



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024
9:00 A.M.
DRAFT**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair
Hollie Reese, RDH
Robin Roderick, RDH

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Johnston, II, RDH, Chair
Daniel Liestman, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Dental Program
Administrator
Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Johnson
Jennifer Frame
Lisa Bilich
Jessica Canty
Lauren Johnson
Trish Flaig
Tae Kim

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** – Ms. Einert requested to amend the agenda to include Item 2.6 Rules Petition Request and Item 2.7 Olympic College approval update.

The agenda was approved as amended.

- 1.4. Approval of the April 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes** – Ms. Einert requested to amend the date from April 14, 2024 to April 12, 2024.

The April 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved as amended.

2. PROGRAM REPORT

- 2.1 Peninsula College update** – Kitty Einert, Program Manager updated the committee on Peninsula College’s submission for approval.

Ms. Einert explained Peninsula College is currently submitting for approval as a new dental hygiene school. A committee member may be asked to attend a site visit with the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) in the future.

- 2.2 Professional Member Recruitment Update** – Kitty Einert, Program Manager provided information on the recruitment for committee appointments that are expiring October 1, 2024.

Ms. Einert shared the deadline for receiving applications for committee members was July 30, 2024. A good pool of candidates was received.

- 2.3 Rules Update** – Kitty Einert, Program Manager provided an update on the current rules.

Ms. Einert shared the CR103 for the health equity continuing education rules was filed with the code reviser on July 9, 2024 and goes into effect August 9, 2024.

- 2.4 Council of State Governments Dental/Dental Hygiene Compact** – Kitty Einert, Program Manager provided the status of the Council of State Governments Dental/Dental Hygiene Compact.

Ms. Einert informed the committee that nine states have joined the compact. The compact rules will begin and a Washington State representative needs to be determined to represent dental and dental hygiene. Melissa Johnson representing Washington Dental Hygienists’ Association shared their recommendation for a Department of Health employee as the compact representative. Ms. Meagher stated the committee’s position is that the state would be best represented by an objective administrative person. The Department of Health will review potential employees that could be nominated for this position.

2.5 Dental Therapy Update – Kitty Einert, Program Manager provided an update on the Dental Therapy Committee meetings.

The committee is in the process of approving an exam and finalizing licensing requirements. The next steps will include creating a practice plan agreement, application, and jurisprudence exam. The next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2024.

2.6 Rule Writing Petition – Kitty Einert, Program Manager shared a recent request to begin rule writing.

Ms. Einert shared the outside request/petition for rule writing from Dr. Katie Rossich, DDS to open WAC 246-814 for general review in the hope of clarifying, revising or adding language around the use of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) in school settings for hygienists and assistants. The SDF rules will be addressed by the Dental Collaboration Committee.

2.7 Olympic College Approval - Kitty Einert, Program Manager updated the committee on Peninsula College's submission for approval

Ms. Einert explained Olympic College is currently submitting for approval as a new dental hygiene school. A committee member may be asked to attend a site visit with the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) in the future. Jennifer Frame shared she is working with Olympic College to develop the curriculum for the dental hygiene program. She is in the process of writing the course materials to be submitted to the college for approval. Olympic College may start a dental assisting program in the future.

3. 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.

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

- Bylaws
- Business Plan
- 2025 Recruitment Update
- 2025 Meeting Dates and Locations
- Subcommittee Volunteers
- Licensing Statistics
- Reports from September Conferences

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2024, in Lynnwood, Washington. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kitty Einert, Program Manager

Approved By:

Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair

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