

Report of Committee on Regulatory Affairs  
To: House of Delegates  
September 2025

At the 2017 House of Delegates, Resolution HD-11-2017- Enhancing the Association's Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy, was adopted to create a committee focused exclusively on regulatory issues overseen by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) as well as other government agencies that work on regulatory issues relevant to dentistry.

Per the adoption of BD-34-2017/2018, the Committee may have up to eight at-large members, who are appointed by the Board of Directors to serve one-year terms and who are eligible for reappointment. Committee members are expected to attend regular Committee meetings in person or by phone, participate in electronic votes as needed, review regulatory information provided by staff, provide guidance to staff in drafting comments, and advocate the Association's positions on regulatory issues as determined by consensus of Committee members and directed by the Committee. Committee members may be expected to attend Commission meetings, as necessary. The Committee Chair is appointed to serve a one-year term and is required to attend the eight regularly scheduled DQAC meetings and other meetings as deemed necessary by the Committee.

For the 2025 term, the WSDA Board of Directors appointed the following individuals as members of the Committee on Regulatory Affairs:

Dr. Bryan Edgar, Chair  
Dr. Rolf Christensen  
Dr. David Keller  
Dr. Blake McKinley  
Dr. Keyvan Sohrabi  
Dr. Kha Nguyen  
Dr. Katherine Christian

The Committee has 8 total virtual meetings scheduled through 2025 to review and respond to regulatory activity impacting Washington dentists. So far this year, the Committee has submitted formal comments on proposed rulemaking related to dental therapy, dental assistant registration, and license requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries. The Committee also provided feedback on the Commission's proposed guidance for the administration of dermal fillers and botulinum toxins by general dentists for aesthetic purposes and the implementation timeline for pediatric sedation endorsements. The Committee continues to actively monitor rulemaking on the Dentist and Dental Hygiene Compact, silver diamine fluoride application in school settings, and licensure pathways for graduates of non-accredited dental schools. The WSDA Committee on Regulatory Affairs remains committed to representing the profession's interests and providing informed input throughout the rulemaking process.