



STATE OF WASHINGTON

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, July 28, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Carsten, DDS, Chair  
Sonia Pal, DMD  
Marlynnne Fulton, Public Member  
Carolyn Spice, Public Member  
Miryam Nossa, EFDA  
Joy McDaniel, DMD  
Sarah Khan, DMD  
Nisha Sharoff, DDS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Vice-Chair  
Tiffany Bass, DDS  
Ronald Marsh, DDS  
Mac Rainey, Public Member  
Samantha Kofler, DDS

**STAFF PRESENT**

Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Amber Freeberg, Program Manager  
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager  
Adriana Barcena, Assistant Program Manger  
Lydia Koroma, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

**OPEN SESSION**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. David Carsten, D.D.S., Chairperson**

1.1. Introduction of commission members and staff

- Ms. Freeberg introduces Commission members and staff.

1.2. Public Comment - The public will have an opportunity to provide comments. If you would like to comment during this time, please limit your comments to two minutes. Please identify yourself and who you represent, if applicable, when the Chair opens the floor for public comment.

- There are no comments at this time.

1.3. Approval of agenda

- Ms. Freeberg requests two agenda amendments to include item 4.4 WSDA Delegation report and 6.2 ADEX Exam Preapproval.
- There is a motion to approve the twice amended agenda.

- The motion is moved and seconded.
- 1.4. Approval of the June 16, 2023, business meeting minutes
- There is a motion to approve the June 16, 2023, business meeting minutes.
  - The motion is moved and seconded.

## **2. RULES UPDATE**

### 2.1. HB1576 -Dental and dental hygienist compact – Commission may vote to move to committee

- Ms. Freeberg reports staff has begun working on CR 101 and requests moving this to continuing competency once CR 101 is approved.
- There is a motion to move the dental and dental hygiene compact rulemaking to the continuing competency committee.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- The motion is adopted.

### 2.2. HB1678 - Dental therapists – Commission may vote to move to committee

- Mr. Bronoske reports it was estimated there would be a total of 13 rules workshops over 18 months for bill implementation. However, this is probably not required.
- The Department of Health will be efficient in workshops and begin issuance of credentials as soon as possible.
- Mr. Bronoske clarifies the January date listed in legislation is the effective date, not the implementation date.
- Mr. Bronoske shares the legislation states multiple authority of the profession. The licensing, discipline and approval of education exams will be under the authority of the Dental Commission however, the rule writing will be under the authority of the Secretary.
- Mr. Bronoske confirms the Secretary will complete rule writing in collaboration with the Dental Commission.
- There is a motion to move rulemaking of Dental Therapy to the Dental Therapy committee.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

### 2.3. SB5113 – Dental school faculty

- Ms. Freeberg shares the CR 101 has been completed and is currently in the internal review process. Once completed and published with the code revisor, Ms. Freeberg will work on rule language and bring to the Commission at the appropriate business meeting.

### 2.4. WAC 246-817-701 through 790 – Administration of anesthetic agents for dental procedures

- Ms. Freeberg shares CR 102 has been completed and is currently in the internal review process. If the review stages are completed with enough time for public notification, the hearing may be scheduled to occur during the September business meeting.

### 2.5. ESSB 5229 – Health equity continuing education

- Ms. Freeberg shares the CR 102 is almost complete and will be sent through the internal review process.
- Ms. Freeberg shares the hearing may be completed before the end of the year depending on the duration of the review process.

2.6. SB 5496 – Dental health professions monitoring programs

- Ms. Freeberg shares SB 5496 has been adopted and will be effective August 19, 2023.

**3. EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – Committee meeting held on July 11, 2023 – Marlynnne Fulton, Public Member

- Ms. Fulton provides the Commission with summary of previous committee meeting.
- The Education Outreach committee published the July Dental Newsletter.
- The committee submitted a magazine publication to the Washington State Dental Association on Informed Consent.
- The committee makes recommendation to the Commission to postpone the October retreat as this will provide time for newly appointed Commissioners to acclimate to role. The April 2024 dental retreat has also been determined to work best for the Board of Denturist for a joint retreat.
- Lauren Johnson with the Washington State Dental Association shares the association is in favor of retreats and business meetings to be held outside of Thurston County as this may increase access for stakeholders.
- There is a motion to cancel October retreat and hold the October business meeting in person.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

**4. REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

4.1. Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) annual meeting August 25-26, 2023

- There is a motion to approve Ms. Freeberg and Dr. McDaniel’s attendance at the annual meeting.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

4.2. American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) annual meeting October 19-21, 2023

- Dr. Carsten shares Dr. Marsh is no longer available to participate in AADB as the Commission’s representative.
- There is a motion to nominate and approve Mr. Rainey’s attendance on behalf of the Commission.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

4.3. American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) annual meeting October 18-19, 2023

- There is a motion to approve the attendance of Ms. Freeberg and Ms. Crawford to the annual meeting.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

#### 4.4. WSDA Delegation Report

- Ms. Freeberg will be revising the written report to reflect Mr. Rainey as the AADB representative.
- Dr. Carsten informs the Commission he has been invited to answer questions at the WSDA House of Delegates regarding the written report on behalf of the Commission.
- There is a motion to approve the written report and allowance of Dr. Carsten to answer questions on behalf of the Commission at the WSDA's House of Delegates.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

### 5. PROGRAM REPORT

#### 5.1. Interim operating budget report

- Ms. Crawford reviews the Commission's budget report.
- Ms. Crawford shares the fund balance is still healthy but has decreased, as anticipated, following the HELMS project.

#### 5.2. List of active committees

- The Commission reviews active committees and asks if there are any members interested joining an active committee.
- Dr. Khan volunteers to join the jurisprudence and continuing competency committee.

### 6. OTHER

#### 6.1. Adopt 2023-2025 business plan – Commission may vote to adopt

- Ms. Freeberg shares the only revisions required for the business plan would be to update Mr. Rainey as the AADB Commission representative and confirm that when budget allows, there will be one meeting scheduled annually outside of the Tumwater area.
- There is a motion to approve the business plan with these revisions.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

#### 6.2. ADEX Examination Preapproval

- Lydia Koroma, Supervising Staff Attorney shares there is currently an applicant who has requested approval to test for the ADEX Examination as educational requirements have not been met.
- Ms. Carter shares 246-817-160 subsection 2 states the Commission can provide examination approval to take the practical exam. Ms. Carter recommends moving discussion to committee for discussion to remain consistent and allow for all applicants to be evaluated on the same standards and granted with consistent decisions.
- Dr. Carsten asks if this could be assigned to a committee to discuss and potentially create a policy statement.

- There is a motion to move the discussion of examination approvals to the continuing competency committee.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

**7. ADJOURN**

The meeting is adjourned at 10:57 am

**Submitted by:**

Amber Freeberg, Program Manager  
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

**Approved by:**

David Carsten, DDS, Chair  
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

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