



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
PO Box 47852 · Olympia Washington 98504-7852

**BOARD OF DENTURISTS  
MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** Friday, January 26, 2024

**TIME:** 12:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Department of Labor and Industries  
7273 Linderson Way S.W.  
Room S119  
Tumwater, WA 98501  
and by Webinar

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**BOARD MEMBERS:** JAMES ANDERSON; JOSH BROOKS, CHAIR; MELISSA BRULOTTE; CODY CARSON, VICE-CHAIR; VACANT, PUBLIC MEMBER; KEITH GRESSELL, DMD; SHIRLYNN WALTER, PUBLIC MEMBER; VALLAN CHARRON, PRO-TEM; SZILARD ZOMBOR, PRO-TEM

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In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were mailed electronically to individuals who requested notification of meetings of the Board of Denturists.

**Times and Order:** The open session meeting will start at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024 and continue until all agenda items are complete. This agenda schedule may change, and items may not be taken in order of the agenda. The board will break for dinner and adjourn for the evening as determined by the agenda and the members. This agenda is subject to change.

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Friday, January 26, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.

## OPEN SESSION

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Introduction of board members, staff, and audience
- 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.
- 1.3 Approval of agenda
- 1.4 Approval of November 17, 2023 business meeting minutes

### 2. 2024 LEGISLATION

- 2.1 Information will be provided to the board on any legislation introduced that may have an impact on them.
- 2.2 Department of Health weekly legislative update call – Melissa Brulotte

### 3. UNIVERSAL TESTING SERVICES (UTS) CLINICAL EXAMINATION – The board will be making a decision on the member(s) to attend a future UTS examination.

### 4. CLINICAL EXAMINATION: CALIBRATION -- The board will determine the location for March 2024 calibration meeting.

### 5. SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1724 SECTION 8 – SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT LICENSING STANDARDS – The board will be provided information, have a discussion, and may decide on the jurisprudence examination requirement for licensing.

### 6. 2023 – 2025 BUSINESS PLAN – The board will review their 2023 – 2025 business plan and may recommend changes.

### 7. DENTAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Committee meetings held on November 30, 2023 – Josh Brooks and Dr. Gressell

### 8. DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on August 14, 2023 – Josh Brooks and Dr. Gressell

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

- 9.1 Interim Operating Budget Report
- 9.2 Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- 9.3 Program and credentialing staffing update
- 9.4 Update on CR-103 for prefabricated implant abutments rule
- 9.5 Other

## **10. 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.

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**January 26, 2024 Business meeting can be attended at  
the physical location and remotely via Webinar**

### **Physical Location**

Department of Labor and Industries  
7273 Linderson Way S.W.  
Room S119  
Tumwater, WA 98501

**<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/706f1d3a-e869-43a4-8e0c-1d1e39f086cd@11d0e217-264e-400a-8ba0-57dcc127d72d>**



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**BOARD OF DENTURISTS  
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, November 17, 2023

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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 Chotiwanaporn  
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**

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:

<b>CREDENTIAL STATUS</b>	<b>DENTURIST LICENSURE</b>	<b>DENTURIST ALTERNATE LOCATIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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.

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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:

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Vicki Brown, Program Manager

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Josh Brooks, Chair  
Board of Denturists

**From:** [Austin, Eve E \(DOH\)](#)  
**To:** [DOH DL HSQA OHP ALL](#)  
**Cc:** [Fox, Shawna K \(DOH\)](#)  
**Subject:** AAG JP Exam Clarification  
**Date:** Monday, October 2, 2023 12:47:39 PM

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Hello Everyone,

There has been a lot of discussion around some need for clarity with 1724 section 8 (codified as RCW 18.130.077) and Jurisprudence (JP) exams. I have provided a summary after consultation with Eric Sonju, the Senior AAG with the AGO.

As we know by now, Section 8 of HB 1724 says, “Disciplining authorities shall waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure last longer than 90 days.” There has been a lot of discussion around JP exams. To clarify, the law says that we are to waive exams; without defining exams we are required to implement the law as written, which includes both practice and JP exams. With this determination of substantial equivalency, there are two recommended options:

1. The JP exam is not a requirement to obtain a WA license via 1724 (8), and the condition of taking and passing the WA JP exam cannot be used to determine substantial equivalency; or
2. The JP exam is a requirement to obtain a WA license via 1724 (8) and the condition of taking and passing the WA JP exam is used to determine substantial equivalency. This results in no state being substantially equivalent to WA.

