



BOARD OF DENTURISTS WEBINAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Board Members Present: Joshua Brooks
Vallan Charron, Chair
Keith Gressell, DMD
Gayle Horner, Public Member
Shirlynn Walter, Public Member
Szilard Zombor, Vice-Chair
Melissa Loucks, Pro-Tem
Sandie McNaughton, Pro-Tem
Steve Peters, Pro-Tem

Board Members Absent: Cody Carson

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Health Services Consultant 4
Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Anthony Partridge, Policy Analyst

Others Present: Perry Balcom
Lauren Johnson

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the webinar was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Szilard Zombor, Vice-Chair.

1.1 Introduction of board members and staff

The board members and staff were introduced.

1.2 Determination of reasonable safety of holding a public meeting

The board moved to make a determination that due to the declared state of emergency from the COVID-19 pandemic, the board cannot meet with public in attendance with reasonable safety at its October 28, 2022 meeting. The board will hold remote

meeting only in October. The factors considered were the high levels of transmission on COVID in the community, inability to social distance in available facilities, and the lack of ability to enforce masking and vaccination for the public.

- 1.3 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.

Perry Balcom addressed the board and stated that he agreed with their decision to hold the October meeting by webinar. It is a convenience for the public to attend as well as a safety issue.

- 1.4 Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve the August 18, 2022 agenda as amended. The agenda was amended to include Item 2. Discussion on if it is a conflict of interest to be on the Board of Denturists and to be on another board that is not a part of DOH. Staff will renumber the rest of the agenda items. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

- 1.5 Approval of May 13, 2022 webinar meeting minutes

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve the May 13, 2022 webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the May 13, 2022 webinar meeting minutes as presented.

- 1.6 Approval of June 14, 2022 special webinar meeting minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Gressell to approve the June 14, 2022 special webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the June 4, 2022 special webinar meeting minutes as presented.

2. DISCUSSION ON IF IT IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO BE ON THE BOARD OF DENTURISTS AND TO BE ON ANOTHER BOARD THAT IS NOT A PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)

Board members discussed whether it is a conflict of interest for a Board of Denturist member to serve on another board that is not a part of the Department of Health. Josh Brooks shared that he had been asked to serve on the board for the American Denturist College and was concerned it may pose a conflict of interest. Heather Carter, AAG stated that serving on the American Denturist College in most instances wouldn't be considered a conflict of interest, however, Mr. Brooks will be required to recuse himself from any WA State Board of Denturist business item that involves the American Denturist College.

3. WRITTEN EXAMINATION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME

- 3.1 The board had a further discussion on the amount of additional time a candidate can request to take the written examination.

Dr. Gressell, DMD shared that he wanted to discuss the issue of requesting additional time to take the written exam. Ms. Brown shared that she has received requests for extra time for different reasons, including learning disabilities and English as a Second Language (ESL). Dr. Gressell noted that it appears most of the requests are submitted after failing the exam. Board members discussed whether a policy should be developed and available to candidates to submit prior to taking the exam. Ms. Carter agreed that developing a policy to standardize these type of requests would be helpful. Val Charron asked whether it would be best for a sub-committee or for staff to look into this. Ms. Carter suggested the board have staff work on and bring back to the full board for feedback. Board members directed staff to research and work on developing a policy to address the issue.

- 3.2 The board reviewed and discussed whether to make a decision on a recent request for additional time to take the written examination.

Board members reviewed, discussed, and asked whether ESL is the equivalent to a disability. Ms. Carter will need to do some research into this and report back to the board. Ms. Brown will contact the candidate and let them know the board is looking into this and will provide a decision in the future.

4. UPDATE FROM SPECIAL TOPICS COMMITTEE

Committee members updated the full board on the progress of the rules workshops. Draft language has been emailed to the committee. The committee is working with stakeholders to get feedback. The committee will hold another meeting and rules workshop on Friday, August 26, 2022 to continue to work on this. The board will be updated at the next board meeting.

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

5.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Brown shared that the budget is in good shape with revenue continuing to exceed expenditures. She also shared that travel costs will rise with any in-person meetings as well as other travel related expenditures.

5.2 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	142	19	161
Revoked	1	---	1
Suspended	8	2	10
Active with Conditions	1	---	1
Inactive	2	---	2
Active on Probation	0	---	0
Retired Active	4	---	4
Voluntary Surrender	1	---	1

5.3 2021 – 2023 Business Plan

Ms. Brown provided the board a copy of the 2021 -2023 Business Plan. She shared that the format had been updated. This will be added to the next agenda.

5.4 Other

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

6. 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 as this time.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2021 – 2023 Business Plan
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Health Equity continuing education
- Update from Special Topics Committee
- Update on policies for English as a Second Language (ESL) and accommodations for the Americans with Disability Act (ADA)

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the webinar meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2022 and will be held by webinar.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Vallan Charron, Chair
Board of Denturists