

Business Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2019



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**Medical
Commission**
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Capital Event Center: 6005 Tye Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512, (360) 464-6700

Commission Members

James E. Anderson, PA-C – Absent
Toni Borlas, Public Member – Absent
Charlie Browne, MD
Jimmy Chung, MD
Diana Currie, MD – Absent
Karen Domino, MD – Absent
Harry Harrison, Jr., MD
Warren Howe, MD
April Jaeger, MD
Charlotte Lewis, MD – Absent

John Maldon, Public Member, 1st Vice Chair
Terry Murphy, MD
Alden Roberts, MD, Chair
Theresa Schimmels, PA-C
Robert Small, MD
Claire Trescott, MD, 2nd Vice Chair
Candace Vervair, Public Member
Richard Wohms, MD
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

Commission Staff

Morgan Barrett, Director of Compliance
Jennifer Batey, Paralegal Supervisor
Larry Berg, Staff Attorney
Amelia Boyd, Program Manager
Jim Burkholder, Investigator Supervisor
Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement
Sarah Chenvert, Performance Manager
Anna Clavel, Staff Attorney
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director
Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager
Ryan Furbush, Paralegal
Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services
George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant
Mike Hively, Information Liaison
Jenelle Houser, Legal Assistant

Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney
Becca King, Administrative Assistant
Shelley Kilmer-Ready, Legal Assistant
Stephanie MacManus, Public Relations & Legislative Liaison
Sherrise Martin, Health Services Consultant
Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director
Melissa McEachron, Director of Operations & Informatics
Ariele Page Landstrom, Staff Attorney
Freda Pace, Director of Investigations
Kimberly Romero, Licensing Manager
Teri Simpson, Health Services Consultant
Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney
Gordon Wright, Staff Attorney

Others in Attendance

Keith Anderson, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Peter Marsh, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

Cori Tarzwell, DOH Policy Analyst
Gregory Terman, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

Call to Order

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) to order at 8:01 a.m. on July 12, 2019, at the Capital Event Center, 6005 Tye Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512.

1.0 Chair Report

Dr. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced two new Commissioners:

Candace Vervair, Public Member
Richard Wohns, MD – Congressional District 10

Dr. Roberts reported that starting with the August meeting a study case will be presented to both Panel A and Panel B as part of an ongoing Panel Congruence project.

Dr. Roberts called attention to the performance measures in the Staff Report. He then asked both Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, and Freda Pace, Director of Investigations, to comment on these performance measures.

Dr. Roberts stated he is a member of the International Medical Graduate Assistants Workgroup (SB 5846). He presented an overview of the workgroup.

2.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- 2.1 Minutes from the May 17, 2019 Business Meeting.
- 2.2 Agenda for July 12, 2019.

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

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Committee/Workgroup Reports

No reports were provided.

3.2 Rulemaking Activities

There was nothing further to report.

3.3 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\(9\)](#)).

- Consilium Staffing

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

4.0 Public Comment

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

5.0 Policy Committee Report

In the absence of the Policy Committee Chair, Dr. Karen Domino, Public Member John Maldon reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on July 11, 2019:

Washington State Medical Association (WSMA) House of Delegates Initiative

Mr. Maldon asked Warren Howe, MD to report on this item. Dr. Howe reported he received a letter from his county medical society describing an initiative from the Washington State Medical Association they are supporting. The initiative is the endorsement of a commercial entity, KavumD, which provides teletherapy for physicians dealing with burnout. Dr. Howe explained

that the Commission cannot endorse a specific commercial entity. However, the Commission can endorse a concept. Mr. Maldon explained the information in the meeting packet related to this item is for informational purposes but that the Commission may produce a document or statement in the future endorsing this concept.

Treating partners of Patients with Sexually Transmitted Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, MD2015-13

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

EHR & Medical Records

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Professionalism and Electronic Media, GUI2014-02

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Physician Assistants Ordering Patient Restraint and Seclusion, MD2015-02-IS

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Chapter 246-919 WAC Rulemaking

Mr. Maldon asked Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, to report on this item. Ms. Boyd reported on the recent rules workshop and asked that the Commission approve the draft language to move to the CR-102 process.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to proceed in rulemaking with a CR-102. The motion was approved unanimously.

SSB 5380 Rulemaking Request

Mr. Maldon asked Ms. Boyd to report on this item as well. Ms. Boyd presented the draft language that was created at a recent rules workshop. She asked that the Commission approve the draft language to move to the CR-102 process.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to proceed in rulemaking with a CR-102. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.0 Member Reports

Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member, reported she was recently appointed to serve on the [AHRO](#) council.

7.0 Staff Member Reports

Staff member reports are provided in writing prior to the meeting. The information below is in addition to the written reports.

Freda Pace, Director of Investigations, introduced Teri Simpson, a new employee in Complaint Intake.

8.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, had nothing to report.

9.0 Leadership Elections

9.1 Restatement of Nominating Committee Report

Dr. Howe, Committee Chair, restated the Committee's report from the May

17, 2019 meeting as well as the nominees:

Chair: Alden Roberts, MD

1st Vice Chair: John Maldon, Public Member

2nd Vice Chair: Charlotte Lewis, MD and Claire Trescott, MD

9.2 Nominations from the floor

There were no nominations from the floor.

9.3 Election of Leadership

Chair: Alden Roberts, MD

1st Vice Chair: John Maldon, Public Member

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to elect the nominees for the Chair and 1st Vice Chair positions. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

2nd Vice Chair: Charlotte Lewis, MD or Claire Trescott, MD

Vote: The Chair asked for a verbal vote on each candidate. Dr. Trescott received the most votes. Commissioners Robert Small, MD and Charlie Browne, MD abstained from voting.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:26 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair
Washington Medical Commission

Approved August 23, 2019