



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, April 26, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Carsten, DDS, Chair
Sonia Pal, DMD
Marlynne Fulton, Public Member
Cheon Joo Yoon, DDS
Rama Oskouian, DMD
Joy McDaniel, DMD
Sarah Khan, DMD
McKinley Rainey, Public Member
Bryan Swanson, DDS, Member
Ronald Marsh, DDS, Vice-Chair
Miryam Nossa, EFDA
Carolin Spice, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Samantha Kofler, DDS
Evelyn Harry, EFDA
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Nisha Sharoff, DDS

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager
Sherri Stratton, Assistant Program Manager
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant
Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff Attorney
Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst
Adriana Barcena, Program Manager

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.
 - Members and staff introduce themselves.

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.

- Dr. Carsten opens the floor for public comment.
- Victor Barry, DDS, reads a self-written letter, requesting the Dental Commission to consider changing its name from the Dental Quality Assurance Commission to the Washington State Board of Dentistry.
- Ms. Crawford informs Dr. Barry that a bill was sponsored to change the name of the Dental Commission last year, which was tied into the Dental Faculty Licensing bill. Since the bill contained two parts, the name change portion was removed.
- Ms. Crawford states the intention to continue with changing the name of the Dental Commission will occur next year.
- Dr. Carsten thanks Dr. Barry for articulating his concern, which the Commission agrees with.

1.3 Approval of agenda.

- Dr. Carsten requests an amendment to the agenda that includes the addition of: Item 7.0 – EFDA Committee.
- There is a motion to approve the agenda with requested amendment.
- The motion is moved and seconded.

1.4 Approval of the January 19, 2024, business meeting minutes.

- There is a motion to approve the January 19, 2024, business meeting minutes.
- The motion is moved and seconded.

2. DR. MATTHEW WEED

- Dr. Carsten introduces Dr. Matthew Weed and talks in brief about his presentation.
- Dr. Weed delivers a PowerPoint presentation titled “Understanding the logistics of care for patients with special needs.”
- Dr. Weed presents his slides and discusses how his complex medical history has shaped the way he advocates for persons with disabilities.
- Dr. Weed encourages healthcare providers to consider how to best assist patients with disabilities and chronic illnesses and highlights how these conditions can impact access to health services.
- Dr. Weed discusses barriers to adequate healthcare for marginalized populations and suggests having interpretive services for patients with limited English proficiency.
- Dr. Weed stresses the importance of removing blockages for patients with disabilities by providing telehealth appointments, utilizing large print on forms, and visualizing any physical barriers that may inhibit access to care.

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

3.1 Senate Bill (SB) 5822 – Increasing licensure fees for Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP). **Bill passed.**

- Ms. Crawford announces the passing of House Bill 1972 (the house version of SB 5822). The bill will take effect in January 2026 for dentists and will increase application fees by \$20 to cover participation in the program.

3.2 House Bill (HB) 2009 – Use of dental records in missing person investigations. **Bill died.**

- Ms. Crawford announces the status of this bill.

3.3 Second Substitute House Bill 2073 – Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases from sources other than methane and carbon dioxide. **Bill died.**

- Ms. Crawford announces the status of this bill.

3.4 House Bill (HB) 2176 – Preventive dental assistant. **Bill died.**

- Ms. Crawford announces the status of this bill.

4. RULES UPDATE

4.1 WAC 246-817-190 Dental assistant registration.

- Ms. Gardner requests that the Commission consider placing a minimum age limit requirement for dental assistant registration applicants. Ms. Gardner asks the Commission to approve a CR 101.
- Dr. Pal asks if opening this rule would allow discussion for issues involving supervision guidelines for dental assistants. Ms. Crawford states supervision is addressed in a separate chapter.
- Dr. Marsh asks why the age limit is a concern. Ms. Crawford states that applicants as young as twelve have tried to register as dental assistants.
- There is a motion to open this rule.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

4.2 WAC 246-817-135 Dental licensure without exam – Eligibility and application requirements.

- Ms. Gardner requests the Commission to open this rule to clarify requirements for non-routine applicants from Canada relating to asking for tax numbers, and asks the Commission to authorize CR 101 to address this.
- There is a motion to open the rule.
- Dr. Marsh asks if licensure without exam for foreign dentists can also be discussed if this rule is opened. Mr. Crawford confirms this is the same section.
- There is a motion to open the rule.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.
- Dr. Carsten assigns this WAC to the Continuing Competency Committee.

