

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**MAY 15, 2025**

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

**OPEN SESSION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

## HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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

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**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 MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	
	SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS — BOARD MEMBER	
	<i><b>Vacancy</b></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	
	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-0515-01	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>  <b>A. CALL TO ORDER B. PRESIDING C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT D. QUORUM E. STAFF PRESENT F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE</b>
OS-0515-02	<b>Board Action:</b>  Acceptance of May 15, 2025 Open Session agenda.

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0515-03	<b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b>  Consideration of Open Session minutes from April 17, 2025 meeting.	
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OS-0515-04	<b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b>	
OS-0515-05	<b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b>	
OS-0515-06	<b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b>	
OS-0515-07	<b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b>  <i>Census</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Licenses: 524</li> <li>• Paid Inactive: 24</li> <li>• Expired Licenses: 667</li> <li>• Approved Renewal Applications: 379</li> <li>• New Applications Under Review: 21</li> <li>• Renewal Applications Under Review: 00</li> </ul>	
OS-0515-08	<b><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></b>  <b>ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS</b>  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>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> <p><u>Concerns surrounding abandoned dogs</u></p>	
OS-0515-09	<b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b>	
OS-0515-10	<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>i. <b>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>	
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	<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> <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-0515-11	<p><b><u>DC JURISPRUDENCE AFFIDAVIT</u></b></p> <p>The regulation states: “An applicant for an initial license 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.”</p> <p>If the Board feels that an affidavit is warranted to satisfy it, then we will require an affidavit.</p>	
OS-0515-12	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p>	
OS-0515-13	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 17, 2025</li> <li>• July 17, 2025</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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-0515-14	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p>	
OS-0515-15	<p><b><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>AVMA advocacy evident in recently introduced legislation</u></b></p> <p>Since the 119th Congress began in January, the AVMA has been working with legislators and their staffs to advance the profession’s interests and top legislative initiatives. <u><a href="#">Read more...</a></u></p> <p><b><u>Veterinarians among those cut in extensive layoffs at HHS</u></b></p> <p>Mass firings at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on April 1 resulted in significant personnel cuts to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and National Institutes of Health (NIH). <u><a href="#">Full story...</a></u></p> <p><b><u>Educational loan repayment plans in flux after court ruling</u></b></p> <p>The U.S. Department of Education briefly paused enrolling and renewing participants in all income-driven repayment plans to comply with a federal court’s injunction. After a few weeks’ pause, the online IDR application is once again available. <u><a href="#">Full details...</a></u></p>	



	<p><b><u>APHIS further postpones Horse Protection Act changes</u></b></p> <p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has postponed the effective date of strengthened Horse Protection Act (HPA) regulations into early next year. <a href="#">Full details...</a></p> <p><b><u>Act now: Protect veterinary access to xylazine</u></b></p> <p>The Combating Illicit Xylazine Act would help address the public health threat posed by illicit xylazine while preserving veterinary access to this important animal sedative. <a href="#">Take action...</a></p> <p><b><u>Ask Congress to help recruit and retain veterinarians</u></b></p> <p>The Rural Veterinary Workforce Act would recruit and retain veterinarians in rural and underserved communities by addressing the significant obstacle of student loan debt. <a href="#">Take action...</a></p>	
OS-0515-16	<p><b><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>KBVE - proposed resolutions for the AAVSB 2025 Delegate Assembly</u></b></p> <p>For your organization’s advance consideration, <a href="#">attached are three distinct resolutions</a> being proposed by Kentucky for individual votes at the AAVSB 2025 Annual Delegate Assembly. As the AAVSB is not required to disseminate the resolutions prior to July 21, 2025, the KBVE is sending this directly to you now to allow ample time for your Board or Council to deliberate the resolutions in advance of the 2025 Delegate Assembly.</p> <p><b><u>Choose Your AMC Delegates Now!</u></b></p> <p>Now is the time to select your Delegates. The AAVSB funds up to two Delegates (one voting, one alternate) through the Delegate Funding Program to ensure your participation.</p> <p>Contact us at <a href="mailto:memberservices@aavsb.org">memberservices@aavsb.org</a> — and stay tuned for more details about AMC 2025. Registration opens April 30th!</p>	

**Coming In May: AAVSB Member Board Profile Survey**

Be on the lookout—the 2025 Member Board Profile Survey is launching this May. This important survey gathers key details about the structure, operations, and policies of veterinary regulatory boards.

