

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

OCTOBER 15, 2026

9:30AM - 10:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING AGENDA

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	<u>ROLL CALL:</u>
OS-1015-01	Board Action: Acceptance of October 15, 2026 Open Session agenda.
OS-1015-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u> A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Operational Update: I. DC Health Warns of Health Professional License Scam - Licensure Census: - Legislative Updates: B. ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT Draft Regulations D. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT
OS-1015-03	<u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u> Board Action: Consideration of Open Session minutes from July 16, 2026 meeting.
OS-1015-04	<u>Determination of the In-Person Board Meetings for FY27</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine which meetings are in person and which are virtual for FY2027. December 17, 2026 (Virtual)

	- February 18, 2027 (In-Person) - April 15, 2027 (Virtual) - June 17, 2027 (Virtual) - August 19, 2027 (In-Person) - October 21, 2027 (Virtual) - December 16, 2027 (Virtual) Board attorney has proposed cancelling the November 2026 meeting and scheduling all meetings in the even number months. The proposed dates are listed above for the board review.
OS-1015-05	<u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting. <u>Veterinarians</u> 07/16/2026 — Christine Riviera, DVM — Examination 07/17/2026 — Jeremy Shapero, DVM — Endorsement 07/20/2026 — Cassandra Oldham, DVM — Endorsement 07/21/2026 — Deborah Wolf, DVM — Endorsement 07/22/2026 — Derecka Alexander, DVM — Endorsement 07/22/2016 — Kelvin Moore, DVM — Endorsement 07/23/2026 — Rebecca Ascherman, DVM — Examination 08/23/2026 — Keren Mussman, DVM — Endorsement 08/24/2026 — Susan Stephens, DVM — Endorsement 08/24/2026 — Arianne Baker, DVM — Endorsement 09/17/2026 — Rebecca Golden, DVM — Endorsement 09/23/2026 — Nichole Weinstein, DVM — Endorsement 09/24/2026 — Lisa Parker, DVM — Endorsement 09/25/2026 — Tyson Jenkins, DVM — Examination 09/28/2026 — Kathleen Bishop, DVM — Endorsement <u>Veterinary Technicians</u> 07/14/2026 — Jennifer Bass, CVT — Endorsement

OS-1015-06	<u>Licensure pathways inquiry for international graduates</u> An internationally educated veterinarian currently licensed under faculty permits in Georgia and Louisiana plans to apply for the Zoological Medicine Residency at the Smithsonian’s National Zoo and is seeking clarification from DC Health about veterinary licensure requirements in Washington DC. Specifically, he asks whether DC offers any temporary, provisional, restricted, educational, or supervised license that would allow him to practice veterinary medicine solely within the residency program under supervision, without needing full DC licensure or completing PAVE/ECFVG certification. He also requests guidance on any alternative pathways for internationally trained veterinarians in structured postgraduate programs and asks to be directed to the appropriate office if needed. In a follow-up email, he asks whether the DC Board of Veterinary Medicine might consider creating a restricted resident license in the future — similar to limited licenses available in other states for supervised veterinary trainees. He inquires whether this topic has been discussed, whether such a change could be considered, and what the process would be for proposing it. He expresses interest in contributing to any future conversations on licensure pathways for international veterinarians pursuing supervised specialty training.
OS-1015-07	<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-1015-08

THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY
NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED

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>

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

	<u>Fee Schedule:</u>	
	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-1015-09	<u>MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). <u>Background:</u> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will 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. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2575(b)(9). 3. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).	

	<u>Roll Call Vote</u>
	This temporarily concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.
OS-1015-10	<u>Executive Session Board Report</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session meeting. • Number of applications approved • Number of complaints closed

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2026

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