



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
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**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**  
**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**  
**Friday, April 29, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Carsten, DDS, Chair  
Lyle McClellan, DDS, Vice-Chair  
Aaron C. Stevens, DMD  
Ronald Marsh, DDS  
Kathleen Elling, EFDA  
Sonia Pal, DMD  
Tiffany Bass, DDS  
Karen Clements, DDS  
Joy McDaniel, DMD  
Marlynn Fulton, Public Member  
McKinley Rainey, Public Member  
Miryam Nossa, EFDA  
Samantha Kofler, DDS  
Kunal Walia, DDS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Julia Richman, DDS  
Abhishake Banda, DMD, MD

**STAFF PRESENT**

Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager  
Adriana Barcena, Assistant Program  
Manager  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Erin Ovenland, Dental Case Manager

**OPEN SESSION**

**OPEN SESSION- 8:30 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. David Carsten, D.D.S., Chairperson**

- 1.1. Introduction of commission members and staff – Mr. Bronoske introduced commission members and staff.
- 1.2. Approval of agenda – Dr. Marsh moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

1.3. Approval of the March 11, 2022 business meeting minutes – Mr. Bronoske requested deletion of 2.3 in minutes as information was incorrect. The motion of approving amended business meeting minutes was seconded and adopted.

**2. HEALTH EQUITY AND INCLUSION LEGISLATION UPDATE-** Ashley Bell, Department of Health, Behavioral Health Programs Coordinator, will provide the commission with an update regarding SB 5229 health legislation, passed in 2021.

- Ms. Bell was unable to attend meeting and will plan to attend and share findings in June’s Dental Quality Business Meeting.

**3. RULES UPDATE**

WAC 246-817-701 through 790-Administration of aesthetic agents for dental procedures.

- Mr. Bronoske informs commission that team and Jennifer Santiago worked on completing needed paperwork for set of rules and as is now in process of being reviewed by division and agency.

**4. COMMITTEES-** The commission will discuss committees currently on hold and may consider voting on restarting the Educational Outreach Committee and the Expanded Functional Dental Auxiliary Committee.

- Mr. Bronoske requested resuming Educational Outreach (one newsletter missed) and Expanded Functional Auxiliary Committee (2 site visits needed and one school that is requesting to restart their EFDA program) as position of Assistant Program Manager has been filled by Adriana Barcena. The motion was seconded and adopted.
- Dr. Marsh requested Continuing Education Committee to resume in the fall. Continuing Education Committee to be discussed in June Business Meeting following the introduction of new Program Manager.

**5. CORERESPONDENCE**

5.1. The commission will discuss a letter dated March 23, 2022 from Dr. R Charlie Collins regarding the dental disciplinary process.

- Dr. Carsten ensures the Dental Commission is dedicated to protecting the public by remediating and sometimes expelling weak Providers, and thus may take extended time.
- Ms. Carter states that due to the letter referencing an active case, details cannot be discussed in public meeting, but staff may bring forward statistics or timelines of disciplinary action.

- Mr. Kellington added that Dental Commission disciplinary action may take time as many cases are standard of care and almost routinely require locating, contracting, and hiring expert witness. Per ILRS, an average of 125 cases a year in over the last 4 fiscal years have closed after implementing disciplinary action. There is an average of over 700 complaints a year and hundreds of completed investigations of taking action.

5.2. The commission will discuss an email dated March 31, 2022 from Dr. Derek Thompson regarding prearranged provider requirements when the dentist is unavailable.

- Dr. Marsh notes that letter may be directed to Anesthesia committee, where it had been previously discussed what options dentists have in rural locations and what panels will do when disciplinary issues do occur.

5.3. The commission will discuss the previous letter received from Dr. Mirjalili regarding the dental opioid prescribing rules.

- Mr. Bronoske notes that this was brought forward in March 11<sup>th</sup> Business Commission meeting where Commission voted to deny the request and to readdress this after Washington Medical Commission addressed this and provided rules. A comment or request from the office of secretary was received to request and approve Dental Commission an extension for a time to respond. This motion was seconded and adopted.

## **6. OTHER**

6.1. The commission will review approval Aurora Modern Dentistry, Katie L. McCann D.D.S. as and approved group. Dr. McCann is an out of state dentist wishing to provide a clinical continuing education course in Washington State.

- Mr. Bronoske clarifies that request is not for approving the course but is seeking approval for provider who does not have Washington State license. Mr. Bronoske also reports that findings show no disciplinary action in other states and that Dr. McCann also provided copy of Malpractice insurance.
- Ms. Carter states Washington has a statute that allows out of state clinicians to ask for approval from Commission to provide clinical portion of continuing education along with a policy on what is required from the provider- all of which were answered and received by Dr. McCann.
- The motion of Dr. McCann to provide clinical continuing education course in Washington State was moved, seconded, and approved.

## **7. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

The commission will consider requests to be approved professional associations or educational organizations to received lists and labels:

#### 7.1. DOCS Education

- Original request required to be corrected. Motion was seconded and approved.

### 8. PROGRAM REPORT

#### 8.1. Program Staffing Update.

- The commission members are introduced to Adriana Barcena, Assistant Program Manager.
- New Dental Commission Program Manager will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bronoske will assist with transitioning new Program Manager into her role.
- Mr. Bronoske's service to the commission is thanked by Dr. Carsten on behalf of Commission Members.

#### 8.2. Board recruitment update

- Three positions will be filled as recruitment begins. Dr. Walia and Dr. Banda have completed their second term with the Dental Commission. Dr. Richman has also resigned from her position and will be unable to complete last half of her second term. Mr. Bronoske has received applicants from the Governor's office and will begin the interviewing process soon.
- Mr. Kellington speaks on behalf of Investigative and legal services and thanks board members who are currently serving and departing.

#### 8.3. Interim operating budget update

- Ms. Crawford provides budget report.
- Helms will be taking 1 million dollars from budget and will be expecting a fee increase for Dental profession.
- Mr. Bronoske provides clarification and details on Helms to be a system which will streamline current issues and track demographic trends.
- Emily Lovell (WSDA) requests more details of budget reports as it pertains to their account. Mr. Lovell would like to know why 1 million will be taken from Dentistry profession, when and how much will the fee increase, and how it compares to other professions.
- Mr. Bronoske agrees to bring forward more information in future agendas, and shares that budget is usually contributed to credentialing.

### 9. ADJOURN

The commission adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

**Submitted by:**  
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager  
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

**Approved by:**  
David Carsten, DDS, Chair  
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

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