

Business Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2022



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**Medical
Commission**
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Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar – Link to recording: <https://youtu.be/MzrQz8qAiYU>

Commission Members

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

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

WMC Staff

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager
Kayla Bryson, Executive Assistant
Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement
Adam Calica, Chief Investigator
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director
Joel DeFazio, Staff Attorney
Anthony Elders, Compliance Officer
Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager
Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services
Mike Hively, Director of Operations & Informatics

Jenelle Houser, Legal Assistant
Ken Imes, Information Liaison
Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney
Jeffrey Kinstler, Investigator
Pam Kohlmeier, MD, JD, Attorney
Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director
Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney
Gordon Wright, Staff Attorney
Mahlet Zeru, Equity & Social Justice Manager

Others in Attendance

Jim Anderson, PA-C, Pro Tem Commissioner

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 July 15, 2022.

2.0 Housekeeping

No housekeeping report was given.

3.0 Public Comment

Theresa Schimmels, Pro Tem Commissioner, sent in comments thanking Jim Anderson, PA-C, Pro Tem Commissioner, for his service as a full Commissioner over the past 8 years. Ms. Schimmels also welcomed new Commissioner, Ed Lopez, PA-C, to the WMC.

4.0 Chair Report

Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair, spoke about the importance of the work that the Commissioners do,

which is protecting the public. He spoke about how the WMC has adapted throughout the pandemic to continue to promote the safety of the public.

He stated that this is a particularly challenging year for the WMC due to the timing of term limits for 7 Commissioners. Every 8 years, the WMC has 7 Commissioners whose final term as a full Commissioner expires on June 30. He explained that for 5 of those 7 whose term recently expired, their vacancy has been filled by a newly appointed Commissioner. He spoke about the outgoing Commissioners: Robert Small, MD; Alden Roberts, MD; Charlie Browne, MD; Jim Anderson, PA-C; and John Maldon, Public Member. He read a statement from Dr. Small. The 5 new Commissioners are Mabel Bongmba, MD; Po-Shen Chang, MD; Elisha Mvundura, MD; Ed Lopez, PA-C; and Robert Pullen, Public Member.

5.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

4.1 Minutes from the May 27, 2022 Business Meeting

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, pulled this item from the agenda and presented some minor changes to the draft minutes.

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

4.2 Agenda for July 15, 2022.

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

6.0 Approval Request for 2023 Budget Decision Package to the Legislature

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, presented information on this item and asked the Commissioners to approve the package for the 2023 legislative session.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the budget package. 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. The below is in addition to the written report.

Karen Domino, MD, reported the Reduction of Medical Errors Committee met recently to discuss their charter. Dr. Domino stated that the committee will be changing their name. She also stated the committee will continue to look into medical errors and will also apply the principles of just culture to Commissioners and their work. She stated that the committee does need new members so if anyone is interested to reach out to her. Dr. Chung stated he appointed Dr. Domino as Chair of the committee.

7.2 Rulemaking Activities

The rulemaking progress report was provided in the meeting packet.

In addition to the written report, Ms. Boyd stated the CR-102, which is the second step in the rules process, has been filed for the WMC's International Medical Graduates rulemaking. She stated the hearing for this rulemaking is scheduled for 8:30 on Friday,

August 26, 2022, which is during the next Business meeting.

7.3 Bylaws

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the Bylaws as presented in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

7.4 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\(9\)](#)).

- Elite Continuing Education

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion deny the request due to insufficient information. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- Skagit County Public Health

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

- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

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

7.5 Open Public Meetings Act

This item was deferred to the August 26, 2022, Business meeting.

8.o Policy Committee Report

Christine Blake, Public Member, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on July 14, 2022:

Guidance Document: Overlapping & Simultaneous Elective Surgeries

Ms. Blake stated that this document was presented as part of the WMC’s established four-year review schedule. She went on to present some minor revisions that were made by the committee. There was a discussion among the Commissioners about the content of the document and they suggested further edits. Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, will work with the Commissioners to revise the document. The revised document will be presented again at a future meeting.

Guidance Document: Professionalism & Electronic Media

Ms. Blake stated that this document was presented as part of the WMC’s established four-year review schedule. She stated that the Committee recommended approving the revised document as presented in the meeting packet.

Interpretive Statement: Physician Assistants’ Use of DEA Waiver for Buprenorphine

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.

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

9.0 Member Reports

Dr. Chung asked the new Commissioners in attendance: Michael Bailey, Public Member; Dr. Chang; Mr Lopez; and Mr. Pullen; to introduce themselves and give a brief background.

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, reported that the Uniform Law Commission, which is a national group that creates uniform laws for states, passed a [uniform law on telehealth](#) on July 13, 2022. He stated that there will be an expectation that Washington adopts this law.

Mr. Matthews also provided an update on the statistics for Licensing:

- Fiscal Year 2019
 - 2,743 licenses issued
 - 243 of those were Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) licenses
- Fiscal Year 2020
 - 3,352 licenses issued
 - 320 of those were IMLC licenses
- Fiscal Year 2021
 - 3,652 licenses issued
 - 372 of those were IMLC licenses
- Fiscal Year 2022 (ended June 30, 2022)
 - 4,635 licenses issued
 - 462 of those were IMLC licenses

Adam Calica, Chief Investigator, introduced Jeff Kinstler as a new Investigator. Mr. Kinstler provided a brief background.

11.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, had nothing to report.

12.0 DOH Secretary of Health

Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health at the Washington State Department of Health, spoke to the Commissioners.

13.0 Adjournment

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair

Washington Medical Commission

Approved August 26, 2022

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