



2026 Schedule for the AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference

Monday, September 21, 2026

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast for Committee Volunteers	Waterplace Ballroom
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	QSE® Exam Development Workshop (PAVE) (Day 1: closed session)	Blackstone
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch for Committee Volunteers and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast for Committee Volunteers	Waterplace Ballroom
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	QSE Exam Development Workshop (PAVE) (Day 2: closed session)	Blackstone
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	VTNE® Exam Development Workshop (Day 1: closed session)	Kent
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch for Committee Volunteers and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Early Registration Opens	Narragansett Prefunction
7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast for Committee Volunteers and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
8:00 am - 9:00 am	PAVE Committee Meeting	Blackstone
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Finance Committee Meeting	South County
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Conference Committee Meeting	Providence I
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	RACE® Committee Meeting	Providence IV
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	VTNE Exam Development Workshop (Day 2: closed session)	Kent
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	QSE Exam Development Workshop (PAVE) (Day 3: closed session)	Blackstone
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Regulatory Policy Committee Meeting	Bristol
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	AAVSB Board of Directors Meeting	South County

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Wednesday, September 23, 2026 (continued)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch for Committee Volunteers and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	VTNE Committee Meeting	Kent
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Bylaws Committee Meeting	Providence I
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Affiliate Members' Advisory Committee Meeting	South County
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	VTNE Exam Development Workshop continues (closed session)	Kent
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Leadership Development Committee Meeting	Providence IV
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting	Providence I
3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	VTNE & NAVLE® Exams Deep Dives (optional session, open to attend)	Providence II & III
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Training Meeting for Voting Staff & Tellers	Providence I

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Narragansett Prefunction
7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast for Summit & Board Training Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Affiliate Members' Summit (optional pre-conference session; registration required)	Providence II & III
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Member Board Training (optional pre-conference session; registration required)	Providence I & IV
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Leadership Development Committee Meeting	Blackstone
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch for Summit & Board Training Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Reception (Volunteers Only)	Flemings Private Dining
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Dinner with Future Friends (Sign up at Registration Desk)	Local Restaurants

Friday, September 25, 2026

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Narragansett Prefunction
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast for Annual Meeting Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Assembly	Narragansett Ballroom

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Friday, September 25, 2026 (continued)

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Delegate Q&A for Individual Nominees	Narragansett Prefunction
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch for Annual Meeting Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
1:30 pm - 2:30pm	Educational Session #1: Dr. Hannah Maxey	Narragansett Ballroom
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Educational Session #2: Dr. Stephen Goldsmith	Narragansett Ballroom
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Educational Session #3: Association Roundtable	Narragansett Ballroom
5:00 pm	Meeting Recess	Narragansett Ballroom
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Meet in the Lobby, Buses to Roger Williams Park Zoo	Hotel Lobby
6:40 pm	Friday Night Event: Roger Williams Park Zoo <i>Enjoy dinner and drinks at the zoo!</i>	Roger Williams Park Zoo

Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Narragansett Prefunction
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast for Annual Meeting Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Assembly	Narragansett Ballroom
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch for Annual Meeting Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Educational Session #4: Dale Atkinson	Narragansett Ballroom
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Educational Session #5: Frank Meyers	Narragansett Ballroom
4:45 - 5:00 pm	Closing Session	Narragansett Ballroom
5:00 pm	Meeting Adjournment	Narragansett Ballroom



Affiliate Members' Fall Summit

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Narragansett Prefunction
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast for Summit & Board Training Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Good morning from the AAVSB Leadership, Welcome and Introductions	Providence II & III
8:30 am - 10:00 am	MDR Strategy Group: AI Workshop	Providence II & III
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break	Providence Foyer
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	MDR Strategy Group: AI Workshop, continued	Providence II & III
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch for Summit & Board Training Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff	Waterplace Ballroom
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Topic 2: Should Veterinary Technician Specialist be Regulated?	Providence II & III
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Topic 3: AVMA Accreditation Update	Providence II & III
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Topic 4: How to Better Handle Stakeholder Meetings and Townhalls	Providence Foyer
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	Providence II & III
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Topic 5: Expanding Licensure Data Collection: Member Board Input	Providence II & III
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Reception (Volunteers Only)	Flemings Private Dining

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Member Board Training

Board Basics & Beyond

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Registration Desk Open

Narragansett Prefunction

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast for Summit & Board Training Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff

Waterplace Ballroom

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Welcome & Kick-Off

Providence I & IV

The AAVSB: Connecting the Regulatory Community

Introductions

Objectives & Terminology

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Break

Providence Foyer

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Small Group Table Exercises

Providence I & IV

AAVSB Practice Act Model (PAM)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch for Summit & Board Training Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff

Waterplace Ballroom

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

AAVSB Programs

Statutes, Rules, and Regulations

Small Group Table Exercises

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Break

Providence Foyer

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Board Operations

Providence I & IV

4:45 pm - 4:55 pm

Final Questions & Open Discussion

4:55 pm - 5:00 pm

Closing Remarks

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Volunteer Appreciation Reception (Volunteers Only)

Flemings Private Dining



Delegate Assembly & Educational Sessions

Day 1

Friday, September 25, 2026

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Registration Desk Open

Narragansett Prefunction

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast for Annual Meeting Participants,
Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff

