



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023  
9:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair  
Hollie Reese, RDH  
Robin Roderick, RDH  
Daniel Liestman, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Johnston, II, RDH, Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lisa Bilich  
Andrea Jones  
Lauren Johnson  
Melissa Johnson  
Alisa Wollens  
Colleen Gaylord  
Danielle Mora  
Lorie Speer  
Barbi Lynch  
Amber Riley  
Wade

**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 Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-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 an amendment to the agenda to include Item 5.6 Dental Hygiene Drug and Law Exam review.

The agenda was approved as amended.

**1.4. Approval of the July 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes**

The July 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – The committee discussed the election of officers.

Ms. Reese nominated Mr. Johnston for the Chair position. A motion to approve was made, seconded and the board voted all in favor of Mr. Johnston as Chair. Ms. Roderick nominated Ms. Meagher as Vice Chair. A motion to approve was made, seconded and the board voted all in favor of Ms. Meagher as Vice Chair.

**3. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2024** – The committee selected representatives for 2024.

A motion was made, seconded and the board voted all in favor of keeping the representation the same as the previous year. Ms. Roderick and Ms. Meagher will represent the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments/Western Regional Examining Board/Counsel of Interstate Testing Agencies (CDCA-WREB-CITA) Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee. Mr. Johnston will represent the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) Steering/Executive Committees; the CRDTS Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee. Ms. Meagher and Ms. Roderick will represent the Dental Collaboration Committee. Ms. Reese and Ms. Roderick will represent the Dental Educational Outreach Committee. Mr. Johnston and Ms. Reese will represent American Association of Dental Boards (AADB). Mr. Liestman will represent the Meet-Me-Call Participant and the Legislative Liaison(s).

**4. SETTING 2024 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS** – The committee set meeting dates and locations for 2024.

A motion was made for the meeting dates to be held on February 9, 2024, April 12, 2024, July 19, 2024 in Tumwater, Washington and October 11, 2024 in Lynnwood, Washington. The motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

**5. PROGRAM REPORT**

**5.1 Legislative Update** – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager updated the committee on the implementation of the 2023 legislative session.

Mr. Bronoske, Jr. shared the status of the following bills:

- House Bill 1466 – Dental Auxiliaries. 560 hours of active practice was removed from the requirement and the name of the initial limited license was changed to initial temporary license. The initial temporary license term was adjusted from 18 months to five years. The name of the renewable limited dental hygiene license was changed to renewable temporary dental hygiene license.
- House Bill 1287 - Dental Hygienists. The name of the initial limited license was changed to initial temporary license.
- House Bill 1678 - Dental Therapy. The dental quality assurance commission held a rules workshop regarding dental therapy. The next meetings are scheduled on November 9, 2023 and December 12, 2023.
- House Bill 1576 - Dental and Dental Hygiene Compact. Unable to take effect until seven states approve compact legislation.

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

Mr. Bronoske Jr. explained an error was made in the last budget report and shared the correct version.

**5.3 Committee Member Terms** – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager reviewed the expiration dates of the committee member’s terms.

Ms. Meagher and Mr. Johnston’s terms expire September 30, 2024. Ms. Roderick, Ms. Reese and Mr. Liestman’s terms expire September 30, 2025. Mr. Bronoske Jr. will initiate recruitment next year.

**5.4 Business Plan Review** – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager shared the 2023 – 2024 business plan.

No suggestions were made by the committee.

**5.5 Bylaws Review** – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager reviewed the Washington State Dental Hygiene Examining Committee Bylaws.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. suggested certain grammatical corrections and limiting the committee members to serving two consecutive terms. A motion was made to accept the bylaws as amended. The motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

**5.6 Dental Hygiene Drug and Law Exam Update** – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager described the changes made during the Dental Hygiene Drug and Law Exam meeting.

As of January 1, 2024, the exam will no longer be proctored and the fee has been reduced to \$30.00.

- 6. DENTAL HYGIENE RULES WORKSHOP** - The committee held a workshop to discuss rules necessary to implement Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229 (Chapter 276, Laws of 2021) codified as RCW 43.70.613 – Health Equity Continuing Education.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. shared the draft language of the new rule section WAC 246-815-145 Dental Hygiene Health Equity Training Requirements. The committee discussed the available resources to meet the requirement and the effective date of January 1, 2024. No revisions to the draft language were suggested.

- 7. CANADIAN NATIONAL BOARD DENTAL HYGIENE EXAM** – The committee discussed the Canadian National Board Dental Hygiene exam and if it meets dental hygiene licensing standards for Washington State.

The committee determined the Canadian National Board Dental Hygiene exam does not meet the dental hygiene licensing standards for Washington State. A motion was made, seconded and the committee voted all in favor not to accept the Canadian National Board Dental Hygiene exam.

**8. 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 consent agenda items were presented.

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

- American Association of Dental Administrators Annual Meeting
- American Association of Dental Boards Annual Meeting
- CDCA WREB CITA Annual Meeting
- Licensing Statistics
- Disciplinary Statistics
- Central Regional Dental Testing Services Annual Meeting

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m. on Friday October 13, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2024 in Tumwater, Washington. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

Approved By:

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Charlene Meagher, RDH, Chair