

# Business Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2021



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

### Commission Members

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Christine Blake, Public Member  
Toni Borlas, Public Member  
Charlie Browne, MD  
Jimmy Chung, MD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Diana Currie, MD  
Karen Domino, MD  
April Jaeger, MD  
Charlotte Lewis, MD  
Sarah Lyle, 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 Wohms, MD  
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

### Commission Staff

Christine Babb, Investigator  
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Jennifer Batey, Legal Support Staff Manager  
Larry Berg, Staff Attorney  
Amelia Boyd, Program Manager  
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Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement  
Adam Calica, Chief Investigator  
Sarah Chenvert, Performance Manager  
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director  
Anthony Elders, Compliance Officer  
Michael Farrell, Policy Development Manager  
Gina Fino, MD, Investigator

Ryan Furbush, Paralegal  
Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services  
George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant  
Mike Hively, Information Liaison  
Jenelle Houser, Legal Assistant  
Meghan Howell, Complaint Intake Coordinator  
Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney  
Stephanie Mason, Legislative Liaison & PIO  
Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director  
Melissa McEachron, Director of Operations  
& Informatics  
Natalie Oakes, Investigator  
Freda Pace, Director of Investigations  
Ariele Page Landstrom, Staff Attorney  
Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney

### Others in Attendance

Amy Brackenbury, Washington State Society of  
Anesthesiology  
Alan Brown, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner  
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst, Department of  
Health  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
Mary Curtis, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner  
Billie Dickinson, Washington State Medical  
Association

Chelsea Hager, Insight Strategic Partners  
Robert Hsiung, MD  
Melissa Johnson, Washington Association of  
Nurse Anesthetists  
Gregory Terman, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner  
Stephanie Yang, MD

## 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 May 14, 2021.

## 2.0 Housekeeping

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

## 3.0 Chair Report

Mr. Maldon reported two new Commissioners had been recently appointed: Dr. Sarah Lyle and Dr. Harlan Gallinger. He asked Dr. Lyle to introduce herself. Dr. Gallinger was not in attendance.

Mr. Maldon thanked two Pro Tem Commissioners, Dr. Mary Curtis and Dr. Alan Brown, for serving as full Commissioners for disciplinary matters while the Governor's office was determining who would fill the Congressional District 2 and Congressional District 8 vacancies.

Mr. Maldon welcomed back Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, as he has been on leave.

Mr. Maldon reported that at a recent Executive Committee meeting the question was raised of what is the basis of reimbursement for Commissioners doing Commission work. He stated Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, had done an intensive analysis of how other state boards reimburse their members. This analysis showed that the rate Washington pays their Commissioners is the second highest in the nation.

## 4.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

4.1 Minutes from the April 9, 2021 Business Meeting.

4.2 Agenda for May 14, 2021.

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

## 5.0 New Business

### 5.1 Request to Change July 2022 Meeting Dates

Ms. Boyd presented a request to change the meeting dates for the July 2022 regular meeting from July 7-8 to June 30-July 1. A motion was made to change the dates to July 14-15, 2022 instead.

**Motion:** The Chair entertained a motion to change the dates to July 14-15, 2022. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

## 6.0 Old Business

### 6.1 Committee/Workgroup Reports

These reports were provided in writing and included in the meeting packet.

### 6.2 Rulemaking Activities

The rulemaking progress report was provided in the meeting packet. Ms. Boyd stated

there was nothing further to report.

## 7.0 Public Comment

Amy Brackenbury, representing the Washington State Society of Anesthesiologists, provided comments on the chapter 246-918 WAC – Physician Assistant rulemaking.

Chelsea Hager, Contract Lobbyist for the Washington Academy of Physician Assistants, also provided comments on the chapter 246-918 WAC – Physician Assistant rulemaking.

Melissa Johnson, representing the Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists, also provided comments on the chapter 246-918 WAC – Physician Assistant rulemaking.

## 8.0 Policy Committee Report

Dr. Karen Domino, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on May 13, 2021:

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

Dr. Domino spoke about the process for this rulemaking and thanked the interested parties and stakeholders for their feedback on the draft language. Mr. Maldon asked Jim Anderson, PA-C, to speak about the controversial language in the rule and explain it further. Dr. Domino then stated that the Committee approved initiating the next step in the rules process, CR-102: Proposal, with the draft language as provided in the packet.

**Motion:** The Chair entertained a motion to approve initiating the CR-102 process for this rulemaking. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Clinical Support Program Rulemaking

Dr. Domino explained that the Committee felt the draft language needed more discussion, so this item has been deferred to a future meeting. There will be another rules workshop.

### Guideline – Sexual Misconduct and Abuse

Dr. Domino asked Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, to present the changes to the document. Mr. Farrell explained the changes from the previously approved document. Dr. Domino stated that the Committee recommended approving this document.

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

### Procedure – Referral of Sexual Misconduct Cases

Dr. Domino asked Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, to present the changes to the document. Mr. Farrell explained the changes from the previously approved document. Dr. Domino stated that the Committee recommended approving this document.

**Motion:** The Chair entertained a motion to approve the procedure. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Procedure – Processing Complaints of Sexual Misconduct Through the Sexual Misconduct Analysis Review Team (SMART)

Dr. Domino explained the Committee requested more work be done on this document. She stated it will be seen again at a future meeting.

## 9.0 Member Reports

Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member, stated the Washington Patient Safety Coalition and Health Advocate Acts will hold a screening of a documentary of *This Might Hurt*, which is about opioid prescribing.

Dr. Yu also stated that she is a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians' recently formed a task force to revisit their [white paper](#) on Excited Delirium Syndrome. One result of this task force is that the name of the syndrome may be changed to Hyperactive Delirium Syndrome.

Lastly, Dr. Yu stated she has been serving on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's National Advisory Council for three years. Recently, she was invited to serve on a subcommittee which will provide strategic direction and plans on quality measurements.

Diana Currie, MD, stated that she was invited to participate in the Federation of State Medical Boards' health equity committee. The committee has met a few times and have been working on a statement regarding the impact of medical regulation on health equity. She stated that work is related to the work being done in Washington with the passing of [Senate Bill 5229](#) which is concerning health equity continuing education for health care professionals.

## 10.0 Staff Reports

There were not additional reports to those available in the packet.

## 11.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, reminded the Commissioners anytime they receive communication from a stakeholder or interested party to not directly answer and instead, forward or refer it to Ms. Boyd or Melanie de Leon, Executive Director. She also stated that we have a lot of rulemaking in process at the moment and for any direct communication a Commissioner may receive regarding rulemaking from a stakeholder or interested party, those should be forwarded to Ms. Boyd or Ms. de Leon as well. She reminded everyone that rulemaking is a formal process and we must capture any comments or responses to include in the official rulemaking file.

## 12.0 Leadership Elections

### 12.1 Restatement of Nominating Committee Report

Alden Roberts, MD, Committee Chair, restated the slate of nominees:

- Chair: John Maldon, Public Member
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Claire Trescott, MD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Jimmy Chung, MD

### 12.2 Nominations from the Floor

Dr. Roberts called for nominations from the floor. None were provided.

### 12.3 Election of Leadership

Dr. Roberts called for a motion to elect the officers as provided by the Nominating Committee.

**Motion:** The Chair entertained a motion to elect officers as follows:

- Chair: John Maldon, Public Member

- 1st Vice Chair: Claire Trescott, MD
- 2nd Vice Chair: Jimmy Chung, MD

The motion passed unanimously.

## 11.0 Adjournment

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:18 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 July 9, 2021

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