



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**WASHINGTON DENTAL COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair  
Sonia Pal, DMD, Vice Chair  
Sarah Khan, DMD  
Carolyn Spice, Public Member  
Marlynne Fulton, Public Member  
McKinley Rainey, Public Member  
Evelyn Harry, EFDA  
Rama Oskouian, DMD  
Tiffany Bass, DDS  
Erich Jurgens, DDS  
Seung Yu, DDS  
Dr. David Carsten, Pro Tem  
Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Cheon Joo Yoon, DDS  
Miryam Noss, EFDA  
Samantha Kofler, DDS  
Nisha Sharoff, DDS  
Ji Choi, DDS

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kristopher Holiday, Office Director,  
Office of Health Professions  
Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Dental Program  
Administrator  
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager  
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative  
Assistant  
Lady Bah, Assistant Program Manager  
Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff  
Attorney  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney  
General  
Adriana Barcena, Program Manager  
Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst

**OPEN SESSION**

**OPEN SESSION – 10:05 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair**

**1.1. Introduction of commission members and staff.**

- Ms. Gardner introduces commission members and staff.

**1.2. Public Comment.**

- Dr. Swanson opens the floor for public comment.
  - No comment received.
- 1.3. Approval of agenda.
- There is a motion to approve the agenda.
  - The motion is moved and seconded
  - A vote is taken and unanimously passes.
- 1.4. Approval of April 25, 2025, business meeting minutes.
- There is a motion to approve the April 25, 2025, business meeting minutes.
  - The motion is moved and seconded.
  - A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

## **2. RULES UPDATE**

- 2.1. WAC 246-817-135, Dental licensure without examination – Eligibility and application requirements, and WAC 246-817-160, Graduates of nonaccredited schools.
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-102 rule package is currently in the internal review process.
- 2.2. WAC 246-817-773, Continuing education for dentists administering sedation.
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-101 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 24-21-038 on October 8, 2024.
- 2.3. Chapter 246-814 WAC, Access to dental care for children.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. shares that CR-102 rule package is currently being created.
- 2.4. Chapter 246-817 WAC, Dentist and dental hygienist compact.
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-101 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 24-21-097 on October 17, 2024.
- 2.5. WAC 246-817-195, Licensure requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs).
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-102 rule package is currently in the internal review process.
- 2.6. WAC 246-817-190, Dental assistant registration.
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-102/Continuance was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 25-11-083 on May 21, 2025, and a notification was sent out on GovDelivery to interested parties on June 2, 2025.
  - A rules hearing is scheduled for July 25, 2025.
  - Ms. Gardner shares that the Department of Health (DOH) staff met with the Labor and Industries (L&I) policy team that will be implementing House Bill 1722.
  - L&I shared that the intention of House Bill 1722 is to bridge the gap for 16 and 17-year-old students who have completed a bona fide healthcare program until they turn 18.
  - Ms. Carter recommends that the Commission proceed with the current rulemaking process and once L&I's rulemaking is completed, the Commission can update the rule, if necessary.

**3. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AAG) –** Heather Carter, AAG, will present to the Commission.

- Ms. Carter provides information pertaining to the Attorney General's Office and the role of the AAGs that support the Commission.
- Ms. Carter shares that the legal advice she provides to the Commission is protected by attorney-client privilege, and she cannot provide legal advice to private citizens, private parties, or stakeholders.

**4. DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE –** Committee meeting held on May 21, 2025 – Dr. Sonia Pal, Acting Chair

- Dr. Pal reports that the committee discussed dental therapy scope of practice and supervision levels.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. shares that the Secretary has established the dental therapy application and renewal fees.

**5. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE –** Committee meeting held on May 19, 2025 – Marlynnne Fulton, Public Member, Chair

- Ms. Fulton reports that the committee selected article topics for the July Newsletter and will review them at the next committee meeting.

**6. INDEPENDENT COMMISSION COMMITTEE –** Committee meeting held on April 28, 2025 – Dr. Rama Oskouian, Chair

- Dr. Oskouian reports that the committee is discussing whether the Washington Dental Commission should become an independent commission and plans to review models from the Washinton Medical Commission, Washington State Board of Nursing, and Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission.

**6.1. The Committee may discuss the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA).**

- Dr. Oskouian shares that the committee discussed concerns with the current JOA.
- Dr. Swanson shares that the committee is exploring whether to revise the JOA or move toward independent status and emphasizes the need for biennial reviews of the JOA.

**7. JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE –** Committee meeting held on May 27, 2025 – Dr. Sonia Pal, Chair

- Dr. Pal shares that the committee reviewed one jurisprudence exam and two questions were replaced.
- Dr. Pal shares that the committee intends to maintain four jurisprudence exams that rotate quarterly to ensure variety for continuing education or disciplinary sanctions.

