1. CALL TO ORDER – John Carbery, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.
   1.1. The commission, staff, and audience introduced themselves.
   1.2. The commission approved the agenda with an amendment to add additional item 14.8.
   1.3. The commission approved the June 2, 2017 business meeting minutes as presented.
1.4. The commission approved the June 9, 2017 special meeting minutes as presented.

2. PRESENTATION
Richard Hetke, Executive Director of American Association of Dental Board (AADB) presented information on the AADB Assessment Services Program.

3. OPIOIDS
3.1. Chris Baumgartner, Health Systems Quality Assurance, Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) provided information regarding prescribing practices and changes to the PMP program by Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1427.
   - Dr. Mercier asked whether facilities can designate one person to access the PMP for the facility. Mr. Baumgartner responded that as long as there are five or more prescribers in the facility, one person may be designated to access the PMP.
   - Dr. Shaw discussed updating rules to require prescribers to access the PMP. The commission would need to make dental software companies aware of any rule change in advance to allow them time to update software for easy access to the PMP.
3.2. Ms. Santiago updated the commission on SHB 1427 – Opioid prescribing. The commission discussed authorizing potential rule amendments to WAC 246-817-901 through 965 when creating opioid prescribing rules under SHB 1427. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission voted to open WAC 246-817-901 through 965 for potential amendments.
3.3. Ms. Santiago provided a copy of the commission’s letter regarding opioid prescribing sent to all Washington state licensed dentists. Ms. Santiago indicated she has received positive responses to the letter.
3.4. Dr. Carbery reported on the Washington State Interagency Opioid Summit meeting he attended on June 15-16, 2017. Opioid deaths have increased 40 percent from 2015 to 2016. Speakers at the summit addressed prescribing habits and creating more take-back drug locations. Overdose reversal medications are now available to anyone.
3.5. Dr. Marsh reported on the Bree Collaborative Opioid Prescribing in Dentistry Summit he attended on June 22, 2017. The Bree Collaborative has created draft dental guidelines on prescribing opioids for pain. The commission requested Ms. Santiago send out the Bree Collaborative draft dental guidelines to licensed dentists by email. The Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) will send them out via their email list as well.
3.7. The commission received the American Dental Education Association – Summary of State Legislation and Regulations Addressing Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse-December 2016. The summary outlines how other states are addressing opioid prescribing.
3.8. The commission received an email, dated July 6, 2017, from Dr. Stephen Kirkpatrick providing his Dental Post-operative Pain Control Guideline.

4. DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE
4.1. Dr. Mercier discussed the committee meeting held on June 2 and June 30, 2017.
• The committee received a presentation from the Health Care Authority regarding tele-dentistry.
• The committee recommends the commission write guidelines regarding tele-dentistry.
• The committee will draft suicide prevention rules.
• The next meeting will be on September 14, 2017.

4.2. The commission considered a request from the committee to create a tele-dentistry guideline. Dr. Mercier made a motion and the commission approved the Dental Collaboration Committee drafting tele-dentistry guidelines.

5. INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
5.1. Dr. Shaw discussed the committee meeting held on June 14, 2017. The committee continues to review the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and discuss adopting portions or all of the guidelines.
• The committee agrees that some administrative portions of the guidelines do not apply well to dentistry.
• The committee will likely recommend adding sterilization of slow speed hand pieces to the rules. This may be expensive for dentists to comply with. The recommendation may be to adopt this standard over time to ease the financial burden.
5.2. WAC 246-817-601 through 630 infection control rules are not ready for commission review at this time.

6. CONTINUING COMPETENCY COMMITTEE
6.1. Dr. Richman discussed the committee meeting held on June 21, 2017. The committee is finalizing amendments to the continuing education rules. The committee discussed creating an examination similar to the jurisprudence examination for opioid prescribing.
6.2. The commission reviewed draft amendments to WAC 246-817-440, dentist continuing education requirements. The commission did not make recommendations for rule modifications at this time.

7. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE
7.1. Dr. Stevens discussed the Committee meeting held on July 14, 2017. The July newsletter is finalized and includes discipline statistics with names. This provides transparency with the public. Dr. Stevens discussed how small the percentage of discipline is in comparison to the number of dental procedures completed each day.
7.2. The commission discussed the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference presentation provided on June 15, 2017. The presenters received positive feedback. The commission would like to present annually. WSDA will confirm that the commission will be presenting at the 2018 conference.

8. DENTAL ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE
8.1. Dr. Liu provided a committee update. The next committee meeting is today, July 21, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.
8.2. Ms. Santiago requested the commission authorize rule amendments throughout WAC 246-817-701 - 790 while updating specific sections. This would allow for minor language revisions and consistency throughout. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved opening the entire sedation section.

9. **DENTAL JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

9.1. Dr. Shaw updated the commission on the meeting held on June 2, 2017. The committee continues to create additional questions for the examination. They would like a question bank of approximately 100 questions. The goal is to make the examination educational and increase awareness of rules and laws.

10. **RULES**

10.1. WAC 246-817-120 Examination content. The CR102 is in process. The hearing will be in September or October.

10.2. Substitute House Bill 1612 – Suicide prevention education. This law requires the commission to write rules to require suicide prevention continuing education. A CR101 is in process. The Dental Collaboration Committee will draft rule language in collaboration with the dental hygiene program.

10.3. Substitute House Bill 1411 – Residency in lieu of examination. An exception CR102 is in process. This would allow the rule to go straight to hearing. Ms. Santiago provided a letter to the residency programs giving information about the new law.

