



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Hollie Reese, RDH, Chair
Robin Roderick, RDH, Vice-Chair
Joy Sykes, RDH
Daniel Liestman, Public Member
Camille Luke, RDH

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Bronoske Jr., Interim Executive Director
Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Lady Bah, Assistant Program Manager
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Dana Harris
Linda Konishi
Santiago Valdez
Kelly Mandella
Colleen Gaylord
Richeal Cobler
Kristi Taylor
David Waldschmidt
Crystal Mohoric
Lisa Rowley
Amber Moran
Amy Coplen
Paula Watson
Jennifer Zbaraschuk

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Hollie Reese, RDH, Chair.

1.1. Introductions

The committee members and staff were introduced.

1.2. Public Comment – The public had an opportunity to provide comments. Individuals that would like to comment during this time were asked to limit comments to two minutes. Individuals were also asked to identify themselves and who they represent if applicable. Comments from the public in attendance were also accepted after each agenda item when applicable.

No public comments were made.

1.3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Reese requested to amend the agenda to include Item 3. Committee Reports, 3.1 Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) Annual Meeting, Item 3.2 American Association of Dental Administrators (AADB) Annual Meeting, and Item 3.3 CODA Education Accreditation Site Visits. The agenda was approved as amended.

1.4. Approval of the April 18, 2025 committee meeting minutes

The April 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE OBJECTIVE STRUCTURED EXAM (DHLOSCE) – David Waldschmidt, Director, JCNDE and Sr. Director DTS, presented information on the DHLOSCE exam.

Mr. Waldschmidt explained the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) is one of four commissions within the American Dental Association (ADA). Mr. Waldschmidt shared the mission and vision of JCNDE and the Dental Hygiene Licensure Objective Structured Exam (DHLOSCE) standards. A comparison was made of legacy clinical examinations to the JCNDE and how each reflects candidate skills. Reasons were provided for focusing on clinical judgement as opposed to direct hand skill measurement. It was shared that other states have accepted the DHLOSCE without any need for direct measure of hand skills through demonstration on a patient or manikin. Mr. Waldschmidt provided a preview of the DHLOSCE and described how the examination is administered. JCNDE invites the state of Washington to consider permitting the use of the DHLOSCE examination as an option to fulfill the dental hygiene clinical examination licensure requirement. Mr. Waldschmidt answered questions from the committee. The committee discussed necessary components of the Washington and Oregon state examinations. The DHLOSCE may be revisited at a future meeting.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) Annual Meeting – Camille Luke, RDH

Ms. Luke shared that CRDTS is considering making a change to the dental hygiene examination. She expects CRDTS to release more information soon.

3.2 American Association of Dental Administrators (AADB) Annual Meeting – Robin Roderick, RDH

Ms. Roderick shared the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments-Western Regional Examining Board-Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CDCA-WREB-CITA) merged with American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) in August 2025. Ms. Roderick will attend the Dental Testing and Regulatory Summit October 16-19, 2025. Ms. Roderick will provide a report to the committee at the next business meeting.

3.3 CODA Education Accreditation Site Visits – Hollie Reese, RDH, Robin Roderick, RDH, Camille Luke, RDH

Ms. Reese shared her experience attending the CODA education accreditation site visit at Pierce College on July 10-11, 2025. Ms. Roderick described her experience at the CODA education accreditation site visit at Peninsula College on August 7-8, 2025. Ms. Luke reviewed the CODA education accreditation site visit at Columbia Basin College on October 1-2, 2025.

4. SELECTION OF OFFICERS – The committee elected the officers for the 2026 calendar year.

Ms. Sykes nominated Ms. Luke for the Chair position. Ms. Luke nominated Ms. Sykes as Vice Chair. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the committee voted all in favor of Ms. Luke as Chair and Ms. Roderick as Vice Chair.

5. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2026 – The committee selected representatives for the following:

5.1 The American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX);

A motion was made for Ms. Luke to continue to represent the ADEX. The motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

5.2 Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) Steering/Executive Committees;

A motion was made for Ms. Sykes to represent the CRDTS committees. The motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

5.3 The Dental Collaboration Committee;

A motion was made for Ms. Luke to represent the Dental Collaboration Committee. The motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

5.4 The Dental Educational Outreach Committee;

A motion was made for Ms. Sykes to continue to represent the Dental Educational Outreach Committee. The motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

5.5 The American Association of Dental Boards (AADB);

A motion was made for Ms. Luke to continue to represent the AADB. The motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

5.6 Legislative Liaison

A motion was made for Ms. Luke and Ms. Sykes to represent the Legislative Liaison(s) as needed. A motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

6. SETTING 2026 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS – The committee set meeting dates and locations for 2026.

A motion was made for the meeting dates to be held on April 17, 2026, July 17, 2026, and October, 2026 in conjunction with WDHA House of Delegates meeting. The motion was seconded, and the committee voted all in favor.

7. PROGRAM REPORT

7.1 Rules Report – Kitty Einert, Program Manager updated the committee on rules in progress.

Chapter 246-819 dental therapy CR 103 was filed with the code reviser on October 1, 2025 as WSR 25-20-107 and rule adoption and implementation is scheduled for October 31, 2025.

Chapter 246-815 dental hygienist infection control and dental hygienist continuing education CR 101 are in the beginning draft stages of rule making.

Chapter 246-814 dental care for children was filed with the code reviser on February 3, 2025 as WSR 25-04-089. The CR102 is drafted and in the review stage of rule making.

Chapter 246-815 dentist and dental hygienist compact was filed on October 9, 2024 under WSR 24-21-056. The CR102 is in the beginning stage of rule making.

7.2 Interim Operating Budget

Mr. Bronoske Jr. shared the budget status report from July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025. He explained the expenses that contributed to the negative fund balance. An increase to the license renewal fee is not suggested.

7.3 Committee Member Terms/Status of New Committee Appointments

Ms. Einert shared Ms. Roderick, Ms. Reese, and Mr. Liestman's terms expired September 30, 2025 after two consecutive terms on the committee. Two professional members and one public member have been appointed effective November 1, 2025.

7.4 Business Plan Review

Ms. Einert shared the 2025-2026 business plan with the committee. A motion was made to adopt the 2025-2026 business plan. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7.5 Bylaws Review

Ms. Einert shared the revised bylaws. A motion was made to adopt the bylaws with an amendment to the adopted/revised date effective October 10, 2025. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7.6 Discipline

Mr. Bronoske Jr. requested discipline statistics to be reviewed at a future business meeting once an updated report is available.

8. 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.

Ms. Rowley submitted a request to interview a committee member for an ADHA white paper on Dental Hygiene Self-Regulation. A motion was made for Ms. Luke to represent the committee in an interview with Ms. Rowley. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

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

- HELMS update
- Committee reports
- Disciplinary statistics
- Committee representatives for 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2026. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kitty Einert, Program Manager

Approved By:

Hollie Reese, RDH, Chair

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