The intent of HB 1724 is to open pathways for licensure and reduce barriers to obtaining a license in WA. I respectfully advise all disciplining authorities to have an open mind regarding the JP exam and either consider it not to be a foundational requirement for a substantially equivalent state or consider alternatives. There are alternatives discussed below to place an emphasis on the specific JP exam without making it a condition of licensure.

If a disciplining authority can’t require a WA-specific JP exam, there may be other ways to ensure the individual has sufficient background in WA JP. This could be done, for example, by requiring licensees to complete CE in WA law. This is something to discuss with your respective AAG, as there is a risk that requiring a JP exam as a condition of license renewal would not conform with section 8. One way to lessen this risk could be to require every licensee to take the exam as part of the CE requirements as the dental commission does in WAC 246-817-440(2). This would need to be a requirement for every licensee of the profession, not just those people licensed in WA pursuant to section 8 of HB 1724.

Each Program Manager is encouraged to connect with their assigned AAG on this issue because there may be specific statutes governing a profession that could impact your profession differently. Some things to consider when inquiring with your AAG and potential boards and commissions are:

- Do we have any profession-specific licensing? laws that present a barrier to 1724 (8)
- How do we feel about the JP exam acknowledging the other requirements for 1724 (8)
- Do we require the JP exam as a CE to allow for substantial equivalency in other states?

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Signed,**

**OHP Leadership**



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Washington State Board of Denturists  
Business Plan 2023 – 2025**

**MISSION:** To protect the health, safety, and welfare of the dentist-using public in Washington State.

**GOAL 1**

Provide testing mechanism to assure competent and safe practitioners.

Objective	Method – Time Line	Lead
A. License qualified candidates	<b>Method:</b> Periodically review and update both the written and jurisprudence examinations.  <b>Time Line:</b> Ongoing	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Method:</b> Continued calibration of practical examination. <b>Time Line:</b> Before each exam	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Method:</b> Review examination statistics for developing trends. <b>Time Line:</b> Ongoing.	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Method:</b> Review and update candidate examination handbook and other examination instructions. <b>Time Line:</b> Annually	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Method:</b> Research requirements of other state(s) to determine equivalency to Washington State requirements. <b>Time Line:</b> Ongoing with an entire state review beginning in 2020 and then every 5 years after this date.	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Method:</b> Review the UTS or other regional examination and contract. <b>Time Line:</b> Every two years	Board / Program Manager
B. Bi-annual review of the Universal Testing Services, Inc. (UTS) or other regional examination and contract.	<b>Method:</b> Participate in a multi-state or regional examination such as the UTS examinations. <b>Time Line:</b> Every two years	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Method:</b> Board will designate a public member to participate at the annual conference to obtain skills and tools to use while they provide profession specific regulation and setting standards. <b>Time Line:</b> Annually	Board / Program Manager

**GOAL 2**

Protect the public through education and credentials review process and continuing competency requirements.

Objective	Method – Time Line	Lead
Review and make necessary rule changes relating to educational criteria, exam and continuing competency.	<b>Method:</b> Review rules as needed.  <b>Time Line:</b> Ongoing.	Board / Program Manager

**GOAL 3**

Improve education, awareness, and communication with denturists, consumers, and the Board in a cost efficient manner.

Objective	Method – Time Line	Lead
Outreach to board approved schools and/or licensees.	<b>Method:</b> Presentation and update at school(s) and association meetings on rules, discipline and licensing requirements.  <b>Time Line:</b> Annually	Board / Program Manager

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**Washington State Board of Denturists**  
**Business Plan 2021 – 2023 cont.**

**GOAL 4**


Continue to define, evaluate and recognize educational programs for effectiveness and adherence to educational standards set by statute and rule.

Objective	Method – Time Line	Lead
Continue to evaluate and define standards for school recognition.	<b>Method:</b> Develop policy and procedure for recognition of denturist educational programs.	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Time Line:</b> Every three years	
	<b>Method:</b> Review recognized programs to ensure continued compliance.	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Time Line:</b> Ongoing	
	<b>Method:</b> Perform site review as needed	Board / Program Manager
	<b>Time Line:</b> Ongoing	

**GOAL 5**

Promote administrative efficiency.

