



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission  
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**Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Special Meeting  
August 24, 2022 - Minutes**

Convene: Chair, Teri Ferreira called the meeting to order August 24, 2022, 12:07 p.m.

***Commission Members:***

Teri Ferreira, RPh, Chair  
Jerrie Allard, Public Member, Vice Chair  
Bonnie Bush, Public Member  
Uyen Thorstensen, CPhT  
Hawkins DeFrance, Nuclear Pharmacist  
William Hayes, PharmD, CCHP  
Patrick Gallaher, BS, BPharm, MBA, MPH  
Judy Guenther, Public Member  
Helen H. Jung, PharmD, MBA  
Matthew Ray, PharmD  
Ken Kenyon, PharmD, BCPS  
Ann Wolken, PharmD, RPh

***Staff:***

Marlee O’Neill, Executive Director  
Lindsay Trant-Sinclair, Deputy Director  
Christopher Gerard, AAG  
Joshua Munroe, Legislative and Rules Consultant  
Amy L Robertson, Communications Coordinator  
and Program Support

***Commission Members Absent:***

Tim Lynch, PharmD, MS, FABC, FASHP  
Craig Ritchie, RPh, JD

**1. Call to Order Teri Ferreira, Chair.**

**1.1 Meeting Agenda Approval – August 24, 2022**

**MOTION:** Ken Kenyon moved to approve the special meeting agenda for August 24, 2022. William Hayes, second. Motion carries, 12:0.

**2. Rules and Legislative Updates**

**2.1 Uniform Facilities Enforcement Framework - Draft Bill Language**

Marlee O’Neill reminded the commission, the goal of these enforcement tools is to provide a progressive set of tools as an alternative to the commission’s current options which are limited to suspending or revoking an entity’s license or denying an entity’s application. While this adds more enforcement options, it is important to note that the goal here is to provide less severe options to help entities come into compliance. This applies only to *entities* the commission regulates. The commission is not proposing any changes to the disciplinary process for *people* that it regulates.

Christopher Gerard, AAG, reviewed changes made to the language of the UFEF.

- Section 13 – new – clarifies the commission has the authority to allow the Secretary of Health to appoint *pro tempore* members to disciplinary cases.
- Section 15 – There are two changes: (1) non-substantive changes for clarity, and (2) creating authority for the Commission to accept the surrender of a license from a facility.
- Section 17 – Additions made to clarify overall intent, particularly on the commission’s ability to impose conditions immediately if the violations amount to immediate jeopardy.
- Section 18 – new – provides mechanism for a suspended licensee to request reinstatement.
- Section numbers were updated.

Teri Ferreira reviewed the three comments submitted by WSHA during the comment period for this item. The commission addressed WSHA’s concerns and agreed with the proposed responses staff drafted.

Discussion of commissioners and stakeholders centered around type, cost, multiplicity of infractions and how to fine in a fair manner. During the rulemaking process, the commission will develop a fining matrix with input from stakeholders.

**MOTION:** Ken Kenyon moved to approve the comments the commission has provided to those that have submitted commentary on these proposed changes to the rules. Patrick Gallaher, second. Motion carries, 12:0.

Next Steps: Lindsay Trant-Sinclair, Deputy Director

- The deadline to submit the full bill to the Code Revisor is August 26, 2022. (We have been discussing only the pharmacy piece.)
- The pharmacy part will need to go into “bill language” reviewed by the department.
- Goes to the Office of Financial Management and the Governor’s Office for review.
- Pharmacy staff will provide updates as needed.

**MOTION:** Ken Kenyon moved to approve the August 24, 2022 updated draft language for Uniform Facilities Enforcement Framework with changes discussed in today’s meeting. Hawkins DeFrance, second. Motion carries, 12:0.

### 3. Open forum

- David Streeter, Washington State Hospital Association, thanked the commission for extending the comment deadline as well as considering its comments.

### 4. Summary of meeting action items.

- Make the changes as discussed
- Draft rule language to the Code Revisor as directed by the department
- Bring this back to the commission regularly

**Business Meeting Adjourned. 12:55 p.m.**