

Business Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2022



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**Medical
Commission**
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Commission Members

Mabel Bongmba, MD – Absent
Michael Bailey, Public Member – Absent
Christine Blake, Public Member
Toni Borlas, Public Member – Absent
Po-Shen Chang, MD
Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair
Diana Currie, MD – Absent
Karen Domino, MD, Chair Elect
Arlene Dorrough, PA-C
Anjali D’Souza, MD
Harlan Gallinger, MD

April Jaeger, MD – Absent
Ed Lopez, PA-C
Sarah Lyle, MD – Absent
Terry Murphy, MD, Vice Chair
Elisha Mvundura, MD
Robert Pullen, Public Member
Scott Rodgers, JD, Public Member
Claire Trescott, MD – Absent
Richard Wohns, MD – Absent
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

WMC Staff

Colleen Balatbat, Staff Attorney
Morgan Barrett, Director of Compliance
Amelia Boyd, Program Manager
Kayla Bryson, Executive Assistant
Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement
Adam Calica, Chief Investigator
Marisa Courtney, Licensing Supervisor
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director
Joel DeFazio, Staff Attorney
Kelly Elder, Staff Attorney
Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager

Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services
George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant
Mike Hively, Director of Operations & Informatics
Ken Imes, Information Liaison
Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney
Mike Kramer, Compliance Officer
Pam Kohlmeier, MD, JD, Attorney
Fatima Mirza, Program Case Manager
Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director
Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney
Gordon Wright, Staff Attorney

Others in Attendance

Chris Bundy, MD, Executive Medical Director,
Washington Physicians Health Program

Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

1.0 Call to Order

Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington Medical Commission (WMC) to order at 8:02 a.m. on August 26, 2022.

2.0 Public Comment

Chris Bundy, MD, Executive Medical Director, Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP), introduced himself. He spoke about the partnership between the WMC and WPHP.

3.0 Chair Report

Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair, welcomed Dr. Elisha Mvundura and Dr. Anjali D’Souza. He then asked each of them to introduce themselves and provide a little of their background.

4.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

4.1 Minutes from the July 15, 2022 Business Meeting

4.2 Agenda for August 26, 2022.

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

5.0 Rules Hearing

International Medical Graduates – [Senate Bill 6551](#) – WSR #22-15-039 New Limited Physician and Surgeon Clinical Experience License.

The revised proposed language was adopted by the Commissioners during this hearing. For more information about the WMC's rules in progress, please visit the Rulemaking page on the website by clicking [here](#).

6.0 New Business

6.1 Reproductive Rights Position Statement

The draft statement was discussed by the panel of Commissioners. Dr. Chung suggested a workgroup be created to work on the language in the document.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to table the topic. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Committee/Workgroup Reports

These reports were provided in writing and included in the meeting packet. There were no additional reports.

7.2 Rulemaking Activities

The rulemaking progress report was provided in the meeting packet. In addition to the written report, Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, presented the following:

- Request to rescind Emergency Licensing rules initiation approval.
Ms. Boyd stated in 2020 the Commissioners approved initiating emergency rulemaking related to allopathic physician and physician assistant licensing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also in 2020, the Governor instituted a proclamation regarding licensing for these professions that essentially had the same intent as the emergency rulemaking. Ms. Boyd went on to say that the proclamation will be lifted as of October 27, 2022, and that there is no longer a need for this rulemaking. Ms. Boyd asked that the Commissioners vote to rescind their previous approval to initiate emergency rulemaking on this subject.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to rescind the approval to initiate emergency rulemaking regarding licensing. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- Informational: ARNP Scope of Practice Rules
Ms. Boyd stated the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) is required to provide draft language related to ARNP scope of practice to the WMC

for review and comment. She stated the draft language was included in the packet and if a Commissioner has a question or a comment, the contact information for NCOAC was also included in the packet.

7.3 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)).

- Washington Physicians Health Program

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

7.4 Open Public Meetings Act

This item was deferred to the November 18, 2022, Business meeting.

8.0 Policy Committee Report

Christine Blake, Public Member, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on August 25, 2022:

Guidance Document: Overlapping & Simultaneous Elective Surgeries

Ms. Blake stated the Committee reviewed the changes to the document that had been made since the July 15, 2022, meeting and that the Committee recommended approving the document as revised and provided in the meeting packet.

Procedure: Personal Appearances

Ms. Blake stated that this document is being presented as part of the WMC’s established four-year review schedule. She stated the Committee recommended reaffirming the document. The Commissioners discussed a minor edit to the document.

Motion: The Committee Chair entertained a motion to approve the edit. The motion was approved unanimously.

Delegation of Final Decision-Making to Health Law Judge

Ms. Blake asked Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, to report on this document. Mr. Farrell explained the purpose of the document. He then explained there was one error on the document which was provided in the meeting packet. Ms. Blake stated that the Committee recommended approving the amended document as explained by Mr. Farrell.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the Committee report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.0 Member Reports

No Member reports were provided.

10.0 Staff Reports

The reports below are in addition to the written reports that were included in the meeting packet.

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on the State Auditor’s audit of

the Prescription Monitoring Program. He then reported on the proclamations being rescinded in October by Governor Inslee. One of which is Proclamation 20-32 that affects several health professions, including allopathic physicians (MDs) and physician assistants (PAs). Mr. Matthews explained the WMC's plan to educate MDs and PAs on this item. More information about this item can be found on the WMC's website by clicking [here](#).

Mr. Matthews also introduced a new staff member, Fatima Mirza, who is the Program Case Manager.

11.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, had nothing to report.

12.0 Adjournment

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

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

Karen Domino, MD, Chair Elect
Washington Medical Commission

Approved November 18, 2022

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