



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Johnston, II, RDH, Chair

GUEST SPEAKERS

Ratna Craig
Elisabeth Geisler

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant
Sherri Stratton, Assistant Program Manager
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Heather Carter, AAG

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Johnson
Colleen Gaylord
Lorie Speer
Linda Konishi
Danette Lindeman
Alisa Wollens
Kristi Taylor
Alex

OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:01 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 to amend the agenda to include Item 2. HELMS Update and Item 4. American Association of Dental Boards Meeting (AADB).

The agenda was approved as amended.

1.4. Approval of the October 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes

The October 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. HELMS UPDATE – Ratna Craig and Elisabeth Geisler presented on the new health care enforcement and licensing management system to the committee.

Ms. Craig and Ms. Geisler provided an overview of the HELMS project, timeline, and feedback received from user testing. Additional information will be provided by GovDelivery bulletins and posted on the HELMS website.

3. PROGRAM REPORT

3.1 Legislative Update – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager updated the committee on the implementation of the 2024 legislative session.

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

- House Bill 1466 – Dental Auxiliaries is fully implemented.
- House Bill 1287 - Dental Hygienists is fully implemented.
- House Bill 1678 - Dental Therapy Committee is conducting rules workshops, reviewing education exams, bridge programs, and creating jurisprudence exams.
- House Bill 1576 - Dental and Dental Hygiene Compact requires additional state participation before going into effect. Mr. Bronoske Jr. will update the committee as other state legislation sessions conclude.

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

Mr. Bronoske Jr. shared the budget report as of February 29, 2024. The current revenue balance is close to the previously estimated balance. Application submissions are expected to increase and raise the budget.

3.3 Disciplinary Statistics – Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager provided dental hygiene disciplinary statistics.

Mr. Bronoske Jr. reviewed the 2023 disciplinary report and provided the status of alleged issue cases.

3.4 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. Mr. Bronoske Jr. will start recruitment shortly. A new chair and vice-chair will also be appointed.

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

The health equity continuing education rules hearing was held on March 7, 2024. Mr. Bronoske Jr. will send the CR103 form for division and agency approval. He will also initiate revisions to the continuing education rules and creating new infection control rules.

4. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS MEETING (AADB) – Hollie Reese, RDH reported to the committee on the annual meeting.

Ms. Reese shared information she received from the meeting she attended in October 2023. She attended a presentation by Dr. Guy Champaine Sr. on the AADB interstate compact and participated in the state caucus meeting.

5. 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.

6. 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
- Central Regional Dental Testing Services Annual Meeting
- Licensing Statistics

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024. The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2024, in Tumwater, Washington. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

Approved By:

Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair