



STATE OF WASHINGTON

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, October 27, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Carsten, DDS, Chair  
Sonia Pal, DMD  
Marlynne Fulton, Public Member  
Carolin Spice, Public Member  
Miryam Nossa, EFDA  
Joy McDaniel, DMD  
Sarah Khan, DMD  
Nisha Sharoff, DDS  
Mac Rainey, Public Member  
Samantha Kofler, DDS  
Bryan Swanson, DDS, Vice-Chair  
Evelyn Harry, EFDA  
Raman Oskiouan, DDS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ronald Marsh, DDS  
Miryam Nossa, EFDA  
Cheon Joon Yoon, DDS

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OPEN SESSION**

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

- 1.1. Introduction of commission members and staff.
  - Ms. Freeberg introduces commissioners 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 amendments that include the addition of: Item 3.2 Second Substitute House Bill 1724; Item 10.1 Introduction of new commission members and recruitment updates; and the removal of Item 7.1 Correspondence, as Chairty O'Connor has asked for her letter to be removed from consideration.
  - There is a motion to approve the agenda with requested amendments.
  - The motion is moved and seconded.

1.4. Approval of the September 9, 2023, business meeting minutes.

- There is a motion to approve the September 9, 2023, business meeting minutes.
- The motion is moved and seconded.

## 2. RULE HEARING

The commission will consider for public comment and adoption of proposed rules regarding dental provider health equity continuing education requirements for WAC 246-817-440 Dental continuing education requirements and WAC 246-817-445 Dental anesthesia assistant continuing education requirements. Filed on September 20, 2023, as WSR 23-19-091.

- The hearing begins at 10:06 AM and is held via Zoom webinar and in person at Labor and Industries Headquarters room S117 located at 7273 Linderson Way SW in Tumwater, WA.
- Dr. Carsten shares RCW 43.70.613 directs rulemaking authority for each health profession licensed under Title 18 RCW that is subject to continuing education to adopt rules requiring a licensee to complete health equity continuing education.
- The statute also directs the Department of Health to create model rules establishing the minimum standards for health equity CE programs.
- The proposed rule for dentists adds two hours of health equity education, as required in the model rules, to be completed as part of the current CE requirements every three years. The model rules require 2 hours every four years. The proposed rule does not change total dentist CE hours but requires two hours in health equity CE every three years which is absorbed into the existing number of CE hours required.
- The proposed rule for dental anesthesia assistants adopts the model health equity CE rules, requiring two hours in health equity CE every three years. In doing so the Commission is proposing to increase the total number of existing CE hours to include the health equity CE courses. The requirement for training every three years rather than four is consistent with the existing continuing education requirements.
- Commissioners discuss details of the proposed rules.
- There are no individuals who have requested to testify.
- There are no individuals who provide testimony at this time.
- The hearing is concluded at 10:13 am.
- During discussion, Dr. McDaniel provides definition of Health Equity.
- There is a motion to approve the proposed rules for dental provider health equity continuing education requirements.
- A roll call vote is taken and unanimously passes by all present Commission members and the rule is passed.
- The notice of adoption will be filed with the Code Reviser, and the rules will be effective 31 days from the date they are filed with the Code Reviser.

## 3. RULES

3.1. WAC 246-817-701 through 246-817-790 administration of anesthetic agents for dental procedures – Commission will review non-substantive changes – Commission will vote

- Ms. Freeberg presents and discusses the non-substantive changes for WAC 246-817. The proposed changes do not change meaning or intent.

