



**BOARD OF DENTURISTS
SPECIAL WEBINAR MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, February 18, 2022

Board Members Present: Joshua Brooks
Cody Carson
Vallan Charron, Chair
Keith Gressell, DMD
Gayle Horner, Public Member
Shirlynn Walter, Public Member
Melissa Loucks, Pro-Tem
Sandie McNaughton, Pro-Tem

Board Members Absent: Szilard Zombor, Vice-Chair
Eric Hansen, Pro-Tem

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Ashely Bell, Behavioral Health Programs Coordinator

Others Present: Lauren Johnson
Perry Balcolm
Jennifer Zbaraschuk
Carolyn Logue
Brittany Peschek

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Vallan Charron, Chair.

1.1 Introduction of board members, staff, and audience

The board members, staff, and audience were introduced.

1.2 Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Shirlynn Walter to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of October 29, 2021 webinar meeting minutes

A motion was made by Shirlynn Walter to approve the October 29, 2021, webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the October 29, 2021, webinar meeting minutes as presented.

2. ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL (ESSB) 5229 Health Care Professionals – Health Equity Continuing Education

Ashley Bell presented information to the board regarding HE 5229. She shared that HE 5229 impacts most health professions. The bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to draft model rules for continuing education for health equity. DOH has held several listening sessions. The board will have until January 2024 to draft rule language for HE 5229. Ms. Bell will provide an update to the board at a future board meeting.

3. 2022 MEETING DATES

The board revisited their 2022 meeting dates for possible changes. The board discussed and cancelled the March 10, 2022 board meeting. The board voted to hold their next board meeting by webinar on May 13, 2022.

4. CLINICAL EXAMINATION

The board was provided an update regarding the COVID requirements from Bates Technical College to hold the clinical examination in March.

Ms. Brown shared information regarding the approval process required by Bates. The request is required to be reviewed and approved by a COVID taskforce. The taskforce meets each week and will be reviewing the request at their next meeting. Ms. Brown also shared that the same COVID protocols from last summer will need to be followed at the March exam.

Board members discussed having a back-up plan if the request to use Bates is not approved by the taskforce. Members discussed using a private practice to hold the exam. A motion was made and seconded to use Northwest Dental in Tacoma as a backup location for the exam. Board members voted to approve the motion.

Ms. Brown will keep the board updated on the decision of Bates COVID taskforce.

5. SPECIAL TOPICS COMMITTEE

The board was provided an update regarding the CR-101 process and discussed possible future meeting dates to start drafting rules.

Ms. Brown explained that the CR-101 that begins the rules writing process was filed on February 15, 2022. The CR-101 filed is to draft rules regarding prefabricated implant abutments. Rules workshops are open to the public. A suggestion was made to have a committee work on drafting the language. The committee will then bring to the full board for approval. Committee members include Eric Hansen, Vallan Charron, Dr. Gressell, and Josh Brooks. A webinar meeting was scheduled to be held via webinar on April 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to set the parameters and ground rules for the workshops. Information regarding the meeting will be shared with the Dental Collaboration Committee and will be sent out via GovDelivery.

6. DENTURIST COVID-19 RESPONSE

The board discussed the current continuing competency requirement that allows online courses and considered whether an extension should be granted. Board members discussed extending the current CE requirements to that allow all CE courses to be obtained via online courses. Members moved, discussed, and voted to extend the current CE requirements to allow all CE to be obtained by online courses until June 30, 2022.

7. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The board reviewed lists and labels requests and determined whether the request should be approved or denied.

- Washington Academy of General Dentistry – The board reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve this lists and labels request.

8. 2022 LEGISLATION

8.1 Department of Health weekly legislative update calls – Sandie McNaughton

Ms. McNaughton provided an update regarding the legislative meet-me-calls. There was no legislation that directly affected the board that had moved forward in the legislative process. She also shared that there was a new format to the calls and as a public member she prefers the way the calls were conducted in the past. Ms. Crawford will pass on the feedback to the legislative team.

8.2 The board will discuss 2022 legislation.

Ms. Crawford shared information on current legislation that is moving through the legislative process. She also shared that there is no legislation that directly impacts the profession.

9. WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING COMPETENCY EXTENSION OR WAIVER

Ms. Brown presented the board a request from a licensee to waive or defer the continuing education requirements. Board members reviewed and discussed the request. A motion was made and seconded to allow the licensee 90 days to complete the required CE. Members voted in favor of the motion. Board members asked Ms. Brown to respond to the licensee stating that the required CE needs to be completed within 90 days.

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

10.1 Interim Operating Budget Report – Ms. Crawford shared that the budget is in good shape with revenue continuing to exceed expenditures. Travel costs have gone down since all meetings have been conducted via webinars due to COVID. She also shared that the reduced exam fee does not appear to be affecting revenue.

10.2 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	141	22	163
Revoked	5	---	5
Suspended	7	2	9
Active with Conditions	2	---	2
Inactive	2	---	2
Active on Probation	0	---	0
Retired Active	4	---	4
Voluntary Surrender	1	---	1

Ms. Brown also shared that complaints have gone down.

10.3 Other

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

11. 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.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2021 – 2023 Business Plan
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Special Topics Committee report
- 2022 legislation
- Health equity update

13. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input at this time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the webinar meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2022 and will be held by webinar. Update meeting information will be posted to the Board of Denturists webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Vallan Charron, Chair
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