



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, MARCH 18 2022
9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Johnston II, Chair RDH
Hollie Reese, RDH
Robin Roderick, RDH
Daniel Liestman, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager
Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Johnson
Colleen Gaylord, RDH
Barb Lynch
Katie Fleming
Kimbr Cobb
Lauren Johnson
Debra Schauls
Danielle Mora
Christi Hasbrook

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 Michael Johnston, RDH, Chair.

1.1. Introductions

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

1.2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add item 2.5 Update on ESSB 5229 from Ashely Bell. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda. The committee voted in favor of approving the amended agenda.

1.3 Approval of October 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes

Robin Roderick asked that Item 8.2 be corrected and remove the word “will”. A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected meeting minutes from October 8, 2021. Committee members voted in favor of approving the motion to approve the corrected meeting minutes.

1.4 Approval of January 27, 2022 special meeting minutes

A motion was made, seconded and the committee voted in favor of approving the January 27 special meeting minutes as written.

2. PROGRAM REPORT

2.1 Legislation Update – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager updated the committee on the 2022 legislative session.

Mr. Bronoske, Jr. shared that the following bills were introduced during the legislative session:

- House Bill 1885 – Regarding implementing recommendations from the 2021 dental therapy task force.
- Senate Bill 5949 – Concerning currently credentialed dental auxiliaries.
- House Bill 1950 – Protecting patients from certain unsafe dental practices.

Mr. Bronoske, Jr., also shared that none of the bills listed above passed.

2.2 Rules Update – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager updated the committee on upcoming rule writing for 2022.

Due to staffing changes Mr. Bronoske, Jr. has been filling in as the acting program manager for the Dental Quality Assurance Commission until a replacement to the position is named. Mr. Bronoske, Jr. shared that he is looking to work on rules regarding infection control, continuing education, BLS for healthcare providers and clarifying language about Initial Limited Licensing training.

2.3 Dental Hygiene Temporary Practice Permit – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager updated the committee on the dental Hygiene temporary practice permit.

The time frame to get an emergency temporary practice permit is over. There were a total of 96 temporary practice permits issued. There were 88 holders of the temporary practice permits that went on to be fully credentialed. Only six of the temporary practice permits that were issued expired.

2.4 Continuing Education Discussion – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager reviewed continuing education requirements with the committee.

Mr. Bronoske, Jr. clarified the difference between self-study (reading) and distance learning. Distance learning is online and needs to have a quiz or test at the completion of the course. Online live webinars may not have a quiz but would qualify for continuing education.

2.5 Update on ESSB 5229 – Health Care Professionals – Health Equity Continuing Education – Ashley Bell updated the committee on ESSB 5229.

Ms. Bell shared that in February the department held listening sessions to get input from stakeholders. The next step is to hold rules workshops to draft language. The model list of health equity continuing education courses needs to be in place by January 2023. The health equity rule takes effect in January 2024.

3. CANADIAN BOARD DENTAL HYGIENE EXAM (CNBDHE) – The committee discussed evaluating the CNBDHE for licensure in Washington State.

Mr. Bronoske, Jr. explained that currently when an applicant from Canada applies for licensure they need to take the national board exam as WA currently doesn't accept the CNBDHE. Committee members discussed what the CNBDHE consists of and the ratio of topics is substantively equivalent. Mr. Bronoske, Jr. will work to get study guides for members to review. Ms. Carter shared that accepting the CNBDHE will require a rules change.

4. COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION – WESTERN REGIONAL EXAM BOARD (CDCA-WREB) ANNUAL MEETING – Charlene Meagher, RDH – Vice Chair, and Robin Roderick, RDH reported back on the CDCA-WREB Annual Meeting.

The CDCA-WREB annual meeting was changed and was held virtually. Ms. Roderick shared that testing agencies are becoming more universal. Data presented at the annual meeting showed that manikin based exams have same outcomes as exams using live patients.

5. NATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERSTATE COMPACTS – The committee was updated on the dental and dental hygiene interstate compact development.

The Dental Hygiene and Dental Compact met in Washington D.C. The National Center for State Compacts is funded by the Department of Defense and has been working with states to develop interstate compacts. There are several health professions that currently have interstate compacts. There are several steps in developing a compact. A compact document team will draft compact language. Stakeholders will review the draft language and may make changes and build a consensus before presenting to legislature. The committee will be provided updates at future meetings.

- 6. DENTAL HYGIENE SIMULATED/MANAKIN BASED CLINICAL EXAMINATION ACCEPTANCE DATE** – The committee discussed and considered making a decision regarding the acceptance date of the non- based simulated manikin clinical examinations for dental hygiene licensure in Washington State.

6.1 Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) – Committee members discussed changing the date of acceptance to January 2021. A motion was made by Ms. Roderick to change the date of acceptance to January 2021. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed; acceptance date will remain as October 2021.

6.2 Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA)

6.3 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)

7. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee’s information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. If there is no motion, there will be no discussion.

There were no consent agenda items presented to the committee.

- 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – Committee members discussed placing the following items on a future agenda:

- Canadian Board Dental Hygiene Exam
- Disciplinary Statistics
- Budget
- Bylaws
- Business Plan
- Rules
- Interstate Compact
- CODA Site Visits
- AADA/AADB Annual Meetings
- JP Exam

9. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments from the public

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. on Friday March 18, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 5, 2022. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

Approved By:

Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair