



Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar

Commission Members

James E. Anderson, PA-C
Christine Blake, Public Member
Toni Borlas, Public Member
Charlie Browne, MD – Absent
Jimmy Chung, MD, 2nd Vice Chair
Diana Currie, MD
Karen Domino, MD
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, 1st Vice Chair
Richard Wohms, MD
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

Commission Staff

Colleen Balatbat, Staff Attorney
Morgan Barrett, MD,
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
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director
Michael Farrell, Policy Development Manager
Gina Fino, MD, Investigator
Ryan Furbush, Paralegal

Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services
George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant
Jenelle Houser, Legal Assistant
Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney
Shelley Kilmer-Ready, Legal Assistant
Becca King, Administrative Assistant
Richelle Little, Staff Attorney
Stephanie Mason, Legislative Liaison & PIO
Melissa McEachron, Director of Operations
& Informatics
Ariele Page Landstrom, Staff Attorney
Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney
Gordon Wright, Staff Attorney

Others in Attendance

Chris Bundy, MD, Executive Medical Director,
Washington Physicians Health Program
Amy Brackenbury, Washington State Society of
Anesthesiology
Richard Brantner, MD
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Mary Curtis, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst, Department of
Health
Melissa Johnson, Washington Association of
Nurse Anesthetists
Katerina LeMarche, Washington State Medical
Association
Gregory Terman, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

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 April 9, 2021.

2.0 Housekeeping

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

3.0 Chair Report

Mr. Maldon reported he has received comments about the weekly Case Management Team (CMT) meeting. He stated that CMT seems to be working well and as intended.

4.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

4.1 Minutes from the March 5, 2021 Business Meeting.

4.2 Agenda for April 9, 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.

Ms. de Leon announced that Commissioner Diana Currie, MD was selected to serve on the Federation of State Medical Boards ad-hoc task force on health equity and medical regulation.

5.2 Nominating Committee

Alden Roberts, MD, Committee Chair announced the candidates:

- Chair – John Maldon
- 1st Vice Chair – Claire Trescott, MD
- 2nd Vice Chair – Jimmy Chung, MD

Elections will be held at the May 14, 2021 Business meeting.

5.3 Rulemaking Activities

The rulemaking progress report was provided in the meeting packet. Ms. Boyd stated there was nothing further to report.

5.4 Lists & Labels Request

The following lists and labels request 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\(9\)](#)).

- RussoCME

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 April 8, 2021:

Policy – Practitioners Exhibiting Disruptive Behavior

Dr. Domino explained that this document has been seen previously and that the Commission had suggested some edits. She reported that the Committee recommended approval of the revised document to be sent for Department of Health’s Secretary review

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the policy for Secretary review with the noted revisions. The motion was approved unanimously.

Procedure – Panel Composition

Dr. Domino explained that this document has also been seen previously and that the Commission had suggested some edits. She reported that the Committee recommended approval of the revised document, which was in the packet.

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

Procedure – Review procedure for Update!, the quarterly newsletter of the Washington Medical Commission

Dr. Domino explained that this procedure was up for its routine review. She stated that the Committee recommended the Commission reaffirm this procedure.

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

Board of Naturopathy position on naturopaths performing lipo-aspiration

Dr. Domino explained that the Committee chose to take no action on this item.

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

Dr. Domino explained that the Committee discussed the draft language at length and decided that another workshop was needed to allow additional time for discussion of the language. Dr. Domino encouraged Commissioners to participate in the next workshop.

8.0 Member Reports

Theresa Schimmels, PA-C, reported that the Spokane area will be holding a mass Covid-19 vaccination clinic.

9.0 Staff Reports

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

Melanie de Leon, Executive Director reported that Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, will be back in the beginning of May.

Ms. de Leon asked Ms. Boyd to explain the process for joining the Business meeting as a Panelist. Ms. Boyd stated that each Commissioner will receive an email with a link unique to them that will add them to the Business meeting as a Panelist. She also stated that Commissioners will never need to register for the Business meeting.

10.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, stated that the Commissioners have authority to direct an investigation. Commissioners should collaborate with the assigned investigator on their cases to get the information the Commissioner needs to complete their review of their cases. Ms. Carter reminded the Commissioners that they should not be conducting their own investigation by doing an internet search of any of the parties involved in the case. However, Commissioners may look up a medical procedure or medication.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

John Maldon, Public Member, Chair
Washington Medical Commission

Approved May 14, 2021

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