Objective	Method – Time Line	Lead
A. Review Board policies and procedures	<b>Method:</b> Evaluate Board policies and procedures during open public meetings. <b>Time Line:</b> Every two years	Board / Program Manager
B. Communicate HSQA policies, procedures, and processes.	<b>Method:</b> Promote HSQA office policies, procedures, and process presentations to the Board. <b>Time Line:</b> Every two years	Board / Program Manager / HSQA Office Directors



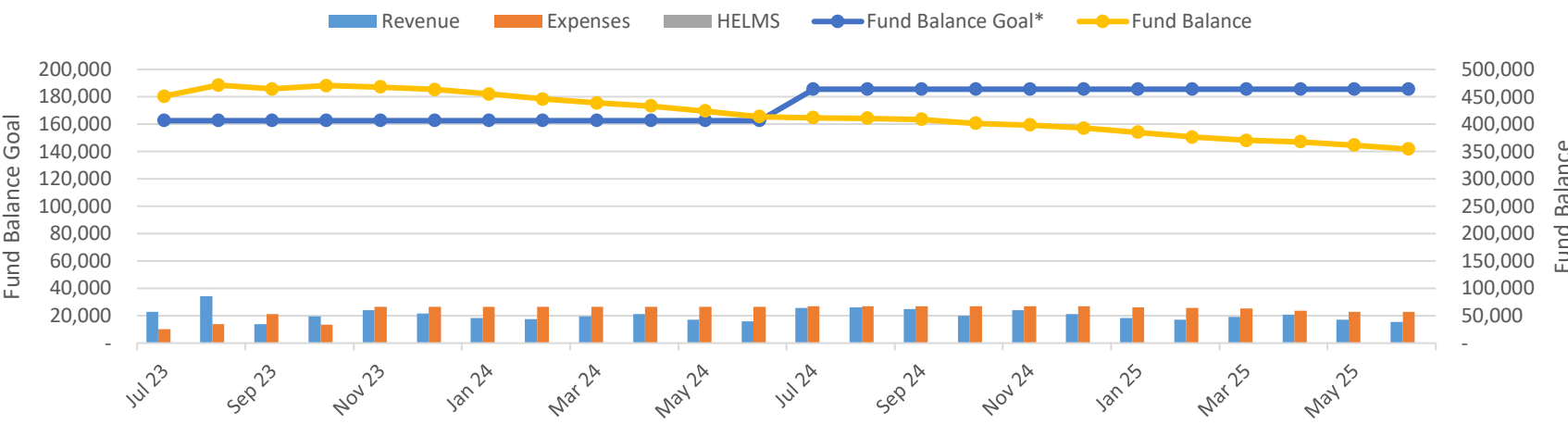
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Budget Status Report

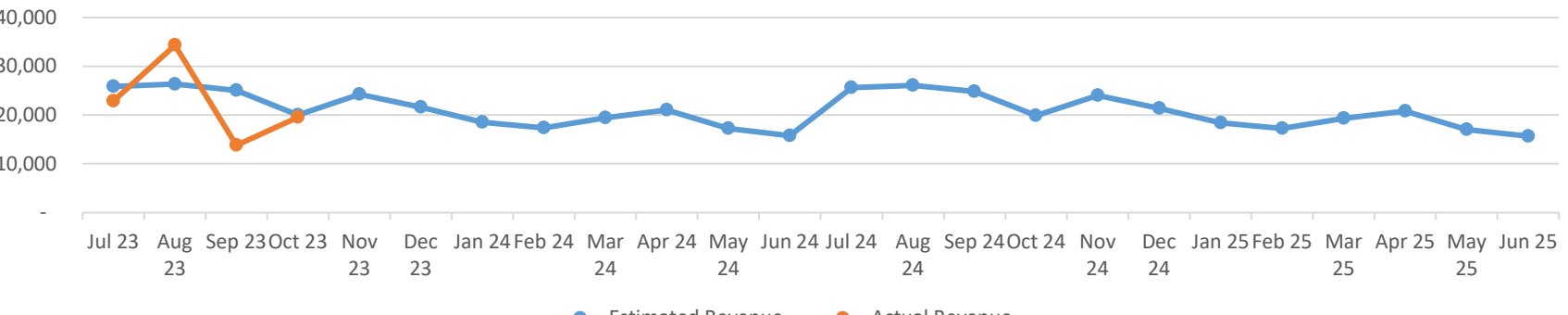
For the Period of July 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023

Beginning Fund Balance on July 1, 2023	\$438,442
Revenue To-Date	90,600
23-25 HELMS Assessment To-Date	-
Expenses To-Date	58,707
Period Ending Fund Balance	\$470,335