10.4. The commission considered a rules petition to amend rules to allow dental hygienists to perform all dental assistant tasks under general supervision and to allow dental assistants to perform sterilization under general supervision.

- The commission agreed to review the list of dental assistant tasks to determine if some could be added to dental hygienist tasks allowed under general supervision. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved having the Dental Collaboration Committee review the dental assistant tasks to determine which could be performed by a dental hygienist under general supervision.

- The commission denied changing the rule to allow dental assistants to perform sterilization under general supervision. Chapter 18.260 RCW does not authorize dental assistants to perform duties under general supervision. Dr. Shaw indicated that dental assistants should be allowed to complete sterilization tasks under general supervision. He suggested the commission and/or WSDA request legislation to amend Chapter 18.260 RCW to allow dental assistants to perform some tasks under general supervision.

- Emily Lovell from WSDA indicated that legislative packages are due August 2, 2017 for the 2018 session. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved Dr. Shaw and Ms. Santiago writing a resolution to allow dental assistants to perform certain tasks under general supervision. This resolution must be to WSDA prior to August 2, 2017.

10.5. The commission reviewed the list of priorities for rule modifications.
11. OTHER

11.1. The commission reviewed and approved the draft interpretive statement regarding taking radiographs. The interpretive statement must be filed by the code revisers office to be finalized.

11.2. The commission considered California dental license requirements in response to the request from Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company on April 24, 2017. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission determined dental licensing standards in California are not substantially equivalent to Washington.

11.3. The commission considered a request from the Pierce County Dental Society for a commission member to speak at their September 12, 2017 meeting. Dr. Walia is willing to present, but is unavailable for the September 12, 2017 meeting.

11.4. Dr. Carbery reported on the Department of Health Board and Commission Leadership meeting he attended on July 17, 2017. Ms. Crawford discussed with the committee the legislative presentation at the meeting. Legislators indicated they would prefer to schedule a meeting to discuss board or commission opinions on legislation rather than receive letters prior to a hearing. The commission could work with the department to schedule a meeting if needed. Dr. Shaw indicated that there is often not enough notice on legislation to schedule a meeting with legislators to discuss an issue.

11.5. The commission reviewed and approved the commission’s annual association and standard program report.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1. The commission discussed an email dated June 30, 2017 from Desirie Mezzanato at Willamette Dental asking if dental assistants are allowed to apply tooth whitening agents. The commission will send a letter to Ms. Mezzanato indicating that a dental assistant may apply external bleaching with appropriate training, delegation and supervision.

12.2. The commission was provided a copy of the response letter sent to Jeffery O’Donnell regarding legend drug log.

12.3. The commission was provided a copy of the response letter sent to Dr. Tian regarding dental assistant delegation of orthodontic computer assisted 3D imaging.

12.4. The commission was provided a copy of the response letter sent to Suzanne regarding dental assistants taking Cerec images for a permanent crown.

13. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The commission approved a request from the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry to be an approved professional association or educational organization to receive lists and labels.

14. PROGRAM REPORT

14.1. Ms. Crawford reported to the commission on the Interim Operating Budget. The expenditures exceed revenue. This is due to a fee decrease that took effect during the middle of the last biennium. Ms. Crawford also reported to the commission that the department is requesting funding from the legislature to create an online licensing and discipline database. The new system would allow more online licensing with faster
processing of licenses. It would also allow a secure email for boards and commissions to communicate with the department. The cost of the new database would create a potential fee increase for credential holders for approximately four years. The department is requesting programs with large fund balances use the fund balance rather than increasing fees.

14.2. The commission considered 2018 meeting dates for approval. Dr. Liu made a motion and the commission approved the proposed meetings dates with the October meeting to be held on October 26. The commission will meet in the Seattle area in January. The commission will discuss having a meeting in the Bellingham area and requesting a representative from Canada present to on Canadian continuing competency program.

14.3. Ms. Santiago provided the commission with disciplinary statistics.
14.4. Ms. Santiago provided the commission with credentialing statistics.
14.6. Ms. Santiago informed the commission of the New Member Orientation on October 20, 2017.
14.7. The commission received a list of active committees.
14.8. Three of the four commission member positions have been appointed by the governor. One dentist position is still vacant. Ms. Crawford indicate we did not receive applications from dentists with specialties in orthodontics, endodontics, or periodontics. The commission may appoint additional pro-tems with specialties in these areas to assist with cases.

15. REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES

15.1. Dr. Shaw reported to the commission on the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) meeting he attended on June 23, 2017. The examination has been revised to require only one Class II restoration. States that require two restorations will still be tested for two. The testing procedure has changed so that students will know by the end of the day whether they have passed or failed and can re-take failed portions the same day.

- The commission will request examination booklets from each of the examining boards the commission accepts to ensure all procedures the commission deems appropriate are required in the examinations.
- Dr. Shaw requested the commission consider including a prosthetics section as a requirement in the examinations.
- Ms. Santiago will put examination review on the next Continuing Competency Committee meeting agenda.

15.2. The commission was provided a summary of WREB 2018 dental examination format changes.
15.3. The commission was provided a clinical examination comparison.
15.4. The commission was provided the American Dental Association May 11, 2017 letter to American Association of Dental Boards regarding a national dental licensure objective structured clinical examination (DLOSCE).
15.5. The commission was provided the American Association of Dental Boards June 1, 2017 letter to membership regarding a DLOSCE.
16. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS
The commission did not discuss any future business.

The commission adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

Commission Approval By:

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John Carbery, DMD, Chairperson