

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**MARCH 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.

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**BOARD MEMBERS:**

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	
	SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS — BOARD MEMBER	
	<i>Vacancy</i>	
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT — VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	
	BLAIR ZERVOS — CONSUMER MEMBER	

STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**STAFF MEMBERS:**

	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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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0320-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER B. PRESIDING C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT D. QUORUM E. STAFF PRESENT F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE</p>
OS-0320-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of March 20, 2025 Open Session agenda.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0320-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of Open Session minutes from February 20, 2025 meeting.</p>
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OS-0320-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0320-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p>	
OS-0320-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p>	
OS-0320-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 504 • Paid Inactive: 24 • Expired Licenses: 667 • Approved Renewal Applications: 379 • New Applications Under Review: 09 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 00 	
OS-0320-08	<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</p>	

	<p>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>	
OS-0320-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p>	
OS-0320-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Commercial animal facility regulations</p> <p>Maryland Criminal Code on Animals</p> <p>Topics of Legislative Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telehealth Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AAVSB telehealth regulations ○ Revision — Telemedicine regulations for veterinarians • Cosmetic treatments on pets • Artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i. Client Communication and Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	

	<p>ii. Natural Language Processing (NLP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NLP algorithms can analyze veterinary literature, case reports, and clinical notes to extract relevant information.- Veterinarians can benefit from AI-generated summaries and recommendations. <p>iii. Diagnostics and Imaging:</p> <p>AI algorithms can analyze medical images (such as X-rays, MRIs, and ultrasounds) to assist veterinarians in diagnosing conditions like fractures, tumors, or organ abnormalities.</p> <p>iv. Predictive Analytics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AI 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. <p>v. Treatment Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AI 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. <p>vi. Health Monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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. <p>vii. Research and Drug Discovery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AI 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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	<p>viii. Population Health Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AI helps track population health trends, assess vaccination coverage, and manage disease control programs. - It contributes to better overall animal welfare. 	
OS-0320-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>	
OS-0320-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 17, 2025 • May 15, 2025 • June 19, 2025 • July 17, 2025 • August 2025 (Recess) • September 18, 2025 • October 16, 2025 • November 20, 2025 • December 18, 2025 	
OS-0320-13	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p>	

<p>OS-0320-14</p>	<p><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p><u>From advocacy basics to legislative tracking</u></p> <p>The AVMA Congressional Advocacy Network (CAN) resources have been enhanced to better equip veterinary advocates for success. Check out the new advocacy resource library, full of helpful information for veterinary advocates.</p>
<p>OS-0320-15</p>	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Watchdog Tracking Report</p> <p>AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of July and August -- 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2025 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 powerful research tool and increase their usability of key legislative advancements.</p> <p><u>President’s Message</u></p> <p>In November 2024, Colorado passed Proposition 129, creating the Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) role, regulated by the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine. Despite a 2024 AAVSB survey showing</p>

	<p>only 38% support for a midlevel veterinary practitioner, the proposition passed, shifting the AAVSB Board’s focus to public protection and VPA training standards. The Board will develop model regulations, educational resources, a national exam, and credentialing programs to ensure VPAs are qualified. Leveraging its expertise in veterinary exams, the AAVSB aims to standardize VPA licensure and support member boards. The VPA will be discussed at the March 2025 ED/Registrars Summit.</p> <p><u>AAVSB to Discontinue PAVE for Veterinary Technicians</u></p> <p>After a long and careful consideration, the AAVSB Board of Directors has decided to discontinue the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) for Veterinary Technicians program. This is effective immediately.</p> <p><u>New Opportunities with AAVSB</u></p> <p>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 Call for Nominations document and visit Nominations Application to submit nominations online.</p> <p><u>AAVSB is Seeking Feedback on Resolution Passed</u></p> <p>The Business Assembly at the 2024 AAVSB Annual Meeting passed a resolution that was submitted by the AAVSB Board of Directors. This resolution forms a task force charged with exploring the political, legal, and practical reasons why veterinary technicians are not regulated within some jurisdictions.</p> <p>The resolution is attached for your review.</p>	
OS-0320-16	<p><u>AAVMC UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p><u>Catalyze 2025</u></p> <p>We are pleased to announce that Early-Bird Registration for Catalyze 2025 has been extended to March 11! Don’t miss the chance to save up to nearly 20 percent—register today!</p>	

Catalyze 2025, AAVMC's annual conference, is one of the premier professional development events in international academic veterinary medicine. So, take advantage of the savings while you can.

