



**WASHINGTON STATE
CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

January 13, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

This was a public meeting to be held in person and online.

**The Olympia Center
222 Columbia St NW
Olympia, WA 98501**

Commission Members Present: Vanessa Wise, DC, Chair; William Davis, DC, Vice-Chair; Susan Bogni, MPA, Executive Committee Public Member; Dana Clum, DC, Immediate Past Chair; Brian Chan, DC; Stephen Chan, DC; Michael Clifton, DC; Michael Long, DC; Susan Jensen, JD, Public Member; Mario Roybal, DC; Judge Julie Spector (ret.), Public Member; Benjamin Zepeda, DC.; and David Folweiler, DC, Pro-Tem
Commission Member Absent: Jas Walia, DC, Vice-Chair

Staff Members:

Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director
Tammy Kelley, Deputy Executive Director
Jenny Yeam, Projects and Compliance Manager
Betty Moe, Director of Operations and Policy
Christopher Gerard, Assistant Attorney General

OPEN SESSION – Monday, January 13, 2025

6:31 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Wise, Chair

1.1 The agenda was approved as written.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE JANUARY 30, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING IN LIGHT OF GOVERNOR INSLEE’S BUDGET FREEZE DIRECTIVE – Dr. Wise, Chair

At the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) meeting on November 14, 2024, the Commission passed a motion that all Commission business meetings in 2025 would be in person for members, with an option to attend remotely. On December 2, 2024, Governor Inslee issued Directive 24-19 freezing hiring, services contracts, goods and equipment purchases, and travel by cabinet agencies. The directive also requested that non-cabinet agencies and boards and commissions impose similar restrictions.

2.1 Commission members discussed whether the January 30th meeting will be remote for members, instead of in person. A motion was made to hold the January 30th, 2025, Commission meeting remotely for all members, then decide, meeting to meeting what to do for following meetings. Two members opposed. The motion carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO AN APPROVED COURSE OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR CHIROPRACTIC X-RAY TECHNICIANS (WAC 246-808-207) – Dr. Wise, Chair

- 3.1** The Commission considered a request to approve changes to an approved course for chiropractic X-ray technicians in accordance with the Commission policy on Initial and Re-Approval of Chiropractic X-Ray Technician Courses .

Dr. Clum and Dr. Long recused themselves from the discussion.

Dr. Wise and Dr. Zepeda were assigned to review the proposed course changes. The changes proposed 20 hours initial Zoom (synchronous), 13 more hours Zoom (also synchronous and covering the same material, previously scheduled for videos, and 9 hours online (asynchronous) equaling the required 42 hours. Dr. Wise and Dr. Zepeda recommended approval of the changes. A motion was made to approve the changes. The motion carried.

The Commission requested a review of the procedure at the January 30th meeting for additional clarification of course changes.

4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF CHIROPRACTIC PROCEDURES AND INSTRUMENTATION LIST - Committee Members: Dr. Wise; Susan Bogni, MPA; Dr. S. Chan; Dr. Clum; Dr. Davis; Judge Julie Spector; and Dr. Folweiler, Protem Member

RCW 18.25.005(3) states, in part: *“The chiropractic quality assurance commission shall provide by rule for the type and use of diagnostic and analytical devices and procedures consistent with this chapter.”*

WAC 246-808-505 defines the classifications used and the list maintained by the Commission in determining the classification of procedures and instruments for treatment and/or diagnostic evaluation. Policy CH-6-12-14 defines the policy and procedure for considering requests for additions or changes to the list.

- 4.1** The Committee discussed the history and goals of utilizing the Commission Classified List of Chiropractic Procedures and Instrumentation.

The RCW that defines chiropractic requires the Commission to provide by rule for the type and use of diagnostic and analytical devices and procedures consistent with the chapter.

Prior to the current rules on the classification of chiropractic procedures and instrumentation (WAC 246-808-505) which has been in place since September 6, 1996. These items were contained in the WAC.

- 4.2** The Committee discussed the procedure and criteria in Policy CH-6-12-14.

Note: Pending or new requests for additions or changes to the list that have been received were not discussed at this meeting.

The Committee discussed several items relating to the list:

- Is utilization of the requested procedure or instrument by chiropractors consistent with RCW 18.25. Are any other statutes implicated?

- How relevant and thorough is current research regarding the scientific basis for the procedure or instrument?
- To what extent would the procedure or instrument impact directly and positively on chiropractic care in the State of Washington?
- What are the risks and benefits of the procedure or instrument to patients? To what extent do the benefits outweigh the risks?
- To what extent is utilizing the procedure or instrument taught in accredited chiropractic colleges?
- Is the current status of the instrument or procedure generally viewed as experimental or for use in research only?
- Would approval of the instrument or procedure be viewed as controversial by the profession or other stakeholders?
- Other factors the Committee considered in the review of the request.

The Committee questioned what options might be available to them, as well as the pros and cons of those options. Christopher Gerrard, AAG was asked to look at what options might be available to the Commission. Dr. Clum and Dr. Wise agreed to assist with this task. This will be presented at the mid-February committee meeting.


Lori Grassi, Executive of Legislation and Policy, Washington State Chiropractic Association (WSCA) shared that the WSCA uses the list to answer questions. The use of the lists allows for consistency between WSCA and CQAC staff.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2025, at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be focused on the review of Mild Hyperbaric Chambers.

Bob Nicoloff will be working on scheduling an additional meeting in mid-February.

5. ADJOURNMENT

7:58PM



January 30, 2025

Prepared By: Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director

Date



January 30, 2025

Approved By: Vanessa Wise, DC, Chair

Date