

Business Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2023



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Commission Members

Michael Bailey, Public Member – Absent
Christine Blake, Public Member
Mabel Bongmba, MD
Toni Borlas, Public Member – Absent
Po-Shen Chang, MD
Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair
Diana Currie, MD
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
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

WMC Staff in Attendance

Morgan Barrett, Director of Compliance
Amelia Boyd, Program Manager
Kayla Bryson, Executive Assistant
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director
Joel DeFazio, Staff Attorney
Kelly Elder, Staff Attorney

Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager
Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services
Ken Imes, Information Liaison
Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney
Pam Kohlmeier, MD, JD, Attorney
Fatima Mirza, Program Case Manager

Others in Attendance

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 8:00 a.m. on January 13, 2023.

2.0 Public Comment

No member of the public was signed up to speak therefore no public comment was given.

3.0 Chair Report

Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair, welcomed new Commissioner, Dr. Mabel Bongmba and asked that she tell her a bit about herself. Dr. Bongmba introduced herself and gave a bit of her background.

Dr. Chung then asked the other members to introduce themselves and give a bit of a background about themselves.

4.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- 4.1 Minutes from the November 18, 2022 Business Meeting
- 4.2 Agenda for January 13, 2023.

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. There were no additional reports.

5.2 Rulemaking Activities

The rulemaking progress report was provided in the meeting packet. There were no additional reports.

8.0 Policy Committee Report

Christine Blake, Public Member, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on January 12, 2023:

Proposed Interpretive Statement: Physician Assistants Performing Disability Evaluations

Ms. Blake presented the document and stated that the Committee recommended approving the document as provided in the meeting packet.

Motion: The Chair made a motion to approve the document as presented for review by the Secretary's office. The motion was approved unanimously.

Interpretive Statement: Physician Assistants Ordering Patient Restraint and Seclusion

Ms. Blake presented the document and stated that the Committee recommended approving the document as provided in the meeting packet.

Motion: The Chair made a motion to reaffirm the document as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Policy Request

Ms. Blake provided an overview of the request and stated that the Committee felt this request was not under the jurisdiction of the WMC. Ms. Blake then asked that Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, provide more information on this request. Mr. Farrell explained that there are already policies and rules in place that address the request.

Motion: The Chair made a motion to deny the request. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.0 Member Reports

Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member, wanted to call the Commissioners' attention to an article that had been published recently in the New England Journal of Medicine about The Safety of Inpatient Health Care: [The Safety of Inpatient Health Care | NEJM](#)

Terry Murphy, MD, stated there was a campaign in the state of Washington to address a critical blood bank shortage. She asked that those that are able to donate to seek out their nearest blood bank.

10.0 Staff Reports

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

Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, announced she will be retiring September 1, 2023. She went on to explain the recruitment and interviewing process that will be used to fill this vacancy.

11.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, had nothing to report.

12.0 Adjournment

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 8:32 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair Elect
Washington Medical Commission

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