

# Business Meeting Minutes

## January 15, 2021



WASHINGTON  
**Medical  
Commission**  
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### Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar

#### Commission Members

James E. Anderson, PA-C  
Toni Borlas, Public Member  
Charlie Browne, MD  
Jimmy Chung, MD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Diana Currie, MD – Absent  
Karen Domino, MD  
Christine Blake, Public Member – Absent  
April Jaeger, MD  
Charlotte Lewis, MD

John Maldon, Public Member, Chair  
Terry Murphy, MD  
Alden Roberts, MD  
Scott Rodgers, JD, Public Member  
Theresa Schimmels, PA-C  
Robert Small, MD  
Claire Trescott, MD, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Richard Wohns, MD  
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

#### Commission Staff

Jennifer Batey, Legal Support Staff Manager  
Larry Berg, Staff Attorney  
Amelia Boyd, Program Manager  
Reneé Bruess, Investigator  
Kayla Bryson, Executive Assistant  
Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement  
Adam Calica, Chief Investigator  
Sarah Chenvert, Performance Manager  
Gina Fino, MD, Investigator  
Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services  
George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant

Mike Hively, Information Liaison  
Jenelle Houser, Legal Assistant  
Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney  
Becca King, Administrative Assistant  
Melissa McEachron, Director of Operations  
& Informatics  
Joe Mihelich, Health Services Consultant  
Freda Pace, Director of Investigations  
Ariele Page Landstrom, Staff Attorney  
Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney

#### Others in Attendance

Alan Brown, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner  
Chris Bundy, MD, Executive Medical Director,  
Washington Physicians Health Program  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
Mary Curtis, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

Katerina LeMarche, Washington State Medical  
Association  
Gregory Terman, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner  
Jennifer Van Atta, PA-C  
Cori Tarzwell, DOH Policy Analyst

#### 1.0 Call to Order

John Maldon, Public Member, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) to order at 8:00 a.m. on January 15, 2021.

#### 2.0 Housekeeping

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, gave an overview of how the meeting would proceed.

### 3.0 Chair Report

Mr. Maldon reported on the panel composition project and the results of the mid-term survey completed by the Commissioners who have participated.

Mr. Maldon reported on bills that were discussed at a recent meeting of the Legislative Committee.

Mr. Maldon spoke about the efforts of the Department of Health regarding providers that can or may be able to administer vaccines.

### 4.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

4.1 Minutes from the November 13, 2020 Business Meeting.

4.2 Agenda for January 15, 2021.

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

### 5.0 Old Business

#### 5.1 Committee/Workgroup Reports

These reports were provided in writing and included in the meeting packet. The below is in addition to the written reports.

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, reported that the Commission held an educational webinar on telemedicine on October 30, 2020 and encouraged everyone to watch the recording available on the Commission's website.

#### 5.2 Rulemaking Activities

The rulemaking progress report was provided in the meeting packet. Ms. Boyd reported that the first workshop for the chapter 246-918 WAC regarding physician assistants rulemaking was held on January 13, 2021. She stated it went well and that the next workshop would be held in March or April.

#### 5.3 Lists & Labels Request

The following lists and labels requests were discussed for possible approval or denial. Approval or denial of these requests 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\(9\)](#)).

- University of Washington

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

- Public Health – Seattle and King County TB Control Program

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

## 6.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## 7.0 Policy Committee Report

Dr. Karen Domino, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on January 14, 2021:

### Consent Agenda

*Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine Policy Committee matters and will be approved by a single motion without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular Policy Committee Agenda.*

*Rescind the following interpretive statements due to their inclusion in the recent update of the physicians chapter 246-919 WAC:*

- IS 2006-02, [Sexual Misconduct Rules Clarification: Gloves](#)
- IS 2008-01, [Licensing on Physician Applicants Who Have Not Practiced for an Extended Amount of Time](#)
- MD2015-01-IS, [Delegation of the use of laser, light, radiofrequency, and plasma devices as applied to the skin— regarding temporary absence of the delegating physician](#)
- MD2016-01-IS, [CME for MDs with Retired Active Licenses](#)

Dr. Domino reported that the Committee recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

**Motion:** The Chair entertained a motion to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Guideline – Transmission of Time Critical Medical Information (TCMI)—“Passing the Baton”

Dr. Domino explained that this document was presented at a previous meeting. It was deferred for additional edits. She explained what the amendments were and stated that the Committee recommended approval of this document with those amendments.

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

### Guideline – Communicating Test Results to Patients

Dr. Domino explained that this document was presented at a previous meeting. It was deferred for additional edits. She explained what the amendments were and stated that the Committee recommended approval of this document with those amendments.

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

### Policy – Practitioners Exhibiting Disruptive Behavior

Dr. Domino explained that this document was due for its four-year review. She reported that the Committee had several suggested revisions and so it will be brought back at a future meeting. She stated if anyone had suggestions for this document to send them to Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager.

## 8.0 Member Reports

Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member, reported that the Washington Patient Safety Coalition will hold a conference in October with a focus on health equity and disparities.

Jimmy Chung, MD, stated that the Lunch & Learn – Cultural Agility: A Path Toward Overcoming Harmful Implicit Bias presented on January 14, 2021 was valuable for individuals as well as the Commission as a whole. He also stated we should be thinking about how to apply the principles presented on a personal level and broadly across the Commission.

## 9.0 Staff Reports

The reports below are in addition to those available in the packet.

**Melanie de Leon, Executive Director** gave an update on the building access badge project. She stated that Department of Health has a new Secretary of Health, Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH. Lastly, she reported that Commissioner Dr. Diana Currie will present on behalf of the Commission at the upcoming symposium put on by the Federation of State Medical Boards. Her presentation will be about what the Commission is doing to eliminate and understand implicit bias.

## 10.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, reminded the Commissioners that they cannot lobby as a Commissioner but can as a private citizen.

## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:11 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

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Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

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John Maldon, Public Member, Chair  
Washington Medical Commission

Approved March 5, 2021

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