4.3 WAC 246-817-150 Licenses – Persons licensed or qualified out-of-state who are faculty at school of dentistry – Conditions.

- Ms. Gardner informs the Commission that a CR 103 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 24-08-057 on March 29, 2024.

5. DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on February 5, 2024, March 5, 2024, and April 8, 2024. – Dr. Bryan Swanson, Chair.

- Dr. Swanson passes the conversation to Mr. Bronoske Jr.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. announces several rules workups such as limited conditions and active practice requirements for the limited license. The committee is making progress. There is a meeting next week on May 2, 2024. The agenda will be coming out soon.

6. EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on February 27, 2024, March 21, 2024, and April 8, 2024. Marlynne Fulton – Public Member, Chair.

- Ms. Fulton speaks on the last meeting held on April 8, 2024, where finishing touches for the retreat were discussed. A retreat was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024. Ms. Fulton thanks Dr. Carsten for leading the meeting.

7. EFDA COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on April 22, 2024. Dr. David Carsten, Chair.

- Dr. Carsten discusses proposed SPSCC EFDA program changes.
- The committee reviewed the changes and thought they were positive changes.
- There is a motion to approve the changes to the SPSCC EFDA program.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

8. PACIFIC NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES (PNWU) – Dr. Ronald Marsh reports on the PNWU School of Dental Medicine CODA site evaluation.

- Dr. Marsh attended a CODA site visit in Yakima earlier this month. Dr. Marsh was required to sign a nondisclosure agreement. CODA has five people evaluate the facility, basic science curriculum, clinical services, the curriculum, and finances. Evaluations are in progress over a two-year period to assure CODA standards.
- Currently in Washington, we have 76 dentists per 100,000. Nationwide the average is 63. The new dental school should be able to fill the shortages in Eastern Washington.
- The facility will be in conjunction with occupational therapy and physical therapy with affiliate schools for pharmacy and school of nursing.
- Student recruitment will concentrate on students in rural and underserved areas. Tuition to be comparable to the University of Washington.
- Students will start in August 2025. First-year students will learn at the main campus. Second- and third-year students will rotate to external clinics with 24 students at each clinic. Fourth-year students will rotate through local dental practices, which will be determined in the future.

- Dr. Marsh is extremely excited and encourages anyone interested to apply.

9. CONTINUING COMPETENCY – Dr. Ronald Marsh discussed CE/continuing competency requirements for licensed dentists in Washington State.

- The Commission completed the CE rules two years ago. One item was not completed; the title containing ‘competence.’ This was discussed at length. There is a need in the state to have an evaluation of dentists to make sure they are continuing competently beyond having just CE. This should be done in a non-intrusive, inexpensive way.
- Dr. Carsten asks if the committee needs to take a vote.
- Dr. Marsh would like to discuss this in the next meeting and possibly open it then.

10. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB) – Mac Rainey, Public Member, reports on the AADB mid-year meeting.

- Mr. Rainey went to Chicago to attend the AADB mid-year meeting. The meeting focused on Spa Dentistry. The meeting had many videos on treatment for TMJ, Botox, aesthetics, and fillers. Mr. Rainey’s big takeaway was that the scope of practice really depends on which state you are in and what the rules are for that state.
- The next AADB meeting will be held on September 28 & 29, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky.

11. PROGRAM REPORT

11.1 Staffing update.

- Ms. Crawford presents new staff members, Debbie Gardner, Program Manager, and Sherri Stratton, Assistant Program Manager.

11.2 Ms. Gardner presents commission recruitment update.

- The Commission is still awaiting word from the Governor’s office for Eastern Washington vacancy.
- Dr. Marsh and Dr. Carsten will be finishing their terms at the end of June.
- A recruitment notice was sent out March 22, 2024, and applications were asked to be submitted to the Governor’s office by May 2, 2024.
- New chairs will be needed for the subcommittees that Dr. Carsten and Dr. Marsh currently lead. This will be addressed at the next business meeting.
- Ms. Crawford encourages applicants to apply to the Commission and highlighted the need for specialists.

