

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

## **MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

**19 NOVEMBER 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    John Smith**

**Andrew Molak, DDS        Robert Bartro, DMD**

**Christine Benoit, DMD**

**Joseph Box, DMD**

**Bernard Manchester**

**Mary Lou Buonaccorsi**

**Craig VanDongen, DDS**

**Maureen Ross, RDH**

**Susan Perlini, RDH**

**Staff members in attendance were:    Others in attendance were:**

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator    Kathleen Gazzola, RDH**

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

**Valerie Celentano, Exec. Director RIDA**

**The Chairman, called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 15 October 2008 meeting. Upon motion of Dr. Box, seconded by Dr. Molak, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.**

#### **Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure**

**Dr. Molak reported that following candidates had been licensed since the last meeting:**

**Steven Pinto, DMD**

**Matthew Jacobsen, DMD**

**Upon motion of Dr. Van Dongen, seconded by Ms. Ross, the Board approved 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 and or Local Anesthesia Permits since the last meeting;**

**Dental Hygiene Licenses Issued since last meeting:**

**Jennifer Kupis, RDH**

**Anita M. Harlow, RDH**

**Shannon Estrella, RDH**

**Miryam Mendes, RDH**

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**Dental Hygiene Licenses with Anesthesia Permit issued since last meeting:**

**Barbara Catalano, RDH**

**Dental Hygiene Local Anesthesia Permits:**

**Eva DeCarton, RDH**

**Brenda Haagensen, RDH**

**Lindsey H. Marquis, RDH**

**Behnaz Zandbod, RDH**

**Jenna L. Arpin, RDH**

**Upon motion of Ms. Buonaccorsi, seconded by Dr. Molak, the Board approved the licensure of the aforementioned individuals.**

**At this time, Mrs. Gazzola who represents RI on the NERB Steering Committee addressed the Board with regard to the upcoming**

**changes to the NERB Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations. Mrs. Gazzola provided each member with a copy of the impending changes for the 2009 examinations. .**

**Dr. Benoit presented the Board with an overview of the recent seminar she attended on “Oral Conscious Sedation”. She advised the Board that she found the course to be extremely educational and beneficial.**

**The Administrator advised that she had received correspondence from CITA seeking acceptance of CITA for licensure. After discussion, Dr. Box requested that the Administrator obtain information regarding the subject matter on the examinations prior to voting to accept CITA.**

**The Administrator provided members with a notification from WREB whereby they have changed their scoring method from compensatory to conjunctive. The purpose of doing so is to increase the confidence of state Boards that WREB candidates have shown competency in all tested areas of dentistry.**

**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. Buonaccorsi,**

**seconded by Ms. Ross, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive Session” at 9:15 a.m.**

**Ms. Gazzola, Ms. Celentano, and Ms. Wilbur recused themselves from the meeting at this time.**

**The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:50 a.m. and Ms. Gazzola and Ms. Celentano returned to the open meeting.**

**Decisions Ratified in Closed Session& public business discussed:**

**The Board had no business to disclose, nor cases to report out. .**

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**Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes**

**The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 15 October 2008 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 15 October 2008.**

**The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 17 December 2008 in the Health Policy Forum.**

**Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Ms. Perlini, 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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