



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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BOARD OF DENTURISTS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

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

Board Members Absent: Shirlynn Walter, Public Member

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Patience Roquemore, Administrative Support
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present: James Anderson
Sandie McNaughton
Tom Brown

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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Josh Brooks, Chair.

1.1 Introduction of board members, staff, and audience

The board members, staff, and audience were introduced.

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- 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.

Melissa Brulotte let the board members know that the legislative bill presented to the legislature that requires insurance companies to reimburse for denturist services passed in the 2023 legislative session.

- 1.3 Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Val Charro to approve the April 27, 2023 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the April 27, 2023 as presented.

- 1.4 Approval of January 27, 2023 webinar meeting minutes

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve the January 27, 2023 webinar meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the January 27, 2023 webinar meeting minutes as amended. The amendment was to correct the date of the last meeting to read January 27, 2023 and not February 27, 2023.

2. 2023 LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Crawford shared information on legislation that passed during the 2023 legislative session. Information was shared on the following bills:

- 2SHB 1099 – Military spouse employment
- HB 1287 – Dental hygienists
- ESHB 1340 – Health professions/conduct
- ESHB 1466 – Dental auxiliaries
- ESHB 1503 – Health care licenses/information
- ESHB 1576 – Dentist compact
- ESHB 1678 – Dental therapists
- SB 5113 – Dental school faculty

3. RULES

- 3.1 Health Equity Continuing Education Update

Ms. Brown provided the board with an update on the status of the CR-102 for health equity continuing education. The CR-102 should be filed on May 2, 2023 to have the rules hearing on June 16, 2023.

3.2 Prefabricated Implant Abutments

The board reviewed and discussed the draft changes to the prefabricated implant abutment rule language. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Gressell to adopt the amended language and proceed to the CR-102 rule hearing process. The motion was seconded, and a vote was asked for. The vote was 5 yes and 1 abstain. Staff was directed to proceed on the filing of a CR-102 for this rule.

4. JURISDICTION REVIEWS

Szilard Zombor presented his recommendations for the jurisdiction reviews to the full board for their consideration and action.

The following jurisdictions were presented and a decision made:

- Arizona – recommend approval. Board voted unanimously to approve.
- Idaho – recommend denial. Board voted unanimously to deny.
- Maine – recommend approval. Board voted unanimously to approve.
- Montana – recommend approval. Board voted unanimously to approve.
- Oregon – recommend approval of the licensure pathway that requires an Associate’s degree. Board voted unanimously to approve only this pathway for licensure.

5. RE-APPROVAL OF DENTURIST SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS

The reviewing members presented their review and recommendation of the denturist schools/programs to the full board for consideration and action.

American Denturist College (ADC) – Keith Gressell, DMD

Dr. Gressell presented his overview of this program to the board. Dr. Gressell noted that it was very detailed, and he recommends approval. After discussion, the board voted that this program receive full approval for another five years. Staff was directed to send out the approval letter.

Bates Technical College – Keith Gressell, DMD

Dr. Gressell presented his overview of this program to the board. Dr. Gressell noted that it was very detailed, and he recommends approval. After discussion, the board voted that this program receive full approval for another five years. Staff was directed to send out the approval letter.

George Brown – Josh Brooks

Mr. Books presented his overview of this program to the board. Mr. Brooks noted that it was very detailed, and he recommends approval. After discussion, the board voted that this program receive full approval for another five years. Staff was directed to send out the approval letter.

6. OPERATIONAL / DELEGATION

- 6.1 The board will review for approval an updated signature delegation form.

Ms. Brown presented the updated signature delegation form for the board to review. The board reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve the signature delegation form for the 2023 – 2025 biennium as presented.

- 6.2 The board will review for approval on updated decision-making delegation form.

Ms. Brown presented the updated decision-making delegation form for the board to review. The board reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve the decision-making delegation form for the 2023 – 2025 biennium as presented.

- 6.3 The board will review their bylaws.

Ms. Brown presented the bylaws for the board to review. The board reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve the bylaws for the 2023 – 2025 biennium as presented.

7. COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

The board was presented with information on the written examination and Oski based examination administered by the College of Denturists of Ontario. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Val Charron saying the board currently cannot accept either examination. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

8. WRITTEN EXAMINATION REQUEST UPDATE

The board was presented with information from the special committee along with their recommendation regarding the two candidates that have requested to be able to take the written examination for a fourth time. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on that the two candidates will be allowed to take the written examination a fourth time upon verification that they have passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL.) The vote was 5 for and 1 nay.

9. REVIEW OF CURRENT POLICIES

The board reviewed their current policies and made a decision on the proposed revisions.

- 9.1 DN-01 ADA Policy

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve all the changes made to the current policies to be accepted. The motion was seconded, and all policies were approved as amended.

9.2 DN-02 Minimum Number of Candidate

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve all the changes made to the current policies to be accepted. The motion was seconded, and all policies were approved as amended.

9.3 DN-03 Recognition of DN Educational Programs

A motion was made by Val Charron to rescind this policy as it is already in rule. The motion was seconded, and this policy was rescinded.

9.4 DN-04 Scoring for Clinical Exam

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve all the changes made to the current policies to be accepted. The motion was seconded, and all policies were approved as amended.

9.5 DN-05 Exception Application Policy

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve all the changes made to the current policies to be accepted. The motion was seconded, and all policies were approved as amended.

9.6 DN-06 Initial Assessment Threshold Policy

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve all the changes made to the current policies to be accepted. The motion was seconded, and all policies were approved as amended.

9.7 DN-07 Mandatory Malpractice Reports Policy

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve all the changes made to the current policies to be accepted. The motion was seconded, and all policies were approved as amended.

9.8 Guideline for Written Exam Retake Fee

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve all the changes made to the current policies to be accepted. The motion was seconded, and all policies were approved as amended.

10. DISCIPLINE QUESTION AND ANSWER

Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney provided the board with refresher training on the disciplinary process and the options for action. He also discussed the roles of the staff attorney versus the Assistant Attorney General.

11. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION BY THE OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND LEGAL SERVICES (OILS)

Investigators, Paul Bakala and Kate Mills, provided an update on the role of the investigator. During the discussion, a concern was brought up that the dentist infection control form has not been updated in quite some time. Ms. Mills volunteered to work on updating the form along with several other investigators and bring it back to the board for review at a later date.

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

12.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Crawford shared that the budget is in good shape with revenue continuing to exceed expenditures.

12.2 2021 – 2023 Business Plan

Ms. Brown provided the board a copy of the 2021 – 2023 Business Plan. The 2023 – 2025 Business Plan will be added to the next agenda.

12.3 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	21	166
Revoked	5	---	5
Suspended	10	2	10
Active with Conditions	4	---	4
Inactive	1	---	1
Active on Probation	0	---	0
Retired Active	5	---	5
Voluntary Surrender	1	---	1

12.4 Other

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

13. 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.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Budget report
- 2023 – 2025 Business Plan
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Update on rule for prefabricated implant abutments
- Update on rule for health equity continuing education
- Discussion on amending WAC 246-812-155 Denturist examination retakes
- Policy or rule to require a candidate to pass the written examination prior to being allowed to take the clinical examination

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the business meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2023 and will be held in-person with a virtual component.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Approved By:



Josh Brooks, Chair
Board of Denturists