

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

JULY 16, 2026

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

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 — PROGRAM MANAGER	
	WHITNEY MOORE — INVESTIGATOR	
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ — BOARD ATTORNEY	
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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS / ATTENDANCE:

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STAFF MEMBERS:

	WARNER DIXON — POLICY ANALYST	
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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
OPEN SESSION AGENDA JULY 16, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0716-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. CALL TO ORDER B. PRESIDING C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT i. Dr. Dan Teich ii. Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon iii. Amy Haywood iv. Blair Zervos D. QUORUM E. STAFF PRESENT i. Ayanna Bennett ii. Sam Hurley iii. Aisha Nixon iv. Dr. Vito DelVento v. Joy Mc Farlane vi. Sahar Majid vii. Whitney Moore viii. Ed Rich ix. Kera Johnson x. Warner Dixon F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
OS-0716-02	Board Action: Acceptance of July 16, 2026 Open Session agenda.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0716-03	<u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u> Board Action: Consideration of Open Session minutes from May 21, 2026 meeting.	
OS-0716-04	<u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u>	
OS-0716-05	<u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u>	
OS-0716-06	<u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u>	
OS-0716-07	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u> <i>Census</i> <u>Veterinarians</u> • Active Licenses: 549 • Renewed: 347 • New Applications Under Review: 08 • Expired: 115	

	<u>Veterinary Technicians</u> • Active Certifications: 63 • Under Review (Veterinary Technician): 01 • Under Review (Euthanasia Privileges): 01	
OS-0716-08	<u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u> 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 renewal applications by going to the below link and submitting an online application. https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F	
OS-0716-09	<u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u>	
OS-0716-10	<u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u> Commercial animal facility regulations Maryland Criminal Code on Animals AAVSB telehealth regulations Revision — Telemedicine regulations for veterinarians	

[NOPR Vet Telehealth Regs and Vet Tech Amendments 17 DCMR Chapters 28 and 112 6.11.26](#)

We are in the final stretch of getting these regulations through the legal sufficiency process and have run into an issue concerning delegation of authority by veterinarians of certain procedures. The lawyers at the Legal Counsel Division are questioning whether the procedures in yellow can legally be delegated by a veterinarian, based upon their review of District law governing veterinarians. More specifically, they are wrestling with two provisions in the HORA: (1) the definition of “practice of veterinary medicine;” and (2) the statutory description of veterinary practice.

The definition of “practice of veterinary medicine” at D.C. Official Code sec. 3-1201.02 reads as follows:

“Practice of veterinary medicine” means:

(A) The diagnosis, prognosis, prevention, testing, or treatment of a disease, pain, deformity, defect, injury, or any other physical condition of an animal;

(B) Performing a surgical, medical, or dental procedure, or rendering surgical, medical, or dental aid to, for, or upon an animal;

(C) The practice of another branch or specialty of medicine or health care on an animal; or

(D) Prescribing, administering, or dispensing of drugs or medications for use on animals or for euthanasia of an animal.

The restriction on veterinary practice is found at D.C. Official Code sec. 3-1208.61(a), which reads:

(a) A person shall not engage in the practice of veterinary medicine without being licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

The regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine, at 17 DCMR 2817.1, allow for the delegation by veterinarians to vet techs and clinical support staff “only when, in the veterinarian’s competent professional judgment, such delegation is appropriate **and legally permissible** and the auxiliary or clinical support staff person is qualified to perform the duties.”

The question for board members is whether any of the procedures highlighted in yellow (or any of the other delegated procedures) constitute

	the practice of veterinary medicine and, as such, can only be performed by a licensed veterinarian. <u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u> Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Update ▪ On May 20, the Committee on Health held a mark-up to vote on the budgets for the agencies under its purview, including DC Health. Some investments in DC Health programs and initiatives listed in the Committee Report include: ○ Restoring \$168,000 in one-time funds for the Chronic Illness Initiative grants to provide sickle cell treatment, cervical cancer screenings, and mammograms to uninsured residents ○ Extending and expanding the Grocery Access Pilot Program to enable over 1,000 low-income residents to purchase groceries online without delivery fees. ▪ On May 27, the Council held the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Work Session as the next step in the budget process. During that session, Councilmembers discussed the capital budget, committee reports, and the overall budget. ▪ On June 9, the Committee of the Whole held a legislative meeting to discuss and vote on the Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026 and the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act of 2026. Both pieces of legislation passed on First Reading and will be put on the agenda for the next legislative meeting on June 23 for Final Reading. ▪ The <i>Local Budget Act</i> passed Final Reading on June 23 and is currently under Mayoral review. The <i>Budget Support Act</i> has not received a Final Reading yet. Council Recess Council's summer recess is scheduled to begin on July 15th and run through September 15th.	
OS-0716-11	<u>OPEN MEETING ACT TRAINING</u> Presentation for Board Members A presentation by a representative from the Board of Ethics & Government Accountability (BEGA)	

