



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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BOARD OF DENTURISTS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Board Members Present: Josh Brooks, Chair
Cody Carson, Vice-Chair
Gayle Horner, Public Member
Keith Gressell, DMD
Shirlynn Walter, Public Member
Eric Hansen, Pro-Tem Member
Melissa Brulotte, Pro-Tem Member

Board Members Absent: Vallan Charron
Szilard Zombor

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Support
Adriana Barcena, Assistant Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present: James Anderson
Dr. Jae Seon Kim
Pavinee Chotiwannaporn
Lauren Johnson, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)
Sandie McNaughton
Dr. Victor Barry
Dr. Kevin Joe
Carolyn Logue, Lobbyist, Washington Denturist Association (WDA)
Shani Hue

Friday, August 17, 2023

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

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The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Josh Brooks, Chair.

1.1 Introduction of board members, staff, and audience

The board members, staff, and audience were introduced.

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. Barry, a member of the public, shared his opinion of the rule on prefabricated implant abutments and suggested it be withdrawn. He expressed concern with diagnosing and designing implants being beyond the scope of practice of denturists and considers the goals of this rule illegal. He is also concerned there is no definition of prefabricated or abutment in this rule. Ms. Walter acknowledged Dr. Barry's comment. Mr. Hansen explained the board received opinions and input on this rule during previously held rule workshops. Dr. Gressell stated the board is set up to handle improper performance surrounding this rule and he does not see this as a risk to the public. Ms. Johnson, representing WSDA, stated they share the same concerns as Dr. Barry about patient safety and remain opposed to this rule. Dr. Barry asked for Ms. Carter's opinion on whether this major expansion of the scope of practice for denturists can be done outside legislation. Ms. Carter explained she is not able to give legal advice during a public meeting. Ms. Crawford said it is acceptable for the board to accept this as a public comment and continue with the agenda. Ms. Walter expressed her support for the board's final decision on this rule. No other public comments were received.

1.3 Approval of agenda

A motion was made to approve the November 17, 2023 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the November 17, 2023 agenda as presented.

1.4 Approval of August 17, 2023 business meeting minutes

A motion was made to approve the August 17, 2023 business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the August 17, 2023 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. RULES

2.1 Prefabricated Implant Abutments

Ms. Brown provided the board with the status of the CR-103 for the prefabricated implant abutment language which has been submitted to the rules system and is going through division review.

3. SETTING 2024 MEETING DATES AND POSSIBLE LOCATIONS

The board set their meeting dates and possible locations for the 2024 calendar year.

Meeting Date	Meeting Location
January 26, 2024	Hybrid in Tumwater, WA
April 25, 2024	In conjunction with Dental Quality Assurance Commission retreat in Olympia, WA
August 22, 2024	Hybrid in Tacoma, WA
November 15, 2024	Hybrid in Tumwater, WA

4. SETTING 2024 CLINICAL EXAM DATES

The board discussed and set their exam dates for the 2024 calendar year.

Clinical Examination Date	Location
March 15 & 16, 2024	Bates Technical College
August 23 & 24, 2024	Bates Technical College

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024

The board nominated and elected a chair and vice-chair for the 2024 calendar year.

Josh Brooks was nominated and unanimously elected as Chairperson. Cody Carson was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson for the 2024 calendar year.

6. 2024 LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AND MEET-ME-CALL PARTICIPANT(S)

The board discussed and decided who will be the legislative liaison and meet-me-call participant(s) for the 2024 legislative session.

The board voted in favor of Melissa Brulotte as the legislative liaison and meet-me-call participant for the 2024 legislative session.

7. LEGISLATION UPDATE HB1724 – INCREASING THE TRAINED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

Ms. Crawford explained House Bill 1724 included substantial equivalency that expedites the licensure process and reduces barriers to getting credentialed in Washington for all health professions. The board of denturists is required by this change in the legislative statute to waive education and testing verification for someone that is applying for licensure in Washington from

another state that has substantial equivalency licensure status to Washington. If an applicant for licensure in Washington state uses a substantial equivalency request, staff will review the list of states previously approved by the board before sending the request to the program manager and board for review.

8. 2023 – 2025 BUSINESS PLAN

Ms. Brown provided the board with a copy of the 2023-2025 business plan. No suggested changes were made by the board.

9. DENTAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Mr. Brooks and Dr. Gressell shared their contributions to the Dental Educational Outreach Committee newsletter and meeting held on October 12, 2023.

10. DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Brooks and Dr. Gressell asked the board if they had any suggestions or feedback for their next Dental Collaboration Committee meeting. No suggestions were made.

11. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – Information provided to the board by the Executive Director and Program Manager.

11.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Crawford shared the budget looks well and is ending the fiscal year. She contributed cost savings toward converting the written exam to an online version.

11.2 Licensing and disciplinary statistics

Ms. Brown provided licensure and disciplinary statistics to the board. Statistics presented are as follows:

CREDENTIAL STATUS	DENTURIST LICENSURE	DENTURIST ALTERNATE LOCATIONS	TOTAL
Active	145	26	171
Revoked	5	---	5
Suspended	8	2	10
Active with Conditions	2	---	2
Inactive	2	---	2
Active on Probation	0	---	0
Retired Active	4	---	4
Voluntary Surrender	1	---	1

11.3 Program and credentialing staffing update

Ms. Crawford gave the board an update on recruitment for the program manager position and invited Mr. Brooks to serve on the interview panel. She explained an upcoming reorganization within the department will involve moving credentialing staff from the Office of Customer Service to working directly with program staff in the Office of Health Professions.

11.4 Update on HELMS

Ms. Brown explained the current online licensing system has gone into sunset mode as preparations are made to transfer to the new HELMS system.

11.5 Other

There was no other business presented to the board at this time.

12. CONSENT AGENDA - CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the board's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a board member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. If there is no motion, there will be no discussion.

No items were added to the Consent Agenda at this time.

13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The board acknowledged members Vallan Charron, Szilard Zombor, and Gayle Horner whose appointment terms expire December 31, 2023.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Ms. Brown shared the future agenda items. The board made no additional suggestions.

- Budget report
- 2023 – 2025 Business Plan
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Update on rule for prefabricated implant abutments
- Update on the Dental Educational Outreach Committee
- Update on the Dental Collaboration Committee

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2024 and will be held in-person with a virtual component.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Josh Brooks, Chair
Board of Denturists