

Business Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2020



WASHINGTON
**Medical
Commission**
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Virtual Meeting

Commission Members

James E. Anderson, PA-C
Toni Borlas, Public Member
Charlie Browne, MD
Jimmy Chung, MD
Diana Currie, MD
Karen Domino, MD
Christine Blake, Public Member
Warren Howe, MD
April Jaeger, MD – Absent
Charlotte Lewis, MD – Absent

John Maldon, Public Member, 1st Vice Chair
Terry Murphy, MD
Alden Roberts, MD, Chair
Scott Rodgers, JD, Public Member
Theresa Schimmels, PA-C
Robert Small, MD
Claire Trescott, MD, 2nd Vice Chair
Candace Vervair, Public Member
Richard Wohns, MD
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

Commission Staff

Morgan Barrett, Director of Compliance
Jennifer Batey, Legal Support Staff Manager
Larry Berg, Staff Attorney
Amelia Boyd, Program Manager
Kayla Bryson, Executive Assistant
Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement
Adam Calica, Chief Investigator
Marisa Courtney, Licensing Lead
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director
Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager
Ryan Furbush, Paralegal
Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services
George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant
Mike Hively, Information Liaison

Jenelle Houser, Legal Assistant
Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney
Shelley Kilmer-Ready, Legal Assistant
Becca King, Administrative Assistant
Freda Pace, Director of Investigations
Ariele Page Landstrom, Staff Attorney
Richelle Little, Staff Attorney
Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director
Melissa McEachron, Director of Operations
& Informatics
Stephanie McManus, Public Information Officer
Joe Mihelich, Health Services Consultant
Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney

Others in Attendance

Chris Bundy, MD, Executive Director Washington
Physicians Health Program

Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Cori Tarzwell, DOH Policy Analyst

1.0 Call to Order

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) to order at 8:00 a.m. on May 15, 2020.

2.0 Housekeeping

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, gave an overview of how the meeting would proceed. She explained that the chat function of the meeting platform would not be available and noted that

comments or questions could be sent to her at amelia.boyd@wmc.wa.gov.

3.0 Chair Report

Dr. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that according to the Governor's Proclamation that items that are not "necessary and routine" would not be discussed at this meeting. He went on to explain that member and staff reports would only be provided in writing and available in the packet and no further discussion of those items would be had.

He congratulated the Commission's Executive Director, Melanie de Leon, on being selected to be a Staff Fellow for the Federation of State Medical Boards. He directed everyone to Ms. de Leon's staff report for more information on this honor.

He stated that Personal Appearances were not held for the April meeting as that meeting was cancelled and would not be held for this meeting. He stated the July Commission meeting will likely be held virtually and it is not certain if we will hold Personal Appearances as part of that meeting yet.

4.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- 2.1 Minutes from the February 28, 2020 Business Meeting.
- 2.2 Agenda for May 15, 2020. Dr. Roberts amended the agenda to add two items to Old Business:
 1. Nominating Committee Report
 2. Personal Appearances Discussion

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the amended agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Lists & Labels Request

The following lists and labels request was discussed for possible approval or denial. Approval or denial of this request is based on whether the entity meets the requirements of a "professional association" or an "educational organization" as noted on the application ([RCW 42.56.070\(9\)](#)).

- Northwest Washington Medical Society

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- Seattle Central Community College

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5.2 Add-on: Nominating Committee

Karen Domino, Chair, reported the committee agreed on the following nominations:

Chair: John Maldon, Public Member

1st Vice Chair: Claire Trescott, MD

2nd Vice Chair: Jimmy Chung, MD

Elections will be held at the July 10, 2020 Business Meeting.

5.3 Add-on: Personal Appearances Discussion

Dr. Roberts reiterated that Personal Appearances have been cancelled for both the April and May Commission meetings.

Dr. Roberts asked Morgan Barrett, MD, Director of Compliance, to report on the current situation for Personal Appearances. Dr. Barrett spoke about waivers for those Respondents who have already made at least one Personal Appearance and were not controversial. Waivers would be approved or denied by the appropriate panel. Dr. Barrett explained that he and the Compliance Officers are offering those Respondents that are willing to complete their Personal Appearance virtually at any of the remaining regular Commission meetings we have for 2020. He went on to explain how they are preparing the Respondents for these virtual appearances.

Dr. Roberts then opened the floor for discussion on holding the Personal Appearances virtually for future meetings.

6.o Policy Committee Report

Dr. Karen Domino, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on May 14, 2020:

Revised Initial Application for Licensing

Dr. Domino reported the licensing panel created the revised initial application and Ms. de Leon presented it at the Policy Committee for review and comment. She also stated the revisions should make it easier for physicians and physician assistants to apply for licensure in Washington. Dr. Domino explained the revisions and the changes proposed by the committee. The committee recommended approving the application with the noted revisions.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the application with the noted revisions. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chapter 246-918 WAC Physician Assistants Including Implementation of [Substitute House Bill 2378](#) (SHB 2378) Rulemaking

Dr. Domino gave an overview of the bill and its requirements. She stated that the committee recommended initiating the rulemaking process related to this bill and include any other sections of the physician assistant chapter (chapter 246-918 WAC) that may need to be updated.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve initiating rulemaking related to SHB 2378 and any other sections of chapter 246-918 WAC that may need to be updated. The motion was approved unanimously.

Implementation of [Senate Bill 6551](#) (SB 6551) Rulemaking

Dr. Domino gave an overview of SB 6551 which creates a pathway for integrating International Medical Graduates (IMGs) into Washington's health care delivery system. She stated the committee recommended initiating rulemaking to add sections to the physician chapter (chapter 246-919 WAC) to meet the requirements of SB 6551.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to initiate rulemaking to fulfill the requirements in SB 6551. The motion was approved unanimously.

Implementation of [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1551](#) (ESHB 1551), Modernizing the control of certain communicable diseases

Dr. Domino stated that ESHB 1551 requires the repeal of requirements to complete HIV/AIDS training for physicians and physician assistants. She also explained that the Commission would like to use expedited rulemaking to repeal these sections. She stated the committee recommended approval of initiating expedited rulemaking for ESHB 1551.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to initiate expedited rulemaking for the requirements in ESHB 1551. The motion was approved unanimously.

7.0 Written Reports – Informational, no discussion

7.1 Committee/Workgroup Reports

7.2 Rulemaking Report

7.3 Staff Reports

The below is in addition to the written reports provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Matthews reported that Kimberly Romero, Licensing Manager, is moving out of state and this will be her last meeting. Marisa Courtney, Licensing Lead, will be the interim Licensing Manager until we are able to fill that position.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 8:43 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair
Washington Medical Commission

Approved July 10, 2020

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