



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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BOARD OF DENTURISTS WEBINAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 27, 2023

Board Members Present: Josh Brooks, Chair
Cody Carson, Vice-Chair
Vallan Charron
Gayle Horner, Public Member
Keith Gressell, DMD
Shirlynn Walter, Public Member
Szilard Zombor
Eric Hansen, Pro-Tem Member
Melissa Brulotte, Pro-Tem Member

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Patience Roquemore, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: James Anderson
Lauren Johnson, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)
Carolyn Logue, Washington Denturist Association (WDA)

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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the webinar meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Joshua Brooks, Chair.

1.1 Introduction of board members and staff

The board members and staff were introduced.

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1.2 Public Comment – The public will have an opportunity to provide comments. If you would like to comment during this time, please limit your comments to two minutes. Please identify yourself and who you represent, if applicable, when the Chair opens the floor for public comment.

1.3 Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Keith Gressell, DMD to approve the January 27, 2023 agenda as amended. Agenda items under 7. Program Management Report to be renumbered accordingly.

1.4 Approval of October 28, 2022 webinar meeting minutes

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve the October 28, 2022 webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the October 28, 2022 webinar meeting minutes as presented.

2. 2023 LEGISLATION UPDATE – Information will be provided to the board on any legislation introduced that would impact them.

Ms. Crawford updated the board on the following 2023 legislation that does not directly affect the board's laws:

- HB 1466 – Dental auxiliaries
- HB 1576 – Dentist and dental hygienist compact
- HB 1678 – Dental therapists
- HB 1287 – Dental hygiene initial limited license
- HB 1327 – Faculty in dental schools
- HB 1503 – Collecting health care professionals' information

3. WRITTEN EXAMINATION POLICY UPDATES

3.1 The board will review and may decide on the proposed change to policy DN 01 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) made by Heather Carter, AAG.

Ms. Carter has reviewed the board's policy DN 01 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and is proposing some minor updates. She will forward her updates to staff to have added to the April 27, 2023 meeting agenda.

3.2 The board will be provided with an update on the proposed policy on the amount of additional time a candidate can request to take the written examination.

This agenda item was deferred to the April 27, 2023 board meeting.

3.3 The board will review and may decide on if a candidate may be allowed to take the written examination for a fourth time.

After discussion on this item, a motion was made to create a committee to review the candidate's previous exams. The committee will make a recommendation to the full board at the next meeting. The committee will consist of: Val Charron, Dr. Gressell, Szilard Zombor, Trina Crawford, and Vicki Brown.

Staff will schedule a meeting for the committee and provide the documents that are to be reviewed. Staff will notify the candidates of the board's decision and they will be notified of the board's decision in 90 days.

4. RULES

4.1 Health Equity Continuing Education

The board held a rules workshop and adopted the proposed language for health equity continuing education. Staff were requested to begin working on the CR-102 documents for this rule.

4.2 Prefabricated Implant Abutments

The board held a rules workshop to review the proposed changes to the prefabricated implant abutment language. Ms. Carter suggested language changes to the proposed language. The proposed language changes will be presented to the full board for review at the April meeting.

5. JURISDICTION REVIEWS

The board assigned the jurisdiction reviews for presentation at the April meeting as they are listed below.

- Arizona – Szilard Zombor
- Idaho – Szilard Zombor
- Maine – Szilard Zombor
- Montana – Szilard Zombor
- Oregon – Szilard Zombor

6. RE-APPROVAL OF DENTURIST SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS

The board members were assigned denturist schools/programs for review and presentation at a future meeting.

- American Denturist College – Keith Gressell, DMD
- Bates Technical Institute – Keith Gressell, DMD
- George Brown – Josh Brooks
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) – They have decided not to reapply for approval as upon further consideration, they have decided not to move forward

whit this request as their investigation shows that NAIT students do not tend to continue their career/education in Washington State.

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

7.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Crawford shared that the budget is in good shape with revenue continuing to exceed expenditures. Travel costs have gone down since all meetings were conducted via webinars due to COVID but expects these to raise now that the board will be conducting in-person meetings again.

7.2 2021 – 2023 Business Plan

Ms. Brown provided the board with a copy of the 2021 – 2023 business plan. She shared that this is a living document. The board reviewed and did not make any changes to their 2021 – 2023 business plan. This will be added to the next agenda.

7.3 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	148	22	170
Revoked	5	---	5
Suspended	8	2	10
Active with Conditions	1	---	1
Inactive	1	---	1
Active on Probation	1	---	0
Retired Active	4	---	4
Voluntary Surrender	1	---	1

7.4 Other

The board revisited their 2023 meeting dates for possible changes. After discussion, the board agreed to the changes below:

- April 27 – meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m.
- August 17 – meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Tacoma vicinity
- October 27 – meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the SeaTac vicinity

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.

No items were added to the Consent Agenda at this time.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Budget report
- 2021 – 2023 Business Plan
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Review of board policies
- Review of signature delegation forms
- Review/approval of denturist schools/programs
- Jurisdiction reviews
- Additional time to take written exam
- Language for prefabricated implant abutments

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the webinar meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 and will be held in person at the Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Approved By:



Josh Brooks, Chair
Board of Denturists