



BOARD OF DENTURISTS WEBINAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 9, 2021

Board Members Present: Patrick Carbone
Vallan Charron, Chair
Eric Hansen
Brian Rounds, DDS
Szilard Zombor, Vice-Chair
James Anderson, Pro-Tem
Josh Brooks, Pro-Tem
Cody Carson, Pro-Tem
Sandie McNaughton, Pro-Tem
Steve Peters, Pro-Tem

Board Members Absent: Gayle Horner, Public Member

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1
Julianne Kolln, Policy Analyst
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present: Jennifer Zbaraschuk
Perry Balcom
Melissa Johnson, Washington Dental Hygienists' Association (WDHA)
Emily Lovell, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)
Carolyn Logue, Washington Denturist Association (WDA)

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the webinar meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Vallan Charron, Chair.

1.1 Introduction of board members, staff, and audience

The board members, staff and audience were introduced.

1.2 Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Szilard Zombor to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of January 15, 2021 webinar meeting minutes

A motion was made by Eric Hansen to approve the January 15, 2021 webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the January 15, 2021 webinar meeting minutes as presented.

2. WRITTEN EXAMINATION – The exam committee presented their recommendation on proposed changes to the written examination to the board for review.

The exam committee presented their recommendations of proposed changes to the written exam. Board members discussed the recommended changes. The board also discussed adding a specific section for implantology. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the exam committee and to add a specific implantology section to the written examination. The board unanimously approved the motion.

3. CLINICAL EXAMINATION – The exam committee provided an update on their discussion regarding the clinical examination.

Ms. Brown shared that she had contacted Bates Community College about the clinical exam. She explained the COVID protocols that will need to be followed. She also explained that only four examiners and two staff will be allowed for each exam. Currently the Dean has approved administering the exam, however, the final decision has been sent to the COVID Task Force for approval. Ms. Brown stated that there may be changes to this if Pierce County is reverted to Phase II of the COVID re-opening plan. Ms. Brown will update the board when she has more information.

4. SPECIAL TOPICS COMMITTEE – The board reviewed and discussed the recommendations and acted on the topics that were referred to the special topics committee.

Committee members shared with the full board that they recommended filing a CR 101 to begin the rule process to clarify the following items:

- 4.1 What suggestions would the committee make to the board that would prevent unauthorized scope of practice expansion and how do you stay within the current scope of practice authorized by RCW 18.30.010?
- 4.2 What is the dentist definition or meaning of the following:
 - a. removable;
 - b. definitive partial dental prosthesis retained by clasps and/or other connector devices to natural teeth and/or dental implants; and
 - c. other common definitions.

- 4.3 What CDT codes do denturists use for to define what is removable?
- 4.4 Is it possible to write a rule requiring a denturist to work in conjunction with a dentist, prosthodontist, or other dental provider during the procedures listed above?

A motion was made and seconded to begin the rule making process and file a CR-101 to address the above topics. Board members voted nine in favor of the motion and one opposed. The motion passed. Ms. Brown will begin work and will file the CR 101.

5. OPERATIONAL / DELEGATION

- 5.1 The board reviewed for approval an updated signature delegation form.

Ms. Brown presented the updated signature delegation form for the board to review. Board members reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve the signature delegation form as presented.

- 5.2 The board reviewed for approval an updated decision-making delegation form.

Ms. Brown presented the updated signature decision making form for the board to review. Board members reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve the decision-making delegation form as presented.

6. 2021 LEGISLATION

- 6.1 Department of Health weekly “Meet me call” conference calls – Update – Sandie McNaughton, Public Member

Ms. McNaughton referred this item to Ms. Crawford to cover in Item 6.2.

- 6.2 2021 Legislation – Update – Trina Crawford, Executive Director

Ms. Crawford updated the board on the following 2021 legislation:

- ESSB 5229 – Health equity continuing education for health care professionals – This bill would directly impact the board and was with the Rules Committee as of March 23, 2021.

The following 2021 legislation does not directly affect the board’s laws:

- ESHB 1056 – Open Public Meeting Notice and Emergencies
- ESHB 1196 – Audio only telemedicine
- SSB 5325 – Audio only telemedicine
- ESHB 1329 – Public meeting accessibility

The following 2021 legislation did not pass by the deadline:

- SB 5142 – Dental Therapists
- HB 1180 – Public testimony at public hearings

7. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – Information provided to the board by the Executive Director and Program Manager.

7.1 Interim Operating Budget Report – Ms. Crawford presented an updated budget report through the end of February 2021. She shared that the budget is in good shape with revenue and expenditures equaling out. She shared that this includes the funds that were used for the HELMS project.

7.2 Licensing and disciplinary statistics – Ms. Brown provided licensure and disciplinary statistics to the board. Statistics presented are as follows:

CREDENTIAL STATUS	DENTURIST LICENSURE	DENTURIST ALTERNATE LOCATIONS	TOTAL
Active	139	26	165
Revoked	5	---	5
Suspended	7	2	9
Active with Conditions	4	---	4
Inactive	3	---	3
Active on Probation	0	---	0
Retired Active	4	---	4
Voluntary Surrender	1	---	1

7.3 Public Member Vacancy – Ms. Brown updated the board on the board member vacancy. Currently the public member position is vacant. Ms. Brown shared that she has received one application at this point. An update will be provided at a future meeting.

7.4 Other

There was no additional board business presented to the board at this time.

8. 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.

There were no items for the Consent Agenda.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2021 – 2023 Business Plan
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Rules update
- Exam update

10. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

No members of the public addressed the board at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021. The next webinar meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 16, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Updated meeting information will be posted to the Board of Denturists webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Vallan Charron, Chair
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