



Board of Denturists Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Board Members Present: Josh Brooks, Chair
Cody Carson, Vice-Chair
Melissa Brulotte
Keith Gressell, DMD
Shirlynn Walter, Public Member
James Anderson
Vallan Charron, Pro-Tem Member
Szilard Zombor, Pro-Tem Member

Staff Present: Adriana Barcena, Program Manager
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Dental Program Administrator
Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director
Eve Austin, Executive Director
Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Support
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff Attorney

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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Josh Brooks, Chair.

1.1 Introduction of board members, staff, and audience

The board members, staff, and audience were introduced.

1.2 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.

No public comments were directed to the board at this time.

1.3 Approval of agenda

A motion was made to approve the August 22, 2024 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the August 22, 2024 agenda as presented.

1.4 Approval of June 6, 2024, business meeting minutes

A motion was made to approve the June 6, 2024, business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the June 6, 2024 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. UNIVERSAL TESTING SERVICES (UTS) – the board received an update on the exam schedule.

Ms. Barcena shared the UTS clinical examination observation has been postponed to 2025. The board may vote on examination observers at a future date.

3. DENTAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Committee meetings held on July 11, and August 21, 2024 – Josh Brooks and Dr. Gressell

Dr. Gressell shared the Education outreach committee has been working on the Dental Quality Assurance Commission's newsletter.

4. CLINICAL EXAMINATION INFORMAL REVIEW – the board considered an informal review from the March 16, 2024 clinical examination.

The board reviewed and discussed the informal review materials from a March 15, 2024, clinical examination candidate. The Board discussed the matter and determined no action will be taken and the examination scoring will remain the same. Ms. Barcena will contact the candidate with a formal response.

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

5.1 Licensing and disciplinary statistics

Ms. Barcena provided licensure and disciplinary statistics to the board. Statistics are as follows:

CREDENTIAL STATUS	DENTURIST LICENSURE	DENTURIST ALTERNATE LOCATIONS	TOTAL
Active	148	17	165
Revoked	5	---	5
Suspended	8	2	10
Active with Conditions	3	---	2
Inactive	3	---	2
Active on Probation	0	0	0
Retired Active	5	---	5
Voluntary Surrender	1	---	1

5.2 Board recruitment update

Ms. Barcena shared the second public member position remains vacant and recruitment will continue.

5.3 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 at this time.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Budget report from Finance Officer
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Update on the Dental Educational Outreach Committee
- Rules update

9. RULES WORKSHOP

The department reviewed WAC 246-812-120 Eligibility and application requirements, WAC 246-812-125 Endorsement, and 246-812-159 Continuing competency to begin the rules drafting process.

Ms. Barcena shared that, in the last meeting, the board discussed requiring the Jurisprudence (JP) Examination annually and confirmed no state is substantially equivalent. The Board discussed topic and determined annual requirements should be outlined in continuing education rules. Trish Flaig, with the Washington State Dental Association, commented the proposed amendments would align with Dental professions. No additional comments were made or received. There was a motion to approve annual requirements of the JP examination and to move forward with the next process of rulemaking. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved. Ms. Barcena will work on internal processes for CR102 and will report updates to the Board in future meetings.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the business meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m. on Thursday August 22, 2024. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2024, and will be held in-person with a virtual component.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Adriana Barcena, Program Manager

Josh Brooks, Chair
Board of Denturists