- The revisions have been made at the request of the Department’s policy team.
- There is a motion to approve all the recommended changes to WAC 246-817-701 through 246-817-790 administration of anesthetic agents for dental procedures.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

3.2. Second Substitute House Bill 1724 Section 8- Substantially equivalent licensing standards.

- Ms. Carter shares recent legislation passed for disciplining authority to waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure longer than 90 days.
- Ms. Freeberg provides suggestions on how the Commission could move forward with addressing state equivalency.
- The commission makes a motion to move the discussion to the continuing competency committee for further review of other state equivalency.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

**4. EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY (EFDA) EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE** – Committee visited Columbia Basin College EFDA program site on September 29, 2023 – Dr. David Carsten

4.1. Commission will review EFDA program application from Columbia Basin College – Commission will vote

- Dr. Carsten provides update on Columbia Basin College’s site visit and makes recommendations to approve Columbia Basin College’s EFDA program.
- There is a motion to approve the start of the Columbia Basin College EFDA program.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- Andrea Harris with Columbia Basin College thanks the Commission and shares the program has taken recommendations for digital components and currently have fourteen applicants enrolled for their first cohort.

4.2. Commission will discuss timeline for follow up site visit of new EFDA programs – Commission will vote

- Dr. Carsten opens discussion regarding follow-up site visit to newly established programs. Similar to CODA accreditation, Dr. Carsten makes recommendations for follow up between 18-24 months after the start of their first cohort.
- This process would assist programs with any guidance or recommendations that may be needed.
- There is a motion to begin a follow up site visit for new programs between 18-24 months from the start of their program.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

**5. DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE** - Committee meeting held on September 28, 2023 – Dr. Bryan Swanson

- Dr. Swanson provides update for the dental therapy committee.
- The committee will be looking at specific portions of the drafted rules and discussing recommendations in each meeting.
- Dr. Swanson encourages commission and public participation.
- Mr. Bronoske shares the dental therapy website is currently updated, and participants can also receive updates on gov delivery's list serve.

**6. EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – Committee meeting held on October 12, 2023 – Marlynne Fulton, Public Member

- Ms. Fulton provides the Commission with updates on the committee.
- The committee's last meeting primarily focused on the November dental newsletter.
- The next committee meeting will be held November 30.

**7. REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

7.1. Report from American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) annual meeting on October 19-21, 2023 – Mac Rainey, Public Member

- Mr. Rainey provides AADB report and presents executive summary.
- Mr. Rainey shares the meeting did reflect an organization in transition, and included discussions related to the dental interstate compact.

**8. PROGRAM REPORT**

8.1. 2021-2023 Biennium budget report

- Ms. Crawford shares there has been a decrease of 600,000 dollars of fund balance mainly due to the HELMS assessment for the profession. Following the work and assessment of HELMS, there was an increase in dental licensure fees . The Department will continue to monitor the fund balance and fee impacts and make adjustments as necessary.
- The Commission still has a healthy fund balance of around two million dollars.
- Ms. Crawford shares staff who credential and license all professions is working under the Office of Customer Service but will be moving to the Office of Health Professions.
- Ms. Crawford will be supervising credentialing staff and hopes this will streamline the licensing process for the profession.
- Mr. Kellington makes the announcement he will no longer be working with the Commission as he has been assigned to assist with the HELMS development.
- Mr. Kellington thanks the Commission for their work together.

**9. OTHER**

9.1. Commission will discuss signing up for hearing panels

- Ms. Freeberg shares in speaking with Ms. Obenland, Commissioners can be notified what time the hearing will start on the day and should prepare to participate until 5pm.
- The Commission discusses hearing negotiating, costs, and timelines.

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10.1 Introduction of new commission members and recruitment update

- Ms. Freeberg announces three new commission members have been appointed: Dr. Rama Oskouian, Ms. Evelyn Harry, EFDA and Dr. Cheon Yoon Joon.
- The governor’s office would like the program to open recruitment for a dentist located East of the Cascade mountains.
- Ms. Harry introduces herself and shares her work experience.
- The two other newly appointed Commissioners will be introduced in a future meeting.

**10. Adjourn**

- The meeting is Adjourned at 11:15am.

**Submitted by:**

Amber Freeberg, Program Manager  
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

**Approved by:**

David Carsten, DDS, Chair  
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

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