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 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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**BOARD OF DENTURISTS  
 SPECIAL TOPICS COMMITTEE  
 WEBINAR MEETING AGENDA and  
 RULES WORKSHOP**

**DATE:** Friday, August 26, 2022

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Webinar

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Times and Order: The meeting will commence at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 2022 and continue until agenda items are completed. Public comment will be taken during the committee meeting. This agenda is subject to change.

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**OPEN SESSION - 12:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Eric Hansen, Committee Chairperson**

- 1.1. Roll call of committee members and staff.
- 1.2. Determination of reasonable safety of holding a public meeting.
- 1.3. Public Comment – The public will have an opportunity to provide comments. If you would like to comment during this time, please limit your comments to two minutes. Please identify yourself and who you represent, if applicable, when the Chair opens the floor for public comment.
- 1.4. Approval of agenda.
- 1.5. Approval of the May 20, 2022 meeting minutes.

## **2. PREFABRICATED IMPLANT ABUTMENTS**

The committee will discuss proposed rule language.

## **3. DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING AND WORKSHOP**

The committee will discuss the determination of reasonable safety of holding a public meeting for the next meeting and workshop.

## **4. FUTURE BUSINESS**

The committee will determine information needed for the next committee meeting.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

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**BOARD OF DENTURISTS  
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 WEBINAR MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**May 20, 2022**

Committee Members Present: Eric Hansen, Chair  
 Josh Brooks  
 Val Charron  
 Keith Gressell, DMD

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4  
 Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
 Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1  
 Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)  
 Anthony Partridge, Policy Analyst

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Eric Hansen, Committee Chairperson**

The open session of the meeting and workshop was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Eric Hansen, Chair.

1.1. Roll call of committee members and staff.

Committee members and staff were introduced.

1.2. Approval of agenda.

A motion was made by Val Charron to approve the May 20, 2022 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and the committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

1.3. Approval of the April 8, 2022 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Keith Gressell, DMD to approve the April 8, 2022 webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and the committee unanimously approved the April 8, 2022 webinar meeting minutes as presented.

## **2. RULES**

Committee members reviewed proposed draft rule language. The proposed draft rule language was discussed by committee members. Committee members took comments from audience members. Mr. Charron and Dr. Gressell will work on amending the proposed draft rule language to include some of the suggestions made by audience members. Updated draft rule language will be presented at the next committee meeting.

## **3. FUTURE BUSINESS**

The committee determined information needed for the next committee meeting and workshop.

Mr. Charron and Dr. Gressell will work to edit the proposed rule language and will bring back for review at the next committee meeting. The edited language will be emailed out to interested parties two weeks before the next committee meeting.

## **4. 2022 MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

The committee reviewed and made changes to future meeting/workshop dates and times.

The committee updated committee meeting dates as follows:

Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:00 noon to be held by webinar.

Friday, September 23, 2022 at 12:00 noon to be held by webinar.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the webinar meeting and workshop was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2022. The next meeting and workshop is scheduled for Friday, August 12, 2022. Meeting and workshop information will be sent out by GovDelivery.

**From:** [Marv Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Brown, Vicki L \(DOH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Abutments evaluation  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022 6:32:37 AM

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External Email

Allowance of this procedure, is not a sound health care provision, would at this time not be acceptable without review. MN  
Sent from iPhone

July 12, 2022

Washington Department of Health  
Board of Denturists

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), we send this letter in support of a recent letter (enclosure) sent to the Washington Department of Health by the Washington State Society of Prosthodontists (WSSP) relating to the scope of practice for Denturists.

The ACP shares the concerns expressed by the WSSP and supports the proposed adoption of existing dental terminology, specifically regarding "*Removable*". As noted in the WSSP letter, there are long-established definitions available and published most recently in the *Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms, 9th Edition, 2017* for consideration.

In addition, the ACP supports the WSSP position that implant prosthodontics remains outside the scope of practice of Denturists, and the placement of abutments should be performed by licensed dentists who can complete the necessary radiographic assessment. We greatly appreciate your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards,



Lars Bouma, DDS, MS, FACP  
President  
American College of Prosthodontists

Enclosure- WSSP DOH Letter



## *Washington State Society of Prosthodontists*

*May 9, 2022*

*Washington Department of Health*

*Board of Denturists*

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the 44 current members of the Washington State Society of Prosthodontists, we would like to propose adoption of existing dental terminology to be utilized by the Board of Denturists in respect to clarification of the definition of “*Removable*” in chapter 18.30 RCW and 246-812 WAC related to the scope of practice for Denturists.

Definitions have been well established for dentistry and are currently published in the *Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms, 9th Edition, 2017 (pages 75-76)* as:

**Removable complete denture:** a removable dental prosthesis that replaces the entire dentition and associated anatomy of the maxillae or mandible; the **removable complete denture can be readily inserted and removed from the mouth by the patient;**  
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**Removable dental prosthesis** a removable complete or partial denture, overdenture, or maxillofacial prosthesis that replaces some or all missing teeth; **the dental prosthesis can be readily inserted and removed by the patient.**

**Removable partial denture** a removable denture that replaces some teeth in a partially edentulous arch; the removable partial denture can be **readily inserted and removed from the mouth by the patient.**

**Removable prosthodontics** the branch of prosthodontics concerned with the replacement of teeth and contiguous structures for edentulous or partially edentulous

patients by artificial substitutes that are *readily removable from the mouth by the patient.*

In respect to any new wording regarding placement of transmucosal implant abutments, the society still believes that implant prosthodontics is outside of the scope of practice of Denturists and therefore transmucosal prefabricated abutments, like Locator abutments, should only be placed by licensed dentists who can verify by radiographic assessment compete and correct seating of the abutment. Therefore, we are in support of any new wording to include the following statement: ***“The correct seating of a transmucosal implant abutment must be verified by a radiographic assessment. These abutments, either customized or prefabricated, must be placed by or under the supervision of an individual credentialed to interpret and verify the correct seating both clinically and radiographically.”***

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Kevin Joe, DDS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. Kevin Joe, DDS

President

Washington State Society of Prosthodontists



"A licensed dentist, prior to placing an abutment on an implant, must have written proof that a licensed dentist has examined the patient clinically and, at the time of the exam, would diagnose the implant as sufficiently osseointegrated, the surrounding soft tissues as stable and healthy and therefore diagnose the implant ready to restore. The abutment final seat shall be verified by radiographic assessment in a timely by a licensed dentist prior to fabrication of any removable prosthesis."

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A removable dental prosthesis is a removable complete or partial denture, overdenture, or maxillofacial prosthesis that replaces some or all missing teeth; the dental prosthesis can be readily inserted and removed by the patient.