Actual/Projected Fund Activity

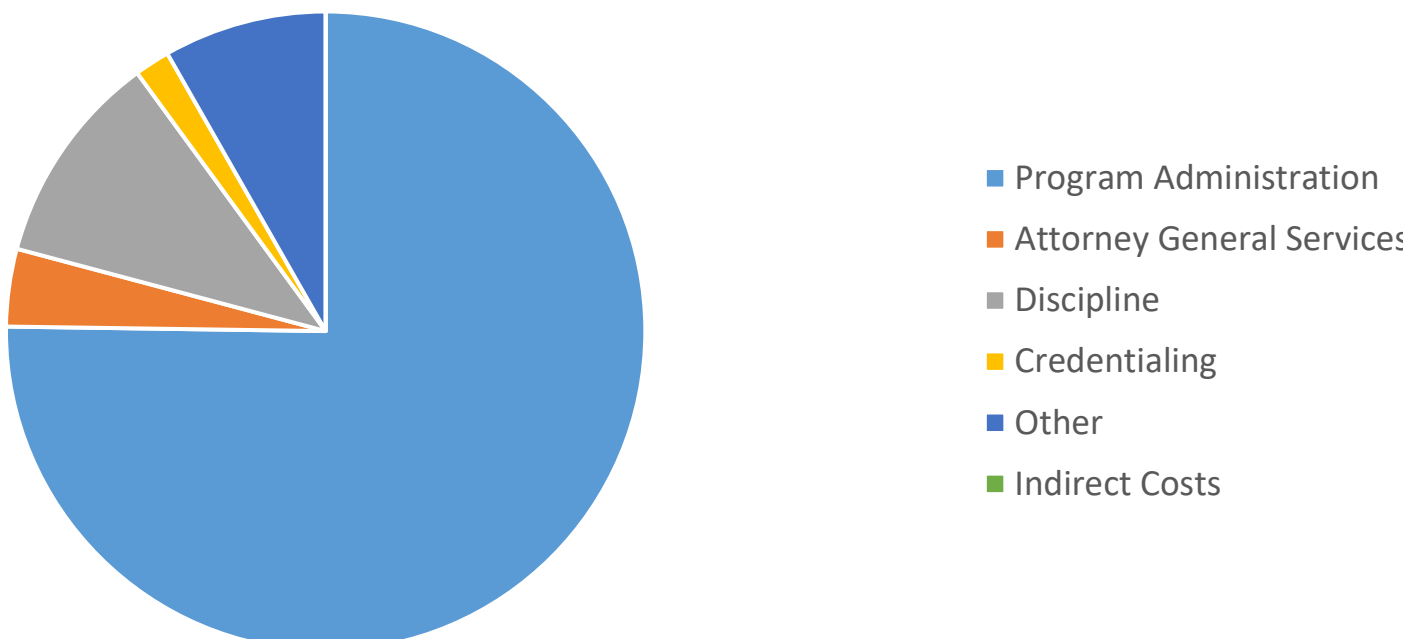


REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	VARIANCE IF ESTIMATED
To-Date	97,305	90,600	(6,705)
Biennium Total	502,960		93%



EXPENSES	TOTAL BIEN BUDGET	BUDGET TO-DATE	EXPENSES TO-DATE	VARIANCE TO-DATE	VARIANCE TO-DATE %
Staff Salaries and Benefits	237,012	38,896	35,051	3,845	9.9%
Board Pay	29,400	4,900	4,219	681	13.9%
Expert Witness Contracts	2,808	468	-	468	100.0%
Attorney General Services	55,896	9,316	2,301	7,015	75.3%
Goods and Services	12,218	2,032	1,146	886	43.6%
Travel	42,000	7,000	3,747	3,253	46.5%
Equipment	1,760	292	-	292	100.0%
Intra-Agency Charges - Discipline	77,146	14,473	6,349	8,124	56.1%
Intra-Agency Charges - Credentialing	7,611	1,364	1,050	314	23.0%
Intra-Agency Charges - Other	44,986	6,445	4,842	1,603	24.9%
Total Direct Costs	510,837	85,186	58,707	26,479	31.1%
Indirect Costs			-	-	#DIV/0!
Grand Total	510,837	85,186	58,707	26,479	31.1%

Expenses - Cost Categories



Budget Notes:

\* Fund Balance Goal is 60% of annual expenditures

**Credential Status = ACTIVE**

	DENR	DNLT	Total
Unknown	1	0	1
Adams	0	0	0
Asotin	1	0	1
Benton	4	1	5
Chelan	2	1	3
Clallam	4	0	4
Clark	13	0	13
Cowlitz	2	0	2
Franklin	1	1	2
Grant	1	0	1
Grays Harbor	2	0	2
Island	0	1	1
King	33	0	33
Kitsap	5	0	5
Kittitas	1	0	1
Lewis	6	0	6
Mason	2	0	2
Pacific	1	0	1
Pierce	24	2	26
Skagit	0	4	4
Snohomish	16	6	22
Spokane	6	3	9
Thurston	8	0	8
Walla Walla	1	3	4
Whatcom	6	3	9
Yakima	3	1	4
Out of State	5	0	5
Total	147	26	173