OS-0716-12	<u>Vet Tech Regulation — Scope of Practice</u> Follow-up Memo from VEG Employees	
OS-0716-13 (a)	<u>CE Credit Consideration</u> Dr. Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon is requesting CE credit consideration for several veterinary-focused OSHA and workplace-safety courses she recently completed through Certified Safety Training. The completed courses include: • Workplace Violence • Medical Safety • Cat Bite Prevention • Dog Bite Prevention • Sexual Harassment Training At this time, only one course offered by the provider appears to carry RACE approval. However, Dr. Kindberg-Hanlon found these modules to be comprehensive, highly relevant to veterinary practice, and directly applicable to workplace and staff safety in clinical environments. She requests that the board review these courses and consider approving them for CE credit. The full course list is available here: https://rb.gy/yg0ka0	
OS-0716-13 (b)	<u>CE Credit Consideration</u> Dr. Boorus Yim has requested approval for courses offered by the New England Veterinary Medical Association (NEVMA) to be recognized as acceptable continuing education (CE) for the upcoming renewal of his DC veterinary license. These courses are not RACE-approved. Conference website: https://nevma.org/ 2025 course offerings: https://tinyurl.com/mpa7r9mm	

OS-0716-14	<u>ADOPTION OF NEW CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM FOR APPLICANTS</u> Board Action: The Board will review the proposed Character Reference Form and determine whether to adopt it. Background: The current Veterinary Reference Form lacks detail, requiring only the names and contact information of the applicant's professional referees. To gain deeper insight into an applicant's professional character, a new, more comprehensive form—modeled after the Board of Medicine's version—has been developed. The Board is now tasked with deciding whether to implement this updated form. <u>Update:</u> On July 17, 2025, Board decided to table the item for future review.	
OS-0716-15	<u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	
OS-0716-16	<u>HOUSEKEEPING</u> Future Board meeting dates: • September 17, 2026 (Virtual) • November 19, 2026 (In-Person) • January 21, 2027 (Virtual) • March 18, 2027 (Virtual) • May 20, 2027 (In-Person)	

OS-0716-17

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES -

FYI

Nominations for the Communication Skills Assessment Committee are Open

The ICVA is putting out an open call for three (3) positions on the Communication Skills Assessment Committee (CSAC). These open positions are for professionals in veterinary medicine who have expertise in communication competencies and communication skills assessment methods.

[Committee Nomination Form](#)

NAVLE Structure Update Beginning with October-November 2026 Testing Window

As the application window for the fall 2026 testing cycle opens on June 1, ICVA is announcing several updates to the NAVLE that will take effect beginning with the October–November testing window. These changes are intended to enhance the exam experience for candidates.

The NAVLE’s content and total number of questions will remain the same. The updates include:

- Exam software improvements — The interface will feature a refreshed design, improved keyboard navigation, a new settings menu, and adjustable image contrast.
- Shorter testing blocks — The revised block structure and timing will allow for more frequent breaks between blocks. As with the current software, candidates will only be able to view items within the active block and will not be able to return to previous blocks once they are closed.

You can find more information regarding the NAVLE exam structure [here](#).

Help shape the future of the NAVLE

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) is partnering with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) to validate the content of the NAVLE.

Please use the link below to complete your survey.

[Complete the Survey](#)

Update on the Independent Audit of the NAVLE

Following our [public announcement](#) of ICVA's decision to initiate an independent third-party audit of the NAVLE, we wanted to share that the audit is underway and expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2027.

Additional information about the audit is available on our [blog](#).

2026 Grant Opportunity: Veterinary Assessment Research

The ICVA grant program, administered by the ICVA Academic Veterinary Assessment Committee (AVAC) for the ICVA Board of Directors, has announced its expanded 2026 grant cycle. Following approval at the Board's January 2026 meeting, the program now offers up to three annual grant awards of \$40,000 USD each, a significant increase from the previous \$10,000 level. Each award supports projects for up to three years, reflecting the organization's commitment to advancing veterinary assessment and education.

For more information on the program and past winners visit our [Assessment Grant Program](#) page.

ICVA and DRC Advance NAVLE® Practice Analysis

The practice analysis will identify the tasks, knowledge, and skills required for real-world job demands, helping to shape the exam blueprint and content. [Read More](#)

Update on Progress Test Development

The progress test will consist of 200 questions following the established blueprint, reflecting the broad range of knowledge and competencies expected of veterinary students. [Read More](#)

Connecting with Veterinary Students at SAVMA Symposium and June Webinar

	2026–2027 ICVA Chair Dr. Hilari French represented ICVA at the Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) Symposium, held March 13–15 in Raleigh, NC. Read More <u>25 Years of the NAVLE®</u> Since its launch in 2000, the NAVLE has assessed the knowledge and skills required for safe and effective veterinary practice, supporting animal health, animal welfare, and public health. Read More <u>ICVA 2025 Assessment Grant Winner</u> Congratulations to the 2025 recipient of the ICVA Assessment Grant. This year marks the first time the award goes to a team from the UK. Read more	
OS-0716-18	<u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u> <u>AVMA Insurance Services</u> Effective June 1, 2026, AVMA LIFE and AVMA PLIT came together under one unified brand: AVMA Insurance Services. Members with an AVMA LIFE/Disability coverage can access the new portal using their current credentials https://avmainuranceservices.com/	
OS-0716-19	<u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u> <u>2026 Annual Meeting & Conference (AMC)</u> AMC will take place September 23–26, 2026 in Providence, Rhode Island at the OMNI Providence Hotel. The event brings Member Boards together to collaborate, learn, and conduct regulatory business. <u>Bylaws Update</u> The Bylaws & Resolution Committee and Board of Directors completed their review of proposed amendments. The full packet was emailed on May 14.	

