

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

17 December 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 8:45 a.m.

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

**Henry Levin, DMD, Chairman John Smith
Andrew Molak, DDS Mary Lou Buonaccorsi
Robert Bartro, DMD
Christine Benoit, DMD
Joseph Box, DMD
Bernard Manchester
Craig VanDongen, DDS
Maureen Ross, RDH
Susan Perlini, RDH**

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:
**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Valerie Celentano, Exec. Director
RIDA**

Gregory Madoian, Chief Legal Counsel

The Chairman, called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 18 November 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:

Mary Katherine Fasy Univ. of Lousiville, 2007

Sathyabala Velusamy, DMD Boston Univ. 2008

Arwinder S. Judge, DDS NY University 19957

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

The Committee had no new licensees to report.

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The Administrator advised that she had received confirmation that CITA requires candidates to achieve 75% in each discipline of the examination. Based upon this confirmation the Board voted to approve CITA as an acceptable regional examination for licensure in Rhode Island.

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 Ms. Ross, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive Session” at 8:50 a.m.

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

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:15 a.m. 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. .

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 18 November 2008 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. VanDongen, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 18 November 2008.

At this time, the Board reviewed correspondence from a pharmaceutical company regarding the legality of dental hygienists administering OraVerse, a local anesthesia reversal agent. After discussion, it was determined that dental hygienist who are certified and registered to administer local anesthesia may administer such agents.

The Board also reviewed correspondence form Dr. Mark Small seeking a Board opinion with regard to his concern with Delta Dental evaluating the restorability of a tooth based upon only a radiograph. After review and discussion it was determined that it is not within the purview of the Board to provide such opinions. It was further noted that the actions and practices of insurance providers do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Dental Board.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 21 January 2009 in the Director's Conference Room 401.

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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