



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Johnston, II, RDH, Chair
Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair
Hollie Reese, RDH
Robin Roderick, RDH

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daniel Liestman, Public Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Konishi
Jennifer Zbaraschuk
Dana Harris
Lauren Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Kristi Taylor
Colleen Gaylord
Alisa Wollens
Erica Plateau

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Michael Johnston, II, RDH, Chair.

1.1. Introductions

The committee members and staff were introduced.

- 1.2. Public Comment** – The public had an opportunity to provide comments. Individuals that would like to comment during this time were asked to limit comments to two minutes. Individuals were also asked to identify themselves and who they represent if

applicable. Comments from the public in attendance were also accepted after each agenda item when applicable.

No public comments were made.

1.3. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Bronoske Jr., requested to amend the agenda to include Item 5. Dental Collaboration Committee Report.

The agenda was approved as amended.

1.4. Approval of the February 24, 2023 regular meeting minutes

The February 24, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Mr. Bronoske Jr., updated the commission on the status of dental hygiene and dental therapy bills from the 2023 legislative session.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. shared the dental related house bills that recently passed. Mr. Bronoske Jr. explained the Dental Quality Assurance Commission will form a subcommittee in response to House Bill 1678 concerning the establishment of the dental therapy profession. The committee discussed House Bill 1576 concerning the dentist and dental hygienist compact. Ms. Gaylord shared updates on the compact requirements that were discussed during the American Dental Hygienists Association meeting.

3. CANADIAN NATIONAL BOARD DENTAL HYGIENE EXAM – The committee discussed the Canadian National Board Dental Hygiene exam compared to the licensing standards for Washington State.

Ms. Reese provided a comparison of the Canadian National Board Dental Hygiene and Washington State exam standards. Mr. Bronoske Jr. will distribute the information for the committee's review and add this item to the next agenda for further discussion.

4. PROGRAM REPORT

4.1 Disciplinary Statistics – Trina Crawford, Executive Director provided dental hygiene disciplinary statistics.

Ms. Crawford presented information on disciplinary statistics from June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

4.2 Interim Operating Budget – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager provided information on the dental hygiene operating budget.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. presented information on the interim operating budget including the current deficit. Ms. Crawford reminded the committee fee increases went into effect July 1, 2023. The committee discussed the budgetary impact of the upcoming meeting held in Spokane.

4.3 HELMS Update – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager shared an update on the new licensing program.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. notified the committee of staffing changes and the schedule update on the HELMS project.

4.4 School-based Sealant and Fluoride Varnish Program Guidelines – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager explained the guidelines need to be updated.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. asked for a participant to collaborate with the Washington State Health Care Authority on updating the school-based sealant and fluoride varnish program guidelines. Ms. Roderick volunteered to participate.

4.5 Rules Update – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager provided an update on the current rules.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. explained the process to implement the health equity inclusion rules. Mr. Bronoske Jr. also shared the status of the infection control and continuing education rules.

4.6 Program Staff Update – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager reviewed recent staff changes.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. explained Ms. Crawford is returning as the executive director of the program.

5. DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair updated the committee on the Dental collaboration committee.

Ms. Meagher shared the topics discussed by the dental collaboration committee including prefabricated implant abutments, sleep apnea therapies provided in dental settings, and vaccinations in dental offices for limited access communities. The committee discussed license reciprocity recognized within an interstate compact.

6. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. If there is no motion, there will be no discussion.

No were no consent agenda items.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Committee members discussed placing the following items on a future agenda:

- Open Public Meeting Act Review
- Licensing Statistics
- Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. Annual Meeting
- CDCA WREB CITA Annual Meeting
- American Association of Dental Boards Annual Meeting
- American Association of Dental Administrators Annual Meeting
- Canadian National Board Dental Hygiene Exam
- Educational Outreach
- Dental Collaboration Committee

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m. on Friday July 14, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2023 in Spokane, Washington. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

Approved By:

Michael Johnston II, RDH, Chair