**7.1. The Commission may vote to approve the jurisprudence examination.**

- There is a motion to approve the jurisprudence exam as presented.

- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

**8. CONTINUING COMPETENCY COMMITTEE** – Committee meeting held on June 10, 2025 – Dr. David Carsten, Pro Tem Member, Vice Chair

8.1. The Commission may discuss the medical spa matrix.

- Dr. Carsten notes that neurotoxins and scope of practice were discussed at the last business meeting and encourages the Commission to consider rulemaking to establish standards.
- Dr. Carsten emphasizes that dermal fillers and scope of practice remain unclear, other than for oral and maxillofacial surgeons who receive training in their advanced training programs.
- Dr. Carsten shares that the committee requested an opinion from Ms. Carter.
- Dr. Carsten states that Ms. Gardner reviewed the curriculum from Commission on Dental Accredited (CODA) approved dental schools and found one university that teaches dermal fillers to predoctoral dental students as an elective: Boston University.
- Dr. Carsten shares that the committee will wait to discuss the medical spa matrix further until Ms. Carter completes her analysis.

8.2. The Commission may vote to approve the infection control checklist.

- There is a motion to approve the infection control checklist as presented and for it to be published on the Aesthetic Interagency Taskforce webpage.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

**9. DENTAL ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE** – Committee meeting held on June 4, 2025 – Dr. Bryan Swanson, Chair

- Dr. Swanson shares that the committee discussed questions pertaining to on-site inspections.
- Ms. Gardner will work with Ms. Carter to create FAQs to clarify the requirements, which the Commission may review at the next business meeting.

9.1. The Commission may vote to approve draft rule language for WAC 246-817-773.

- Dr. Swanson shares that the committee has been working towards clarifying the continuing education requirements for dentists administering sedation in WAC 246-817-773.
- There is a motion to approve the draft rule language in WAC 246-817-773 as presented.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

9.2. The Commission may vote to approve the interpretive statement for Application Requirements for Moderate Sedation with Parenteral Agents Permits.

- Dr. Swanson shares that the committee reviewed the existing interpretive statement and made edits to align with the current anesthesia rules.

- There is a motion to approve the interpretive statement for Application Requirements for Moderate Sedation with Parenteral Agents Permits as presented.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

**10. REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS** – The Commission may vote to approve sending commission members to upcoming conferences.

**10.1. American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) – Midyear Meeting held on April 29, 2025 – Debbie Gardner**

- Ms. Gardner shares that she virtually attended the AADA Midyear Meeting with Mr. Bronoske Jr. and Ms. Kitty Einert, where they participated in roundtable discussions with other states and watched a presentation on the Dental Assisting Professional Model.

**10.2. Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) – Annual Meeting, August 22-23, 2025, Omaha, NE**

- Ms. Gardner asks the Commission to approve travel for Dr. Khan to attend the CRDTS Annual Meeting.
- There is a motion to approve Dr. Khan's travel expenses for the CRDTS Annual Meeting.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

**10.3. American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA)– Annual Meeting, October 15-16, 2025, Grapevine, TX**

- Ms. Gardner shares that staff are not currently approved to travel, and AADA has not determined if there will be a virtual attendance option for the Annual Meeting.

**10.4. CDCA-WREB-CITA (CWC) – Annual Meeting, October 16-18, 2025, Grapevine, TX**

- Ms. Gardner shares that Dr. Pal is the current CWC representative and she is unable to attend the CWC Annual Meeting.
- Ms. Gardner shares that Dr. Sharoff has expressed interest in being the Commission's CWC representative and is already a CWC member and examiner.
- Dr. Pal suggests having Dr. Sharoff extend her trip to represent the Commission at the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) Annual Meeting since Mr. Rainey cannot attend.
- There is a motion to approve Dr. Sharoff as the Commission's representative for the CWC.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.
- There is a motion to approve Dr. Sharoff's travel expenses to the CWC and AADB Annual Meetings.
- The motion is moved and seconded.

- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.
- Dr. Khan offers to serve as the Commission's backup representative if Dr. Sharoff is unable to attend.
- There is a motion to approve Dr. Khan as the Commission's backup representative for the CWC and AADB Annual Meetings if Dr. Sharoff cannot attend.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

10.5. American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) – Annual Meeting, October 18-19, 2025, Grapevine, TX

- Ms. Gardner shares that Mr. Rainey is the Commission's representative for the AADB and he is unable to attend the AADB Annual Meeting.
- Mr. Rainey confirms his willingness to continue as the Commission's representative for the AADB if no other commissioners are interested in the opportunity.
- The Commission voices support for Mr. Rainey continuing to represent the Commission for the AADB.