Rick Seltzer of Chronicle of Higher Education Joins Keynote Lineup at Catalyze 2025

To help you explore and evaluate the many evolving issues in academic veterinary education, a new plenary has been added to Catalyze 2025. We are excited to announce the addition of a plenary with Rick Seltzer on Thursday, April 10, at 9 a.m. ET. He will discuss emerging issues in the higher education landscape.

AAVMC Launches Webinar Series on Policy Changes Under New Administration

AAVMC's Government Affairs team hosted the first in a series of webinars to explore the impact of changes under the new administration.

New Report on Shared Faculty Appointments Addresses Veterinarian Shortage

AAVMC released its survey findings in a new report, Shared Faculty Appointment Survey. Led by James Lloyd, DVM, PhD, of Animal Health Economics, and Lisa Greenhill, EdD, of AAVMC, the survey explores current practices surrounding shared faculty appointments between academia and the private sector, addressing the growing shortage of veterinarians.

AAVMC Hosts Career Fair for Future Leaders

Don't miss the AAVMC Pre-Veterinary Career Fair! Taking place Saturday, April 12 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Washington (in conjunction with Catalyze 2025), this informative and engaging event is designed for elementary, middle, high school, and college students interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine.

VMCAS is Now Open

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

	<p>Learn more about VMCAS or start your application here.</p> <p><u>AAVMC Podcast</u></p> <p>AAVMC's Signature Podcast: Diversity & Inclusion On Air. Tune in for a replay of past episodes on YouTube here.</p> <p><u>AAVMC is looking for Arab-American students</u></p> <p>AAVMC is looking for DVM students and veterinary professionals who identify as Arab-American or from the Middle East/North Africa regions (MENA) for an upcoming episode of our podcast. Share your story.</p> <p><u>CIVME Hosts Final Accreditation Webinar</u></p> <p>CIVME will host its third and final accreditation webinar in this series on Wednesday, April 3, at 5 a.m. EST. Register here.</p> <p><u>Registration Open for Academic Veterinary Medicine Symposium</u></p> <p>We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the AAVMC Academic Veterinary Medicine Symposium, scheduled for June 3–6, 2025, at Texas A&M University. To register for the symposium, visit the AAVMC Academic Veterinary Medicine Symposium website.</p> <p><u>PCVE 2025</u></p> <p>Save the date for PCVE 2025! Registration information will be forthcoming.</p>	
OS-0320-17	<p><u>Brandywine Valley SPCA – Washington DC UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>February 2025 Newsletter</p>	

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LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS

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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 was [Enacted](#) without the Mayor’s signature on January 16, 2025.
- It has since been transmitted to Congress with a projected law date of March 27, 2025.

Clean Hands Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2025

- Councilmember McDuffie reintroduced the *Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26-0054](#)) on January 13, 2025.
 - This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and professional licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health.
- A [hearing](#) was held on June 20, 2024.

DC Health FY 24 Performance Oversight Hearing

- DC Health recently had its performance oversight hearing in the Committee on Health for Fiscal Year 2024.
- The first part of the hearing was held on February 24th, 2025. That hearing featured public witnesses and included representatives from community members, advocates, and stakeholders. That hearing can be watched at the following [link](#).
- Representatives from DC Health then testified to the Committee on February 26th, 2025. Testimony was provided by Director Bennett and other members of leadership and subject matter experts. Councilmembers asked questions of DC Health on a variety of topics including the agency’s reorganization, school health, the launch of new programs, and the agency’s response to emergency situations. That hearing can be watched at the following [link](#).

Board Performance Oversight Hearing

- On March 5th, the Committee on Health held a Performance Oversight for the following health professional licensing boards:
 - Board of Medicine
 - Board of Dentistry
 - Board of Pharmacy
 - Board of Psychology

The hearing featured testimony from public witnesses as well as from Chairpersons of the boards.

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
Renewal Fee \$ 50.00	Renewal Fee \$ 50.00
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-0320-19	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0320-20	<p><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></p>
OS-0320-21	<p><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>
OS-0320-22	<p><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></p>

CLOSING

OS-0320-23	<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</p>
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	<p>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-0320-24	<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 [April 17, 2025](#)

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