Waterplace Ballroom

8:00 am - 9:15 am

Call to Order and Welcome

Narragansett Ballroom

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

Welcome to Rhode Island

Selvi Lampman, New England Representative Presiding Officer

Introduction of Special Guests and the AAVSB Board of Directors

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

Presidential Address

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

AAVSB Board of Directors' Report

Shelia Dodson, DVM, AAVSB President-Elect

Chief Executive Officer's Update

James T. Penrod, CAE, FASLA, AAVSB Chief Executive Officer

AAVSB Strategy Update

Chrissy Bagby, PMP, CAE, AAVSB Chief Strategy Officer

9:15 am - 9:30 am

Delegate Assembly Begins

Roll Call

(Delegates and Alternate Delegates to be seated)

James T. Penrod, CAE, FASLA, AAVSB Chief Executive Officer

Standing Conference Rules, 2026 AMC Agenda and
Summary of the 2025 Annual Meeting & Conference

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Nominating Committee Report

Brittany Sharkey, Esq, AAVSB Nominating Committee Chair

Call for Nominations from the Floor

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

Treasurer's Report

Amy Haywood, LVT, AAVSB Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair

Regulatory Policy Committee Report

Lesley Sawa, DVM, AAVSB Regulatory Policy Committee Chair

Friday, September 25, 2026 (continued)

10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break <i>Free professional portrait sessions available</i>	Narragansett Prefunction
10:15 am - 11:15 am	Bylaws & Resolution Committee Report <i>Darren Wright, DVM, AAVSB Bylaws & Resolution Committee Chair</i> Global Task Force Committee Report <i>Dr. Frank Richardson, AAVSB Global Task Force Chair</i> Licensure Questions Working Group Report <i>Dr. Tim Kolb, AAVSB Licensure Questions Working Group Chair</i> Delegate Assembly Recesses	Narragansett Ballroom
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation <i>Video</i>	
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Delegate Q&A for Individual Nominees	Narragansett Prefunction
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch for Annual Meeting Participants, Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff <i>Free professional portrait sessions available</i>	Waterplace Ballroom
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Regulatory Boards as Champions for Informed Veterinary Workforce Policy: Standardized Data Collection <i>Hannah Maxey, Veritas Health Solutions</i>	Narragansett Ballroom
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Agriculture Sector Threats: Bioterrorism, Biological Warfare, Espionage, and Agrocimes <i>Dr. Stephen Goldsmith, Program Analyst, FBI Counterterrorism Division</i>	Narragansett Ballroom
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Break <i>Free professional portrait sessions available</i>	Narragansett Prefunction
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Shared Perspectives, Shared Progress: Advancing Veterinary Technician Education, Credentialing, and Support <i>AAVSB, CVTEA, AVTE, CVMA, NAVTA</i>	Narragansett Ballroom
4:45 pm	Meeting is Recessed	
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Meet in the Lobby, Buses to Roger Williams Park Zoo	Hotel Lobby
6:40 pm	Friday Night Event: Roger Williams Park Zoo <i>Enjoy dinner and drinks at the zoo!</i>	Roger Williams Park Zoo

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Delegate Assembly & Educational Sessions

Day 2

Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Registration Desk Open

Narragansett Prefunction

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast for Annual Meeting Participants,
Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff

Waterplace Ballroom

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Delegate Assembly Reconvenes

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

Narragansett Ballroom

Delegate Assembly Begins

Roll Call

(Delegates and Alternate Delegates to be seated)

James T. Penrod, CAE, FASLA, AAVSB Chief Executive Officer

Elections

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Proposed Bylaws Amendments - Discussion and Vote

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

10:30 am - 10:45 am

Break

Free professional portrait sessions available

Narragansett Prefunction

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Proposed Resolutions and Proclamations -
Discussion and Vote

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

Narragansett Ballroom

Regulatory Policy - Discussion and Vote:

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

- Proposed Changes to the AAVSB Practice Act Model
- Model Regulations: Appropriate Prescribing and Use of Controlled Substances
- Model Regulations: Delegation of Tasks to Unlicensed Staff
- Model Regulations: Scope of Practice for Veterinary Technicians

Delegate Assembly Concludes

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Lunch for Annual Meeting Participants,
Committee Volunteers, and the AAVSB Staff

Free professional portrait sessions available

Waterplace Ballroom

Saturday, September 26, 2026 (continued)

1:30 pm

**2027 Annual Meeting & Conference
Location Announcement**

Narragansett Ballroom

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Top Legal Cases Impacting the Veterinary Profession

Narragansett Ballroom

Dale Atkinson, JD, AAVSB Legal Counsel

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Break

Narragansett Prefunction

3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

**AI-Powered Complaints Triage: Practical Tools and
Governance for Veterinary Regulators**

Narragansett Ballroom

Frank Meyers, JD, Federation of State Medical Boards

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

Closing Session

Recognition of Service for Outgoing Officers & Directors

Timothy Kolb, DVM, AAVSB President and Presiding Officer

Installation of the 2026 - 2027 AAVSB Board of Directors

Frank Richardson, DVM, AAVSB Immediate Past President

Presidential Address

Sheila Dodson, DVM, AAVSB President 2026 - 2027

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

AAVSB 2026 Annual Meeting & Conference Adjournment