards,

As your new AAVSB President, I wanted to reach out to you with an <u>update</u> regarding my leadership and our refined <u>Strategic Map</u>.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

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. Any proposed amendments in the actual wording for inclusion in the Bylaws are due on February 21, 2025. Submission can be made to **Bylaws@aavsb.org**.

<u>Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners — AAVSB Bylaws – Proposed</u> <u>amendments</u>

Please find attached a letter regarding proposed AAVSB Bylaws Amendments provided at the direction of the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE).

- The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) respectfully submits the <u>enclosed</u> proposed Association Bylaws amendments for consideration.
- AAVSB Bylaws proposed edits from KY.

Spring Meetings Registration is now open

March 26 - 27, 2025 Executive Directors' & Registrars' Summit





March 28 - 29, 2025 Board Basics and Beyond

AMC 2025 Save the Date

The AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference brings together Member Boards to connect, collaborate, educate, and conduct business to strengthen the veterinary regulatory community. The next Annual Meeting & Conference will be held September 17-20, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Westin Downtown.

NAVLE "No Board Option"

Starting with the Fall 2024 NAVLE testing window, candidates are no longer required to select a specific licensing board to receive their NAVLE score. All NAVLE scores (including those not initially designated for a specific board) will still be reported to the AAVSB. Scores will be released in late January 2025.

For the Nominating Committee

Please look for the AAVSB Call for Nominations email and packet in the next couple of weeks from the Nominating Committee.

Thoughts on the Bylaws for the Committee to Consider

As mentioned during the 2024 Annual Meeting, the Bylaws Committee is conducting a comprehensive review of the Bylaws document. We anticipate proposing amendments for voting at the 2026 Annual Meeting. We encourage the Member Boards to review the Bylaws and provide ideas to the Committee at **Bylaws@aavsb.org**. The current Bylaws can be found at https://aavsb.org/about-us/governance.

Help Us Stay Up-to-Date on Your Continuing Education Requirements

As AAVSB prepares for the upcoming year, the CE department would like to ensure that we have the most accurate information regarding your continuing education requirements. Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire by clicking here. Your input will help us maintain accurate





records and guarantee that we can continue to support the needs for both you and your licensees.

Interested in the AAVSB Hosting Your Jurisprudence Exam?

The AAVSB's State and Provincial Exams (SPA) program takes your state exam for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, or both, and delivers it through the AAVSB's platform. There is no charge to Member Boards for use of this service. For more information on the SPA program, please reach out to spa@aavsb.org.

New Opportunities with the AAVSB

Now is the time for you or members of your board to take the opportunity to join the AAVSB leadership. Nominations for the 2025-2026 leadership year are now open. The AAVSB Nominating Committee asks that you review the <u>Call for Nominations document</u> and visit <u>Nominations Application</u> to submit nominations online.

Nominations are due May 22, 2025.

Review the 2025 VTNE Application Process Changes Resource Guide

The AAVSB is releasing a resource guide for Member Boards on the VTNE application process changes. This includes step by step tutorials of the latest updates. You can download it here:

https://files.constantcontact.com/e41dbc8a001/938f00e4-3e5e-4ff5-a920-7f87c1eba420.pdf

Model Document Policy Review

The AAVSB Board of Directors has approved a new Model Document Policy, and it is attached for review by AAVSB Member Board Members. This policy outlines the lifecycle for Model Documents, including performing research, obtaining Member Board feedback, allowing for adequate review time, and conducting the voting process. This applies to both the AAVSB Practice Act Model and Model Regulations.





Release of Fall 2024 NAVLE Scores

The AAVSB expects NAVLE scores to be released sometime between January 20-31. Scores for candidates who selected your jurisdiction when registering for the NAVLE will be accessible through the NBME Portal.

Canadian NAVLE Scores

All NAVLE scores for Canadian candidates are sent to the Canadian National Examining Board (NEB).

Schedule a VAULT Refresher

Curious about VAULT services, the online portal, or licensure support from the AAVSB? To schedule a VAULT Refresher, email Katie Koch, Mobility Program Manager at kkoch@aavsb.org

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AAVMC UPDATES - FYI

Save the Date for Catalyze 2025!

The Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C. — April 10-12, 2025

Register now...

Rowan University is now an AAVMC Member Institution

We welcome Rowan University as an AAVMC Member Institution. Per AAVMC Guidelines, Member Institutions must be accredited by or gain "reasonable assurance" from AVMA's Council on Education (COE).

Call for Volunteers

Our annual call for volunteers is now live! Openings:

- o Admissions and Recruitment Committee
- Wellbeing Committee





- Advocacy Committee
- JVME Journal of Veterinary Medical Education Editorial Board

Review the full details and requirements via the Volunteer page on CONNECT.

Midwestern University in Downers Grove joins AAVMC as a Provisional Member

<u>Midwestern University in Downers Grove</u> is our newest provisional member.

Midwestern University has named <u>Coretta Cosby Patterson, D.V.M.,</u> <u>DACVIM-SA</u>, as Dean of the proposed College of Veterinary Medicine. Pending accreditation approval, the first class is planned to matriculate in fall 2027.

Systemic Wellbeing Course

AAVMC is excited to announce the launch of a new online *Introduction to Systemic Wellbeing* course in 2025. Designed for college leaders, this course provides participants with the foundational knowledge and tools necessary to adopt a systemic approach to promoting wellbeing at their institutions.

Topics include:

- Systems thinking
- Leveraging data to inform wellbeing initiatives
- Engaging community stakeholders
- Establishing effective committees
- Selecting the right personnel to lead wellbeing efforts

The 16-week course will feature both asynchronous and synchronous sessions, with a time commitment of about two hours per week.