Proposed amendments are also available on the Bylaws Page in the Knowledge Center.

Call for Resolutions

No Member Board—proposed resolutions were submitted this cycle. Proposed resolutions will be distributed to Member Boards by July 27.

Delegate Assembly Information Session

A virtual session to help Delegates and Alternates understand procedures for the Delegate Assembly.

Monday, June 29
12:00–1:00 pm (Central)

Save the Date: Spring Meetings 2027

- Scheduled for April 7–10, 2027 in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Designed for targeted development for Affiliate Members and Member Board leaders/staff.
- Registration opens later this year.

Questions About the Delegate Assembly?

An exclusive virtual information session to help Member Board Members and Affiliate Members understand the processes, procedures, and context for the upcoming Delegate Assembly Meeting at the Annual Meeting & Conference (AMC) in September.

Date & Time:
Monday, June 29, 2026
12:00–1:00 pm (Central)

Model Documents Feedback Requested

The RPC has finalized draft updates to Article I of the Practice Act Model, the VCPR section, and new Standards of Practice and Facility regulations. Most of the VCPR definition was moved from statute to regulation to give boards greater flexibility and to better accommodate differing jurisdictional approaches and the evolving nature of veterinary medicine. The revised VCPR regulations are split to meet the requirements of Resolution 2025-3 while still supporting jurisdictions that allow virtual VCPRs, a structure many boards have found useful for public-protection purposes. The AAVSB now requests broad feedback from all Member Board Members, asking Executive

Directors and Registrars to share the draft documents with their volunteers so comments can be submitted individually or as a board.

[Practice Act Model, Article I – Feedback form](#)

[Model Regulations: Establishment and Maintenance of a VCPR – Feedback form](#)

[Model Regulations: Standards of Practice and Facility – Feedback form](#)

Accessing NAVLE and VTNE Scores for New Graduates

With new graduates applying for licensure, a reminder that NAVLE and VTNE scores may have been automatically reported to your jurisdiction and do not require VAULT transfers.

For candidates that took the NAVLE and selected your jurisdiction during registration, you can access candidate reports in the ICVA portal (hosted by NBME). VTNE scores automatically designated for your jurisdiction can be found under the VTNE Scores area of the portal.

If a candidate selected your jurisdiction when they registered for the NAVLE or VTNE, candidates do NOT need to complete a transfer request through the AAVSB. If you are unsure whether you should have received a candidate's score, you can always contact the VAULT team to verify at viva@aavsb.org.

New Restrictions on Transcript Ordering

The transcript processor, Parchment, recently implemented new restrictions that prevent VAULT from ordering transcripts to be sent directly to licensing boards. Parchment is currently used by 13 veterinary schools and more than 60 veterinary technician programs.

For licensees who use the VAULT Premium service, this means, in many cases, the AAVSB is unable to include a transcript with the packet sent to the licensee's designated board. These licensees must order their own transcript and have it sent to the board separately from the VAULT packet.

Register for AMC Now!

This year, AMC will be held in Providence, Rhode Island on September 23 - 26. The AMC is an annual opportunity for Member Boards to vote on the AAVSB's Bylaws and Resolutions, as well as the Board of Directors for 2027.

	Attendees have the opportunity to immerse themselves in forward-thinking ideas, take part in meaningful discussions, and collaborate with others to strengthen and support veterinary regulation. Register for AMC	
OS-0716-20	<u>AAVMC UPDATES – FYI</u> AAVMC has renamed its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee to the Committee on Thriving Academic Communities, signaling a shift toward a broader, community-wide focus on well-being and belonging. <u>AAVMC Champions Workforce Development</u> AAVMC advocates for veterinary medicine through its work with HPNEC to support federal funding for HRSA’s Title VII and VIII programs, which strengthen the health workforce through diversity and training initiatives. On June 3, Kevin Cain represented AAVMC at an HPNEC congressional briefing urging continued strong funding for these programs, emphasizing their role in expanding care access, addressing workforce shortages, and preparing future health professionals.	
OS-0716-21	<u>Brandywine Valley SPCA – Washington DC UPDATES – FYI</u> May 2026 Newsletter	
OS-0716-22	<u>Veterinarian Regulations</u> https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&ChapterId=699 <u>Veterinary Technician Regulations</u> 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-0716-23	<u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u> https://dccouncil.us/events/list/		

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0716-24	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-0716-25	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>

OS-0716-26	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>
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CLOSING		
OS-0716-27	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). Background: Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board may move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following: 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a); 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); and: 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9).	

OS-0716-28	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u> 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.
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **September 17, 2026**

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