



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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WASHINGTON DENTAL COMMISSION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 5, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Carolyn Spice, Public Member
Nisha Sharoff, DDS
Marlynnne Fulton, Public Member
McKinley Rainey, Public Member
Cheon Joo Yoon, DDS
Seung Yu, DDS
Ji Choi, DDS
Sarah Khan, DMD
Miryam Nossa, EFDA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rama Oskouian, DMD
Sonia Pal, DMD, Vice Chair
Evelyn Harry, EFDA
Erich Jurgens, DDS

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Bronoske Jr., Interim Executive
Director
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant
Lady Bah, Assistant Program Manager
Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff
Attorney
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst

OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 10:02 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.

- Dr. Swanson requests amending the agenda to include the addition of Item 5.5 – Correspondence from the Washington State Dental Association.
 - There is a motion to approve the amended agenda.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.
 - A vote is taken and unanimously passes.
- 1.4. Approval of July 25, 2025, business meeting minutes.
- There is a motion to approve the July 25, 2025, business meeting minutes.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.
 - A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

2. WASHINGTON PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT – Chris Bundy, MD, MPH, Executive Medical Director

2.1. Dr. Bundy will present to the Commission.

- Dr. Bundy presents the Washington Physicians Health Program 2024 Annual Report to the Commission.
- Dr. Bundy facilitates discussions on case scenarios and answers questions from the Commission and attendees.

3. RULES UPDATE

3.1. 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 the CR-102 rule package is currently in the internal review process.
- Once completed and published with the Code Reviser, interested parties will be notified.

3.2. WAC 246-817-773, Continuing education for dentists administering sedation.

- Ms. Gardner shares that the CR-102 rule package is currently in the internal review process.
- Once completed and published with the Code Reviser, interested parties will be notified.

3.3. Chapter 246-814 WAC, Access to dental care for children.

- Ms. Einert reports that the CR-102 rule package for WAC 246-814-020 was filed on February 3, 2025, and WAC 246-817-030 is in the internal review process.

3.4. 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.

3.5. WAC 246-817-195, Licensure requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs).

- Ms. Gardner shares that the CR-102 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 25-17-018 on August 11, 2025.

- Ms. Gardner shares that a notification was sent out on GovDelivery to interested parties on August 12, 2025, and a rules hearing is scheduled for October 24, 2025.
- 3.6. WAC 246-817-190, Dental assistant registration.
- Ms. Gardner shares that the CR-103 was not filed before the CR-102 expiration date.
 - Ms. Gardner shares that the program is working with the policy team to file another CR-102 and schedule a third rules hearing.
- 3.7. WAC 246-817-990, Dentist fees and renewal cycle.
- Ms. Gardner shares that the Washington Physicians Health Program surcharge is not being charged consistently across health professions; dentists are being charged on renewal and not on initial licensure.
 - Ms. Gardner shares that the Secretary of Health is seeking consultation with the Commission regarding opening this rule to ensure consistency across health professions.
 - Ms. Gardner asks the Commission if there are any concerns or comments.
 - There are no concerns or comments received by the Commission.

4. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE– Committee meeting held on August 14, 2025 – Marlynne Fulton, Public Member, Chair

- Ms. Fulton reports that the committee reviewed and approved articles for the next newsletter, along with the Washington State Dental Association magazine article and October 2025 retreat agenda.

5. DENTAL ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on August 20, 2025 – Dr. Bryan Swanson, Chair

- 5.1. The Commission may vote to approve the Dental Sedation Inspection Report.
- Dr. Swanson asks the Commission for feedback on the Dental Sedation Inspection Report.
 - No comments are received.
 - There is a motion to approve the Dental Sedation Inspection Report, as presented.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.
 - A vote is taken and unanimously passes.
- 5.2. The Commission may vote to approve updates to the Moderate Sedation with Parenteral Agents On-Site Inspection Form.
- Dr. Yu provides the Commission with an overview of the changes to the on-site inspection forms.
 - Dr. Swanson asks the Commission for feedback on the Moderate Sedation with Parenteral Agents On-Site Inspection Form.
 - No comments are received.
 - There is a motion to approve the Moderate Sedation with Parenteral Agents On-Site Inspection Form, as presented.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.
 - A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

