

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

17 February 2010

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Director's Conference Room 401, 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 Bernard Manchester

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Joseph Box, DDS

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Robert Bartro, DMD

Christine Benoit, DMD

Maureen Ross, RDH

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Dr. Francis Connor, RIDA

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel Ms. Maryellen Simas, President, RIDHA

After review of the Open Minutes of January 6, 2010, the following corrections were noted a “J” appeared in Susan Perlini’s name, the “J” was omitted from Dr. Box’s name, Ms. Simas’ name should read “Maryellen” rather than Mary Ellen, and Ms. Celantano’s was inadvertently listed as Valarie Donnelly. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of the January 6th 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 Dental Licenses, Personal Anesthesia Permits and Anesthesia Facility Permits had been issued::

DENTAL LICENSES:

Michael S. Giuliano, DMD – Tufts 1999 – Licensed in CT & MA

Melvin A. Ehrlich, DDS Emory Univ. 1986 Lic. in NY, TX, CT, MA

DENTAL ANESTHESIA PERMITS

Brendan C. Gouin, DMD Nitrous Oxide Permit “C”

Carmen Sanchez, , DMD Nitrous Oxide Permit “C”

DENTAL ANESTHESIA FACILITY PERMITS

Fatima Health Center - 40 Broad Street, Pawtucket, RI

Comfort Dental 725 Dexter Street, Central Falls, RI

Comfort Dental 1482 Broad Street, Providence, RI

Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Ms. Perlini, the Board approved the licensure of the aforementioned individuals and facilities.

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Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Maureen Ross reported that following candidates had been issued Dental Hygiene Licenses

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE

Lynne M. Farrell, RDH

Tiffany Louise Lorentzen,

Theresa B. Norton, RDH

Kathryn O'Brien, RDH

Maria Nunex-Bibby, RDH

Upon motion of Dr. Van Dongen, seconded by Ms. Buonaccorsi, 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

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

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

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:30 am. Dr. Connor and Ms. Simas returned to the open meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

DEN 39-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 46-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 47-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 54-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 55-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 52-09 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 6 January 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 6 January 2010.

The Chairman circulated copies of an article published by the American Society for Dental Ethics entitled “Enhancing Professionalism Using Ethics Education as Part of a Dental Licensure Board’s Disciplinary Action

Dr. Molak presented an overview of the Nerb meeting held in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Benoit noted that NERB had awarded the William K. Collins Award for Meritorious Service to the following RI dentists:

Demitri Ganim, DDS

Rodney Thomas, DMD

James Photopoulos, DDS

Stephen Puerini, DMD

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The Board approved a lecture being presented to the St Joseph Health Services Pediatric Dental Staff on “The Oral Manifestations of Viral Muco-Cutaneous Infections.”. This course was approved for one hour of continuing education credit for dentists and dental hygienists.

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

Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Benoit, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Molak, DMD, Chairman

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