MEMBERS PRESENT
Michael Johnston II, Chair RDH
Maxine Janis, RDH, Vice-Chair
Charlene Meagher, RDH

STAFF PRESENT
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager
Tracie Drake, Assistant Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT
Jennifer Zbaraschuk, RDH, Washington Dental Hygiene Association (WDHA)
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, WDHA
Melissa Johnson, WDHA
Alison Ellis-Noonchester, RDH
Nina Karhinen, RDH
Esther Smith, RDH
Janine Sasse-Englert, RDH, Central Regional Dental Testing Services Inc.
Evelyn Hobbs, RDH
Robin Roderick, RDH, RDH
Beverly Frye, RDH, WDHA
Kara Lea Tupling, RDH, WDHA
Ashley Felton, RDH, WDHA
Elise Tanner, RDH
Marilynn Rothen, RDH, WDHA
Georgene McCarty, RDH
Norma Wells, RDH

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER – The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Bruce Bronoske, Jr., program manager.

1.1. Introductions

The committee and staff introduced themselves.

1.2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.
2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

   Maxine Janis, RDH, nominated Michael Johnston II, RDH, as chair. The nomination was seconded and unanimously approved by the committee.

   Michael Johnston II, RDH nominated Maxine Janis, RDH, as vice-chair. The nomination was seconded and unanimously approved by the committee.

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

   A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2018 business meeting. The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

4. **COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019**

   The committee selected representatives for the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee; the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) Steering / Executive Committee; the CRDTS Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee; Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Steering Committee; the Dental Collaboration Committee; the Dental Educational Outreach Committee; the meet-me-call participant and the legislative liaison.

   - WREB DH Exam Review Committee – Maxine Janis, RDH
   - CRDTS Steering / Executive Committee – Michael Johnston II, RDH
   - CRDTS DH Exam Review Committee – Michael Johnston II, RDH
   - CDCA Steering Committee – Charlene Meagher, RDH
   - Dental Collaboration Committee – Charlene Meagher, RDH
   - Dental Educational Outreach Committee – Michael Johnston II, RDH
   - Meet-Me-Call Participant – Maxine Janis, RDH
   - Legislative Liaison – Charlene Meagher, RDH

5. **SETTING 2019 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

   The committee set the following meeting dates and locations for 2019

   - March 8, 2019 – Tumwater, WA
   - June 14, 2019 – Webinar
   - October 11, 2019 – Lynnwood, WA
6. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB) ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Johnston informed the committee about some of the issues discussed at the AADB annual meeting. These topics included information regarding the Objective Structure Clinical Examination (OSCE) currently being developed by the American Dental Association. Dental hygiene therapists were also a topic of discussion at the annual meeting. Mr. Johnston recommended that the committee continue to send representation to the AADB meetings.

7. PROGRAM REPORT

7.1 Rules update

Mr. Bronoske stated that the rules packages for dental hygiene have been signed by Secretary Weisman on October 8, 2018. The updated rules for WAC 246-814 and 246-815 would be effective on November 8, 2018.

7.2 Recruitment update

Mr. Bronoske informed the committee that Charlene Meagher, RDH, had been appointed to the committee effective October 1, 2018. Mr. Bronoske reminded the committee and stakeholders that the committee was in need of a public member.

7.3 Bylaws review

The committee reviewed the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee bylaws. No changes were made.

7.4 Business plan review

The committee reviewed the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee Business Plan. It was suggested that CDCA should be added to the list of exam companies in Goals #1 and #2. It was recommended that the committee remove Goal #3 since it has already been completed. The committee agreed to these changes.

7.5 Disciplinary statistics

Ms. Crawford reviewed the dental hygiene disciplinary statistics from June 2016 to present. Failed continuing education audits comprise a majority of discipline cases for dental hygiene. Infection control and substance abuse/diversion are also common complaint areas.
7.6 American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) annual meeting report

Mr. Bronoske stated that the AADA annual meeting was an opportunity for state administrators to collaborate about various dental-related topics. Each administrator presents information on their state and reviews any activities of interest from their state. Mr. Bronoske informed the committee that this year’s major topic covered interstate compacts.

7.7 Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) dental hygiene exam update

Mr. Bronoske informed the committee that SRTA would like the opportunity to present their dental hygiene exam for consideration in Washington State. Mr. Bronoske informed the committee that the SRTA Candidate Guide was in their meeting packet to review at a later date. SRTA will send a representative to a committee business meeting in 2019 and then the committee can decide if they want to send a member to observe the SRTA dental hygiene exam.

8. CRDTS LOCAL ANESTHESIA EXAM REPORT

Janine Sasse-Englert, RDH, MS, CRDTS exam review chair, summarized the CRDTS local anesthesia exam results and observations for 2018. During development, anonymity of examiners was a priority for the CRDTS local anesthesia exam team. Ms. Sasse-Englert stated that the exam is a two-part exam, which includes a written portion and a clinical portion.

9. 2016 CDCA EXAM REVIEW

The committee received a request from a dental hygiene applicant who took the CDCA dental hygiene exam prior to its approval in 2016. The committee approved the CDCA dental hygiene exam for licensure in March of 2018. After reviewing the information provided by the applicant and meeting minutes from previous committee meetings, the committee decided to maintain current approvals unchanged.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Licensing statistics
- SRTA dental hygiene exam
- Washington Recovery and Monitoring Program (WRAMP) presentation

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12. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Melissa Johnson from the Washington Dental Hygiene Association thanked the committee for holding their business meeting in conjunction with the Association’s House of Delegates meeting. Ms. Johnson informed the committee that the association planned on proposing legislation in 2019. These bills would cover some general housekeeping issues, changes to the initial limited license and dental therapy.

Evelyn Hobbs, RDH, informed the committee that the AADB was currently discussing non-patient exams for dentists. She stressed the possibility that non-patient dental hygiene exams may follow suit.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2018, in Tumwater, Washington. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

Approved By:

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Michael Johnston II, RDH, Chair