**Credential Status = ACTIVE WITH CONDITIONS**

	DENR
King	1
Snohomish	1
Total	2

**Credential Status = RETIRED ACTIVE**

	DENR
King	2
Whatcom	1
Total	3

**Credential Status = INACTIVE**

	DENR
Unknown	1
Out of State	1
Total	2

**Credential Status = ACTIVE ON PROBATION**

	DENR
Total	0

**Credential Status = VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

	DENR
King	1
Total	1

**Credential Status - SURRENDER**

	DENR
King	1
Total	1

**Credential Status = REVOKED**

	DENR
King	5
Total	5

**Credential Status = SUSPENDED**

	DENR	DNLT	Total
Unknown	0	1	1
Benton	1	0	1
Island	0	1	1
Okanogan	1	0	1
Pierce	3	0	3
Skagit	1	0	1
Snohomish	2	0	2
Total	8	2	10

Statistics as of 1/04/2024

Statistics from 11/01/2023 to 1/04/2024

Count of Alleged Issues

Count of Case Natures

Health and Safety           1  
Patient Care                1

Standard of Care / Services       2  
Violation of Regulations or       1

Failure to Provide  
Medically  
Reasonable  
and/or Necessary  
Items or Services           1

Unprofessional  
Conduct                    1





# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

**CR-103P (December 2017)  
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

**DATE: December 22, 2023**

**TIME: 2:17 PM**

**WSR 24-02-029**

**Agency:** Department of Health - Board of Denturist

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- ☒ 31 days after filing.  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Denturist rules regarding prefabricated implant abutments and infection control standards. New section WAC 246-812-462 was adopted by the Board of Denturists (board) for the use of placement of prefabricated implant abutments. The adopted establishes the requirements that are to be followed in order for a licensed denturist to place a prefabricated implant abutment on an implant for the purpose of fabricating, repairing, relining, or rebasing a denture.

The board amended WAC 246-812-501 to ensure that a licensed denturist develop and maintain written infection control policies, procedures, and requirements for infection prevention and control that are appropriate for the denturist services provided by the facility.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New: WAC 246-812-462  
Repealed: None  
Amended: WAC 246-812-501  
Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 18.30.065, RCW 18.130.040

**Other authority:** RCW 18.30.065

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-19-088 on September 20, 2023 (date).

In response to public comments, the board added the phrase "no more than 90 days" to WAC 246-812-462 so it now reads: "The prefabricated implant abutment seat shall be verified by radiographic assessment by a licensed dentist no more than 90 days prior to delivery of the denture."

Also the board added the phrase "prefabricated implant" before the term "abutment" in WAC 246-812-462 in two places for clarity.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

Name: Vicki Brown  
Address: PO Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852  
Phone: 360-236-4865  
Fax: 360-236-2901  
TTY: 711  
Email: vicki.brown@doh.wa.gov  
Web site: <https://www.doh.wa.gov>  
Other: none

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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## NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-812-462 Prefabricated implant abutments.** A licensed denturist, prior to placing a prefabricated implant abutment on an implant for the purpose of fabricating, repairing, relining, or rebasing a denture, must have documented proof that a licensed dentist has examined the patient clinically. The documented proof from the licensed dentist must include a report that the implant is sufficiently osseointegrated, the surrounding soft tissues are stable and healthy, and provide a documented diagnosis that the implant is ready to restore. The prefabricated implant abutment seat shall be verified by radiographic assessment by a licensed dentist no more than 90 days prior to delivery of the denture.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 98-20-068, filed 10/2/98, effective 11/2/98)

**WAC 246-812-501 Purpose.** The purpose of WAC 246-812-501 through 246-812-520 is to establish that a licensed denturist must have written policies, procedures, and requirements for infection prevention and control in denturist offices to protect the health and well-being of the people of the state of Washington. For purposes of infection control, all denturist staff members and all patients shall be considered potential carriers of communicable diseases. Infection control procedures are required to prevent disease transmission from patient to denturist and staff, denturist and staff to patient, and from patient to patient. Every denturist is required to comply with the applicable standard of care in effect at the time of treatment. At a minimum, the denturist must comply with the requirements defined in WAC 246-812-520.