## **11. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

11.1. The Commission will consider requests for approval from professional associations or educational organizations to receive lists and labels.

- Ms. Gardner shares the list and labels request from Rachal Gunderson, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA).
- There is a motion to approve the list and labels request from WSDA.
- The motion is moved and seconded
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

## **12. KITSAP DENTAL SOCIETY**

12.1. Correspondence from Dr. David Houpt.

- Dr. Swanson discusses the correspondence received from Dr. Houpt.
- Dr. Houpt shares that a Commission presentation would help educate and inform the local dental community.
- Dr. Jurgens and Dr. Swanson offer to present to the Kitsap Dental Society.
- There is a motion to send up to two commissioners to present at a Kitsap Dental Society meeting.
- The motion is moved and seconded
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

## **13. OTHER**

13.1. Commission meeting dates for 2026.

- Dr. Swanson facilitates a discussion with the Commission regarding the proposed business meeting schedule for 2026.

- Several commissioners express interest in holding one meeting in Eastern Washington.
- Dr. Pal and Dr. Carsten emphasize the value of in-person meetings.
- There is a motion to approve the 2026 meeting dates as presented; the April, June, and October meetings will be hybrid/in-person with June being the preferred date to hold an in-person meeting in Eastern Washington.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

#### **14. 2025-2027 BUSINESS PLAN**

14.1. The Commission will review the 2025-2027 business plan and make any necessary updates.

- Ms. Gardner presents the 2025-2027 business plan and shares that the Western Conference on Licensure and Education and the Citizens Advocacy Center listed in the 2023-2025 business plan are no longer active and proposes striking them from the business plan.
- The Commission agrees to strike these inactive organizations from the business plan.
- Ms. Gardner will bring the revised 2025-2027 business plan to the next business meeting for approval.

#### **15. WASHINGTON DENTAL COMMISSION BYLAWS**

15.1. The Commission will review current bylaws.

- Dr. Swanson asks the Commission for any comments regarding the current bylaws.
- Dr. Pal asks if the Commission's official name was changed during the 2025 legislative session.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. confirms that the name change has not occurred, and the Department of Health did not bring it forward during the 2025 legislative session.
- Dr. Carsten and Dr. Pal suggest asking WSDA to support the Commission's name change legislatively.
- Lauren Johnson, WSDA, shares that legislative items must be brought before the WSDA House of Delegates, which requires a vote and determines WSDA's legislative agenda.
- Dr. Pal shares that she is a WSDA delegate this year and plans to bring the Commission's name change forward.
- Dr. Swanson encourages all commissioners to regularly attend Commission meetings.
- There are no proposed changes to the current bylaws.

#### **16. ELECTIONS**

16.1. The Commission will elect the 2025-2026 Chair and Vice Chair.

- Dr. Swanson reviews the election process.
- Dr. Swanson asks for nominations for the Chair position.
- There is a motion to nominate Dr. Swanson for Chair.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and passes unanimously.
- Dr. Swanson asks for nominations for the Vice Chair position.
- Dr. Swanson shares that if Dr. Pal is elected as Vice Chair, the interim Vice Chair can be elected at the next business meeting following her successor's appointment.
- There is a motion to nominate Dr. Pal as Vice Chair.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and passes unanimously.

## **17. PROGRAM REPORT**

### **17.1. Staffing update.**

- Mr. Bronoske Jr. shares that his project position as the Dental Program Administrator is ending at the end of June, and he will return to his program manager role.

### **17.2. Recruitment update.**

- Ms. Gardner shares that the Commission is seeking three dentist members, with one being from the Eastside of the Cascade Range, and interviews are being conducted.
- Ms. Gardner shares that the Eastern Washington dentist recruitment was reopened, and a recruitment notice was sent out on June 2, 2025, asking for applications to be submitted to the Governor's Office by June 30, 2025.

### **17.3. List of active committees.**

- Ms. Gardner asks for committee volunteers since Dr. Pal and Dr. Kofler's terms are ending, especially for the EFDA Committee and Dental Inclusion Committee.
- Mr. Rainey volunteers to join the Dental Inclusion Committee.
- Ms. Harry volunteers to join the Dental Therapy Committee.
- Ms. Fulton volunteers to join the EFDA Committee.

## **18. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **18.1. Correspondence from American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine.**

- Dr. Swanson acknowledges correspondence from the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine.

## **19. FUTURE BUSINESS**

- Dr. Swanson acknowledges Dr. Kofler's time on the Commission and extends appreciation for her service.
- Ms. Gardner reads a message from Dr. Kofler to the Commission.



## 20. ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

### Submitted by:

Debbie Gardner, Program Manager  
Washington Dental Commission

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Date

### Approved by:

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair  
Washington Dental Commission

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Date