5.3. The commission may vote to approve updates to the General Anesthesia On-Site Inspection Form.

- Dr. Swanson asks the Commission for feedback on the General Anesthesia On-Site Inspection Form.
- No comments are received.
- There is a motion to approve the General Anesthesia On-site Inspection Form, as presented.
- The motion is moved and seconded
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

5.4. Correspondence from Ryan Capps, Academy of Dental and Medical Anesthesia.

- Dr. Swanson discusses correspondence from Mr. Capps.
- Ms. Carter explains that on-site volunteer evaluators need to be licensed dentists in the state of Washington.
- Ms. Carter addresses whether there may be a conflict of interest if the person who facilitates the training required for a sedation permit is the same person who performs the on-site inspection and recommends that the Commission make this determination.
- Dr. Yu discusses two pathways to obtain the training required for sedation permits: residency programs or short training courses.
- Dr. Yu expresses that there may be a conflict of interest with training course instructors performing on-site inspections due to financial interests, and does not see a conflict of interest with residency instructors performing on-site inspections.
- Dr. Swanson facilitates a discussion with the Commission.
- The Commission collectively decides that the guidance for on-site evaluators is that it is acceptable to use an instructor from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved residency program, and to avoid using an instructor from a short training course.
- Ms. Gardner offers to work with Ms. Carter to develop an FAQ to address on-site evaluators and provide a response to Mr. Capps.

5.5. Correspondence from the Washington State Dental Association.

- Dr. Swanson discusses correspondence from the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA).
- Trish Flaig, Manager of Regulatory and Compliance Services for WSDA, presents WSDA's concerns about requiring live emergency scenario drills during on-site inspections and asks if emergency scenario drills performed during an on-site inspection can count toward the annual requirements.
- Dr. Yu addresses WSDA's concerns and reiterates that live emergency scenario drills are meant to be educational and not punitive.
- Dr. Swanson asks Ms. Carter to review the rule language regarding whether emergency scenario drills performed during an on-site inspection can count toward the requirements in WAC 246-817-774(5)(d).
- Ms. Carter shares that she will bring this information to the next business meeting.

- Ms. Flaig asks if emergency scenario drills performed during on-site inspections are only for dentists using a volunteer evaluator, not an approved organization.
- Dr. Swanson confirms that the emergency scenario drills are required for dentists using a volunteer evaluator; approved organizations may use their own protocols when conducting on-site inspections.

6. INDEPENDENT COMMISSION COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on August 5, 2025 – Dr. Rama Oskouian, Chair

- Dr. Swanson discusses the presentation received by Rachel Campbell, Health Services Quality Assurance Fee and Data Manager, at the August 5, 2025, committee meeting, and shares that ongoing discussions will occur at the next committee meeting on September 15, 2025.

7. REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

7.1. Central Regional Dental Testing Services – Annual Meeting, August 22-23, 2025, Omaha, NE – Dr. Sarah Khan

- Dr. Khan reviews topics discussed at the Central Regional Dental Testing Services Annual Meeting.

8. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE – The Commission will consider requests for approval from professional associations or educational organizations to receive lists and labels.

8.1. Western Society of Periodontology.

- Ms. Gardner shares the list and labels request from the Western Society of Periodontology.
- There is a motion to approve the list and labels request from the Western Society of Periodontology.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

9. PROGRAM REPORT

9.1. Recruitment update.

- Ms. Gardner reports that the Commission is seeking three new dentist members, including one from the east side of the Cascade Range.
- Ms. Gardner shares that interviews have been completed, and the appointment package has been forwarded to the Governor's Office.

10. FUTURE BUSINESS

- No future business is discussed.

11. ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by:

Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Washington Dental Commission

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Signature _____

Date

Approved by:

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Washington Dental Commission

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Signature _____

Date

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