11.3 Anesthesia FAQ page and permit applications webpage update.

- Ms. Gardner shares that the updated anesthesia rule FAQ and on-site inspection forms are now available on the DOH website.

11.4 Pacific Northwest Dental Conference.

- Dr. Marsh and Dr. Carsten will be presenting at the PNDC.

12 OTHER

- 12.1 Correspondence from Dr. Wadhani regarding taking vitals for patients who are receiving topical anesthetic.
- Dr. Carsten noted that the correspondence in items 12.1 through 12.3 referred to the anesthesia rule.
 - Dr. Marsh asked if the Commission needed to give responses to the inquiries in items 12.1 through 12.3.
 - Ms. Crawford confirmed that the Commission does need to send a written response pertaining to items 12.1 through 12.3.
 - Ms. Gardner offers to send a response that the Commission has already provided for similar inquiries.
 - Dr. Marsh notes that this has already been addressed by the Anesthesia Committee, and they believe that having vitals taken before administering any anesthetic agent is appropriate. He notes that if providers elect not to take vitals, they need to document why vitals are not taken.
- 12.2 Correspondence from Dr. Ordelleide regarding the taking of vitals for patients receiving local or topical anesthetic.
- Dr. Marsh addresses the time concern mentioned in correspondence item 12.2 and suggests utilizing appropriate EMR keeping, noting the reason for not taking vitals is the time constraint.
- 12.3 Correspondence from Dr. Vetter regarding the recent changes to the dental anesthesia rules.
- Dr. Marsh clarifies with Ms. Crawford that the previous response from Ms. Freeberg pertaining to item 12.3 is adequate, and no additional response is needed. Ms. Crawford confirms.
- 12.4 Correspondence from Lauren Johnson, Government Affairs Manager, WSDA, regarding clarification of oral sedative agents administration.
- Lauren Johnson with WSDA informs the Commission that this question is coming from WSDA and the Washington State Association of Pediatric Dentistry.
 - Dr. Carsten suggests having the Anesthesia Committee discuss Ms. Johnson's inquiry.
 - Mr. Rainey asks the Commission to clarify their response to Ms. Johnson's email inquiry.
 - Dr. Swanson discusses how sedation is a continuum, and how appropriate treatment is defined by how the patient responds.
 - Megan Miller, President Elect of the Washington Pediatric Dental Association, provides more context to the inquiry. Ms. Miller asks for clarification regarding Midazolam, which does not have a manufacturer's recommended single dose for home use. Ms. Miller also discusses pediatric dentists dropping their moderate sedation permit and just maintaining a minimal sedation permit in response to WAC 246-817-745 (2b).
 - Dr. Carsten reiterates that the Anesthesia Committee should further discuss this so an appropriate response can be provided.

- The Commission agrees to move the question to the Anesthesia Committee.

12.5 Correspondence from Ginger Brown, EFDA, requesting review of Missouri EFDA licensing requirements.

- Dr. Carsten discusses the correspondence from Ginger Brown, EFDA, and Kendra Hart, EFDA, requesting to review Missouri and Idaho, respectively, so the EFDA Committee can review the EFDA requirements in those states to see if they are substantially equivalent to Washington State’s.
- There is a motion to review Missouri and Idaho’s EFDA requirements to see if they are substantially equivalent to Washington’s EFDA requirements.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.
- Dr. Carsten assigns the review to the EFDA Committee.

12.6 Correspondence from Kendra Hart, EFDA, requesting review of Idaho EFDA licensing requirements.

13 FUTURE BUSINESS

- Dr. Carsten announces that the Dental and Hygiene Compact is coming into effect. With Washington State being the number two state to approve, the commission put off rulemaking until it became effective. Now, it is in effect.
- Dr. Carsten asks if the Commission needs to approve rulemaking.
- Ms. Crawford shares that we will have to perform rulemaking for the statute change. A CR 101 is already open, so rulemaking does not need to be approved again and can begin.
- Ms. Crawford presents clocks to the near-term commission members, Dr. Carsten, and Dr. Marsh.

14 ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Submitted by:

Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Approved by:

David Carsten, DDS, Chair
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

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Signature

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