



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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BOARD OF DENTURISTS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 26, 2024

Board Members Present: Josh Brooks, LD, Chair
Cody Carson, Vice-Chair
Melissa Brulotte, LD
Keith Gressell, DMD
Shirlynn Walter, Public Member
James Anderson, LD
Vallan Charron, Pro-Tem Member
Szilard Zombor, Pro-Tem Member

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Adriana Barcena, Program Manager
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Support
Noelle Chung, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst

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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.

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No public comments were directed to the board at this time.

1.3 Approval of agenda

A motion was made to approve the January 26, 2024 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the January 26, 2024 agenda as presented.

1.4 Approval of November 17, 2023 business meeting minutes

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

2. 2024 LEGISLATION

2.1 Information provided to the board on legislation introduced that may have an impact on them.

Ms. Crawford shared legislation was introduced for the dental profession, but it does not directly affect the denturist profession.

2.2 Department of Health weekly legislative update call – Melissa Brulotte

Ms. Brulotte reported no legislation with a direct impact on this profession has been introduced.

3. UNIVERSAL TESTING SERVICES (UTS) CLINICAL EXAMINATION

The board discussed and decided on the member(s) that will attend a future UTS examination.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed for Josh Brooks and Dr. Gressell to attend and observe a future UTS examination.

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

Ms. Barcena presented possible meeting locations for the March 2024 calibration meeting. The board made the determination to hold the meeting at 6:00pm on March 14, 2024 at a nearby restaurant. Staff will email confirmation to the board.

5. SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1724 SECTION 8 – SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT LICENSING STANDARDS

The board was provided information, had a discussion, and decided on jurisprudence examination requirement for licensing.

Ms. Crawford described the effect of House Bill 1724 on licensing standards for applicants from other states with substantially equivalent standards. The board discussed options of when the jurisprudence exam would be required for licensure in this circumstance. A motion was made to open rulemaking to revise the program's rules to comply with House Bill 1724. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made to update the jurisprudence exam. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The board decided Vallon Charron, Szilard Zombor, and James Anderson will update the jurisprudence exam as a committee in a future meeting.

6. 2023 – 2025 BUSINESS PLAN

The board reviewed their 2023 – 2025 business plan. No changes were recommended.

7. DENTAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Mr. Brooks and Dr. Gressell updated the board on the committee meeting held on November 30, 2023.

Ms. Barcena shared the Dental Educational Outreach Committee reviewed and approved the November newsletter at their last meeting. The newsletter was distributed via GovDelivery.

8. DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Brooks and Dr. Gressell explained the last committee meeting was held on August 14, 2023 which was discussed during the last board meeting.

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

9.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Crawford shared the budget report and stated the fund balance is appropriate for the size of the profession.

9.2 Licensing and disciplinary statistics

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

| CREDENTIAL STATUS | DENTURIST LICENSURE | DENTURIST ALTERNATE LOCATIONS | TOTAL |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Active | 147 | 26 | 173 |
| Revoked | 5 | --- | 5 |
| Suspended | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Active with Conditions | 2 | --- | 2 |
| Inactive | 2 | --- | 2 |
| Active on Probation | --- | --- | 0 |
| Retired Active | 3 | --- | 3 |
| Voluntary Surrender | 1 | --- | 1 |

9.3 Program and credentialing staffing update

Ms. Crawford introduced Ms. Barcena as the new program manager of the Denturist profession. Ms. Crawford explained an upcoming reorganization within the department. This will involve moving credentialing staff from the Office of Customer Service to Office of Health Professions.

9.4 Update on CR-103 for prefabricated implant abutments rule

Ms. Brown shared the CR103 form for the rule on prefabricated implant abutments was filed on December 22, 2023 and became effective January 22, 2024.

9.5 Other

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

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.

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

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Update Jurisprudence Exam
- 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

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024, and will be held in-person with a virtual component.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Josh Brooks, LD, Chair
Board of Denturists

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