Applications opened on January 6, 2025.

AAVMC Names 2025 Chewy Veterinary Leaders Cohort

AAVMC, in partnership with Chewy Health, is excited to announce the 2025 Chewy Veterinary Leaders Cohort.





AAVMC Highlights 2025 Merck Animal Health and Patricia M. Lowrie Diversity Leadership Scholarship Winners

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) has <u>awarded \$166,000 in scholarships</u> to students enrolled at AAVMC Member Institutions. These scholarships support AAVMC's mission to inspire innovation and promote excellence in academic veterinary medicine worldwide.

FFAR Veterinary Student Research Fellowship is open for applications through February 26

Learn more here...

AAVMC's Signature Podcast: Diversity & Inclusion On Air

Tune in for a replay of past episodes on YouTube here.

AAVMC Endorses AAUP 1940 Statement on Academic Freedom

The AAUP statement defines and lays out the principles of academic freedom. In endorsing this statement, the AAVMC entrusts our member institutions and asserts support of the right to express their own views, study, research, and teach on any topic, and the right to develop academic programs of their choosing.

VMCAS Application

The Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) is now officially open for the 2025-26 application cycle!

Learn more about VMCAS or start your application here.

PCVE 2025

Save the date for PCVE 2025! Registration details will be forthcoming.



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Academic Veterinary Medicine Symposium Location: Texas A&M University Dates: June 3-6, 2025 **Events:** June 3: Spectrum of Care Symposium Call for Abstracts June 4-5: Competency-Based Veterinary Education (CBVE) Summer Workshop June 6: The Consortium of Workplace Based Education and Learning (COWBEL) Meeting* Registration details will be forthcoming OS-0220-17 <u>Brandywine Valley SPCA – Washington DC UPDATES – FYI</u> Newsletter OS-0220-18 **LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS PDMP** Pets in Housing Amendment Act of 2024: On May 22nd, Councilmember R. White along with Councilmembers Bonds, Pinto, T. White, and Lewis George introduced the Pets in Housing Amendment Act of 2024 (B25-0827). • This legislation limits fees by housing providers (monthly rent and security deposits) for pets as well as banning breed restrictions. This legislation has been referred to the Committee on Housing, and a hearing was held on October 8, 2024. Following a markup on November 21st, the legislation was passed on first reading on December 3rd and second reading on December 17th by a unanimous vote. It has since been **Enacted** without the Mayor's signature on January 16, 2025. **New Council Period:** Council Period 26 started on January 2, 2024.





 Committee assignments were released as part of <u>PR26-0002</u>. In that resolution, Councilmember Henderson was reappointed as Chairperson of the Committee on Health with Councilmembers Allen, Felder, Parker, and Nadeau as the other members.

Performance Oversight:

- The Council will conduct its FY24 Performance Oversight process over the coming months.
- As it relates to DC Health, this will provide an opportunity to share developments that occurred last fiscal year – including around health professional licensing.
 - DC Health's Performance Oversight hearing will be on February 24th (Public Witnesses) and February 26th (Government Witnesses).
 - Board Performance Oversight hearing will be on March 5th for the Boards of Pharmacy, Psychology, Medicine, and Dentistry.

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.

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

DC Vet Tech Communication Material.pdf

11202 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

11202.1 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for veterinary technician certification shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has successfully graduated from a two (2) year associate program in the practice of veterinary technology or animal health at an institution accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) at the time the applicant graduated.

11203 NATIONAL EXAMINATION

11203.1 To qualify for certification, an applicant shall furnish proof of having obtained, no more than seven (7) years prior to the submission of a certification application under this chapter, a passing score on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) or its successor examination, administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) or its successor.

11203.2 The passing score for the VTNE shall be as established by AAVSB.

11203.3 An applicant shall arrange for the score to be transmitted to the Board directly from AAVSB.





11204 KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VETERINARY JURISPRUDENCE

11204.1 To qualify for certification under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that he or she possesses competent knowledge and understanding of the laws and rules pertaining to veterinary practice in the District. The Board may adopt or implement a District of Columbia Veterinary Jurisprudence Examination or other methods such as mandatory educational sessions.

11205 ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **11205.1** Notwithstanding the requirement of § 11202, an applicant who does not meet the requirement of § 11202.1 may qualify for a veterinary technician certification if he or she:
- (a) Has completed, with a minimum passing grade of C or equivalent, at least two-hundred and thirty (230) clock hours of post-secondary instruction relevant to the practice of veterinary technician, which includes:
- (1) Biology I;
- (2) Biology II;
- (3) Microbiology;
- (4) Chemistry;
- (5) Anatomy and physiology I; and
- (6) Anatomy and physiology II; and
- (b) Has accrued at least four thousand (4,000) hours of Directed Clinical Practice under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian

Fee Schedule:

VETERINARY EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN:	VETERINARY TECHNICIAN:
Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00	Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00
Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00	Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00



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	Renewal Fee \$ 50.00	Renewal Fee \$ 50.00	
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	Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00	Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00	
	Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00	Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00	
	Verification of Records \$ 34.00	Verification of Records \$ 34.00	
	Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00	Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00	
	Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00	Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00	
		,	
OS-0220-19	LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS		
	https://dccouncil.us/events/list/		

DISCUSSION I	DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0220-20	MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION	



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OS-0220-21	FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
OS-0220-22	READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS

CLOSING			
OS-0220-23	MOTION TO CLOSE		
	Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).		
	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		



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OS-0220-24	MOTION TO ADJOURN	
	Board Action:	
	To adjourn the meeting.	
	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.	

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025

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