

# **RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

## **MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

**21 September 2005**

**A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, Room 401, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.**

**Board members in attendance were:**

**Francis Connor, DDS Michael Rubinstein, DDS**

**Henry Levin, DMD Andrew Molak, DMD**

**Joseph Box, DMD Richard Glick, DDS**

**Kathleen Gazzola, RDH Linda Rusack, RDH**

**Mary Lou Buonaccorsi Bernard Manchester**

**Virginia Paine**

**Staff members in attendance were:**

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel**

**Others in attendance were:**

**Dr. Robin Lawrence**

**After review of the minutes of 17 August 2005 meeting, it was noted that Dr. Glick was reported as seconding a motion when in fact Dr.**

**Glick was not present at the meeting. The minutes are so amended to reflect Dr. Rubinstein as seconding the motion. The Vice-Chairman called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” as amended. Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Rubinstein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.**

**At this time, Dr. Connor welcomed newly appointed Board members, Dr. Joseph Box and Ms. Virginia Paine. Dr. Box was appointed vice Joseph Samartano, DDS and Ms. Paine was appointed vice Charles Matoian.**

**Dental Licensing Sub-Committee:**

**Dr. Connor reported that the Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure had reviewed the applications and credentials of the following candidates and recommend they be issued licenses:**

**Paul Vankevich, DMD National Boards & NERB**

**Bonnie F. Zimble, DMD National Boards & NERB**

**Benedito Marcelina, DMD National Boards & NERB**

**Yuan Fu Shek, DMD National Boards & NERB**

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**Marc A. Auerbach, DDS National Boards & NERB**

**Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Mrs. Gazzola, it was Voted by the Board to issue the aforementioned individuals licenses to practice dentistry.**

**Dental Hygiene Licensing Sub-Committee:**

**Mrs. Buonaccorsi reported that the Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure had reviewed the applications and credentials of the following candidates who had applied for licensure:**

**Lisa M. DeSousa National Boards & NERB (05)**

**Linda Faller National Boards & NERB (91)**

**Licensed in NY & VT**

**\*Joy Alessio National Boards & NERB 2005**

**Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Rubinstein, it was Voted by the Board to issue the aforementioned individuals licenses to practice dental hygiene in Rhode Island.**

**The Vice-chairman called for election of officers. The election results were as follows:**

**Office of Chairman : Dr. Joseph Box nominated Dr. Francis Connor for the office of Chairman of the Board. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Henry Levin. The Board unanimously voted to elect Dr. Francis Connon to serve as Chairman of the Board.**

**Vice-Chairman: Dr. Michael Rubinstein nominated Dr. Henry Levin for Vice-chaiman. The nomination was, seconded by Dr. Box and the Board unanimously voted to elect Dr. Henry Levin, Vice Chairman of the Board.**

**Secretary: D+r. Henry Levin nominated Mrs. Kathleen Gazzola for the position of Secretary of the Board, The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Rusack and the Board voted unanimously to elect Mrs. Gazzola Secretary of the Board.**

**Dr. Connor suggested that letters be sent to Dr. Samartano and Mr. Matoian expressing the Board's gratitude for their years of service to the Board.**

**Mrs. Gazzola discussed the Dental Hygiene Refresher Program offered by Joyce Annn Turcotte, RDH, M.Ed. of Professional Learning Services, LLC. She advised the Board that this is AADH approved course and is a great resource for hygienists re-entering the**

profession after a hiatus. After discussion, the Board voted to accept this course as a means of re-entering the profession.

The Vice-Chairman requested that the Director of Health, Dr. David Gifford be invited to one of the upcoming Board meetings. The Administrator will schedule the meeting with the Director's office.

Copies of the proposed Rules and Regulation pertaining to Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants were provided to Board members to review prior to the Community Review scheduled for September 29th 2005 at 10: am in the Department of Health, Health Policy Forum.

**\*Pending receipt of outstanding documents**

At this time, Mrs. Gazzola expressed her concern with the lack of audits being conducted to ensure compliance with the continuing education requirements. After discussion, it was voted by the Board to scheduled a meeting for the Continuing Education Sub-Committee to study the feasibility of conducting an audit.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 19 October 2005.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the "Open Session" and enter into "Closed Executive Session" for the purpose of discussing

**disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Connor, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive Session” at 9:10 a.m**

**Dr. Lawrence recused himself from the meeting at this time.**

**The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:20 a.m.**

**At this time, Dr. Lawrence returned to the open meeting.**

#### **Decisions Ratified in Closed Session**

**Dr. Connor requested that any decisions ratified during the “Closed Executive Session” be made public for the record, as well as, any business discussed which should be disclosed in the “Open Meeting.**

**There was no business to report out of closed session..**

#### **Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes**

**The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 17 August 2005 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Mrs. Gazzola, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the minutes.**

**Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Levin, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Francis Connor, DDS , Vice-Chairman  
RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry**