

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

6 January 2010

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 104, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Andrew Molak, DMD, Chairman John Smith

Henry Levin, DMD, Vice-Chairman

J Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Joseph Box, DDS

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Robert Bartro, DMD

Christine Benoit, DMD

Bernard Manchester

Maureen Ross, RDH

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Valarie Donnelly, Executive Director, RIDA

Ms. Mary Ellen Simas, President, RIDHA

Dr. Molak advised that the minutes of the 14 October 2009 meeting should be amended to reflect Dr. Benoit as seconding the motion to approve the minutes of the 16 September 2009 meeting. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 14 October 2009 meeting as amended Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Ms. Ross, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. VanDongen reported that the following candidates had been issued dental licenses since the last meeting:

Jon A. Ruel, DMD

Stephen Thomas, DDS

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

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Susan Perlini reported that following candidates had been issued permits to administer local anesthesia:

Kasey A. Voccia , RDH

Lisa M. Chapman, RDH

Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board

approved the licensure of the aforementioned individuals.

At this time, Dr. Molak 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

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“Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board entered into closed session at 8:40 a.m.

Ms. Celentano and Ms. Simas recused themselves from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:00 am. Ms. Celentano and Ms. Simas returned to the open meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

DEN 29-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 36-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 37-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 49-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 18 November 2009 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Box, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 18 November 2009.

The Board discussed the exclusion of dentists in administering the H1N1 vaccine and its response from Dr. Crausman. The Administrator will forward Dr. Crausman’s response to Dr. Connor.

The Administrator circulated copies of correspondence from NERB seeking the Board’s position on several matters as they relate to developing a protocol for the administration of injectable local anesthetic by the dental hygiene candidate during the clinical portion of its licensing exam. The Board will discuss this at its next meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 17 February 2010 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. VanDongen, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Molak, DMD, Chairman

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