

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

17 SEPTEMBER 2008

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, Health Policy Forum, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Board members not in attendance were:

Henry Levin, DMD, Chairman Andrew Molak, DDS

Joseph Box, DMD Bernard Manchester

Christine Benoit, DMD Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Craig VanDongen, DDS John Smith

Robert Bartro, DMD

Maureen Ross, RDH

Susan Perlini, RDH

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Dr. Francis Connor

Gregory Madoian, Chief Legal Counsel Joanne Wilbur, Pres., RIDAA

At this time, Dr. Francis Connor addressed the Board regarding the legality of non-dentists providing tooth whitening services. He provided the Board with information regarding the positions of other

state dental boards throughout the Country on the subject. The Administrator advised that there is nothing in the statute or the rules and regulations at this time that would prohibit such practices, and recommends the Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee draft language that addresses this issue and specifies who may provide such services. Dr. Connor left the meeting at this time.

The Chairman appointed the following members to the Rules and Regulations Committee: Dr. Joseph Box, Dr. Robert Bartro, Maureen Ross, RDH, and Mary Lou Buonaccorsi. A meeting scheduled will be established with meetings to be held at the Community College of RI Lincoln campus.

The Chairman, called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 23 July 2008 meeting. Dr. Benoit advised that page three, paragraph 5, should be amended to reflect her concern as being the excessive paperwork required in ordering compounding pharmaceuticals rather than the prohibition of ordering compounding pharmaceuticals. Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Susan Perlini, RDH reported that following candidates had been licensed since the last meeting:

Latoya DeLaughter, DDS

Xudang Yang, DDS

Brandie Ard, DDS

Jordana A. Werba, DMD

Pravin Chellamuthu,

Anil Kumar Reddy Manda, DMD

Brad L. Fulkerson, DMD

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Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. VanDongen, the Board accepted the licensure of the aforementioned individuals.

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Ms. Perlini reported that the following candidates have been issued dental hygiene licenses since the last meeting;

Dental Hygiene Licenses Issued since last meeting:

Tara TremblayDH

Jennifer Peterson, DH

Dental Hygiene Local Anesthesia Permits:

Kerri Arruda

Patricia A. Ochab

Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Dr. Box, the Board approved the licensure of the aforementioned individuals.

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 Ms. Perlini, seconded by Dr. Box, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive Session” at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Wilbur recused herself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:25 a.m. and Ms. Wilbur returned to the open meeting.

Decisions Ratified in Closed Session& public business discussed:

The Chairman reported that the Dental Board voted to reinstate the dental license of Dr. Ray Rezanian. during Closed Executive Session.

The following cases were reported out in Closed Session with findings of No Unprofessional Conduct

DEN 20-08 DEN 21-08

DEN 23-08 DEN 32-08

DEN 38-08 DEN 10-08-

DEN 42-08 DEN 43-08

DEN 44-08 DEN 45-08

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 23 July 2008 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 23 July 2008 meeting.

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At this time, Dr. Box addressed the Board regarding correspondence from the ADA relating to Clinical Licensing Examinations. Dr. Box shared his knowledge with regard to various licensing examinations

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 15 October 2008 in the Health Policy Forum.

Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. VanDongen, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Levin, DMD, Chairman

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