

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**APRIL 17, 2025**

**1:00PM - 2:30PM**

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

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	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-0417-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER</b> <b>B. PRESIDING</b> <b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b> <b>D. QUORUM</b> <b>E. STAFF PRESENT</b> <b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE</b></p>
OS-0417-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of April 17, 2025 Open Session agenda.</p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0417-03	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of Open Session minutes from March 20, 2025 meeting.</p>
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OS-0417-04	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p>	
OS-0417-05	<p><b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b></p>	
OS-0417-06	<p><b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p>	
OS-0417-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Licenses: 516</li> <li>• Paid Inactive: 24</li> <li>• Expired Licenses: 667</li> <li>• Approved Renewal Applications: 379</li> <li>• New Applications Under Review: 14</li> <li>• Renewal Applications Under Review: 00</li> </ul>	
OS-0417-08	<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</p>	

	<p>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>	
OS-0417-09	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b></p>	
OS-0417-10	<p><b><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Commercial animal facility regulations</a></p> <p><a href="#">Maryland Criminal Code on Animals</a></p> <p><b>Topics of Legislative Priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telehealth Policy             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">AAVSB telehealth regulations</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Revision — Telemedicine regulations for veterinarians</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cosmetic treatments on pets</li> <li>• Artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>i. Client Communication and Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chatbots powered by AI can provide instant answers to common pet-related questions.</li> <li>- Educational resources can be personalized based on an individual pet's needs.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>ii. Natural Language Processing (NLP):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- NLP algorithms can analyze veterinary literature, case reports, and clinical notes to extract relevant information.</li><li>- Veterinarians can benefit from AI-generated summaries and recommendations.</li></ul> <p><b>iii. Diagnostics and Imaging:</b></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><b>iv. Predictive Analytics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 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.</li></ul> <p><b>v. Treatment Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- AI can recommend personalized treatment plans based on an individual animal's health history, genetics, and response to previous treatments.</li><li>- It can also suggest optimal drug dosages and monitor treatment effectiveness.</li></ul> <p><b>vi. Health Monitoring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wearable devices and sensors equipped with AI can continuously monitor vital signs, detect anomalies, and alert veterinarians to potential health issues.</li><li>- This real-time monitoring enhances early disease detection and intervention.</li></ul> <p><b>vii. Research and Drug Discovery:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- AI assists in analyzing large datasets, identifying genetic markers, and predicting drug interactions.</li><li>- It accelerates research and drug development for both animals and humans.</li></ul>	
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	<p><b>viii. Population Health Management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AI helps track population health trends, assess vaccination coverage, and manage disease control programs.</li> <li>- It contributes to better overall animal welfare.</li> </ul>	
OS-0417-11	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p>	
OS-0417-12	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 15, 2025</li> <li>• June 19, 2025</li> <li>• July 17, 2025</li> <li>• August 2025 (Recess)</li> <li>• September 18, 2025</li> <li>• October 16, 2025</li> <li>• November 20, 2025</li> <li>• December 18, 2025</li> </ul>	
OS-0417-13	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p> <p><b>ICVA Assessment Development Committee (ADC)</b></p> <p>The ICVA is calling for nominations for one (1) open position on the Assessment Development Committee (ADC) with the term beginning in June 2025. Nominees should have knowledge and experience with swine in the</p>	

	<p>context of private clinical practice and/or practice of veterinary medicine at accredited veterinary schools. Nominations must be received by April 4, 2025. <a href="#">Learn more...</a></p>	
OS-0417-14	<p><b><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>AVMA echoes Congress’ renewed call to recruit and retain veterinarians in high-need areas</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Read more...</a></p> <p><b><u>Educational loan debt and federal veterinary programs</u></b></p> <p>The AVMA has been in communication with the Administration to highlight the vital work done by veterinarians across the country. As a member of many higher-education coalitions, the AVMA is working with other health professional organizations on student loan programs as a whole to share the profession’s concerns and seek solutions.</p> <p><b><u>USDA announces additional \$1B toward H5N1 efforts</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Read more...</a></p> <p><b><u>Horse soring and pet health insurance bills reintroduced in the House</u></b></p> <p>On February 27, the AVMA-endorsed Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act was reintroduced in the House. The legislation would crack down on the practice of horse soring by providing the enforcement mechanisms necessary to catch bad actors soring horses and preserve horse welfare.</p>	



OS-0417-15	<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 July and August -- 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">March 2025 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> <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><b><u>AAVSB Releases White Paper on AI Guidance</u></b></p> <p>Over the past year and at the request of several AAVSB Members, the AAVSB has engaged with dozens of subject matter experts, regulatory board members and staff, federal agencies, and veterinary practitioners to create this white paper: "Regulatory Considerations of the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine."</p> <p><a href="#">Download document</a> <a href="#">Download summary</a></p>
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OS-0417-16	<p><b><u>AAVMC UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p>	
OS-0417-17	<p><b><u>Brandywine Valley SPCA – Washington DC UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">March 2025 Newsletter</a></p>	
OS-0417-18	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PDMP</u></b></p> <p><b>Pets in Housing Amendment Act of 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Councilmember R. White along with Councilmembers Bonds, Pinto, T. White, and Lewis George introduced the <i>Pets in Housing Amendment Act of 2024</i> (<a href="#">B25-0827</a>).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This legislation limits fees by housing providers (monthly rent and security deposits) for pets as well as banning breed restrictions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ This legislation has been referred to the Committee on Housing, and a <a href="#">hearing</a> was held on October 8, 2024.</li> <li>▪ This legislation was unanimously approved on first and second readings, was then Enacted without the Mayor’s signature on January 16, 2025, and became law on March 21, 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>FY 2025 Budget:</b></p> <p>The Local Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 for the District of Columbia Government has not yet been introduced. OGR anticipates DC Health’s Budget Oversight to take place in May.</p> <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>	

**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

	<p><b><u>Fee Schedule:</u></b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 386 867 470">VETERINARY EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN:</td> <td data-bbox="867 386 1313 470">VETERINARY TECHNICIAN:</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 470 867 554">Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00</td> <td data-bbox="867 470 1313 554">Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 554 867 659">Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00</td> <td data-bbox="867 554 1313 659">Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 659 867 743">Renewal Fee \$ 50.00</td> <td data-bbox="867 659 1313 743">Renewal Fee \$ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 743 867 827">Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00</td> <td data-bbox="867 743 1313 827">Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 827 867 911">Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00</td> <td data-bbox="867 827 1313 911">Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 911 867 995">Verification of Records \$ 34.00</td> <td data-bbox="867 911 1313 995">Verification of Records \$ 34.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 995 867 1079">Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00</td> <td data-bbox="867 995 1313 1079">Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="386 1079 867 1142">Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00</td> <td data-bbox="867 1079 1313 1142">Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00</td> </tr> </table>	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	
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OS-0417-19	<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-0417-20	<b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b>
OS-0417-21	<b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>
OS-0417-22	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>

CLOSING	
OS-0417-23	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></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>

	Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at <a href="mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov">opengovoffice@dc.gov</a>	
OS-0417-24	<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 **May 15, 2025**

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