**IVRN Sponsored Meeting**

December 1-2,  
Wellington, New Zealand

The International Veterinary Regulators Network (IVRN) is sponsoring a two-day event for senior staff of veterinary regulators.

For specific questions, please contact Ian McLachlan - Veterinary Council of New Zealand at [ian@vetcouncil.org.nz](mailto:ian@vetcouncil.org.nz)

**Newly Released White Paper**

“Regulatory Considerations of the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine.”

[Download Document](#)

**2025 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference**

Registration is now open for the 2025 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference!

[Resister now](#)

**Delegate Selection**

Take advantage of the [Delegate Funding Program](#). This policy covers all reasonable travel and lodging expenses for two Delegates (voting & alternate), so secure your Board's spots early.

**Proposed Changes to the AAVSB Practice Act Model and Model Regulations: Medical Recordkeeping**

The Regulatory Policy Committee (RPC) recently completed revisions to the documents - Proposed Changes to the AAVSB Practice Act Model and Model

	<p>Regulations: Medical Recordkeeping. These revisions were based on feedback from AAVSB Member Boards. Both documents are attached below with Member Board feedback and the response from the Regulatory Policy Committee.</p> <p><a href="#">Proposed Changes to the AAVSB Practice Act Model</a></p> <p><a href="#">Model Regulations: Medical Recordkeeping</a></p> <p><b><u>Call for Nominations 2025</u></b></p> <p>Nominations for the 2025-2026 leadership year are closing soon on May 22nd! Now is the time for you or members of your board to join the AAVSB leadership. There are currently eight open positions waiting to be filled.</p>	
OS-0515-17	<p><b><u>AAVMC UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Catalyze 2025</u></b></p> <p>Catalyze 2025 drew more than 400 participants from around the world for three days of collaboration, innovation, and forward-thinking in veterinary medical education.</p> <p><a href="#">Explore highlights from Catalyze 2025</a></p> <p><a href="#">Review session abstracts</a> in The Journal of Veterinary Medical Education.</p> <p><b><u>Bonnie Rush Begins Term as AAVMC President</u></b></p> <p>Bonnie Rush, DVM, MS, DACVIM, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University (KSU), began her term as AAVMC President and Board Chair. Rustin Moore, DVM, PhD, AAVMC's Immediate Past President, passed the gavel to Dr. Rush at the Catalyze 2025 annual conference.</p>	

	<p><a href="#">Meet the 2025–2026 AAVMC Board</a></p> <p><b><u>Academic Veterinary Medicine Symposium</u></b></p> <p>Find answers to these questions—and share your insights—at the inaugural Academic Veterinary Medicine Symposium on June 3–6 in College Station, Texas.</p> <p><a href="#">Register now...</a></p>	
OS-0515-18	<p><b><u>Brandywine Valley SPCA – Washington DC UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">April 2025 Newsletter</a></p>	
OS-0515-19	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PDMP</u></b></p> <p>FY 2026 Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Local Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 for the District of Columbia Government has not yet been introduced. OGR anticipates DC Health’s Budget Oversight to take place in May.</li> </ul> <p>Open Meetings Clarification Amendment Act of 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chairman Mendelson, along with all other sitting members of the Council, introduced the Open Meetings Clarification Amendment Act of 2025 (<a href="https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0208">https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B26-0208</a>) on March 27, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This legislation would make changes to the requirements for which meetings held by public bodies have to be open to the public.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The legislation had a hearing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> but has yet to advance any further.</p>	

**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;

	<p>(5)     Anatomy and physiology I; and</p> <p>(6)     Anatomy and physiology II; and</p> <p>(b)     Has accrued at least four thousand (4,000) hours of Directed Clinical Practice under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p><b><u>Fee Schedule:</u></b></p> <table><tr><td>VETERINARY EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN:</td><td>VETERINARY TECHNICIAN:</td></tr><tr><td>Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00</td><td>Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00</td><td>Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Renewal Fee \$ 50.00</td><td>Renewal Fee \$ 50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00</td><td>Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00</td></tr><tr><td>Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00</td><td>Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00</td></tr><tr><td>Verification of Records \$ 34.00</td><td>Verification of Records \$ 34.00</td></tr><tr><td>Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00</td><td>Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00</td></tr><tr><td>Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00</td><td>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-0515-20	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://dccouncil.us/events/list/">https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</a></p>																			

<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	
OS-0515-21	<u><b>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</b></u>
OS-0515-22	<u><b>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</b></u>
OS-0515-23	<u><b>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</b></u>

<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-0515-24	<p><u><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b></u></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-0515-25	<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 **June 17, 2025**

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