

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

17 March 2010

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m.

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

Andrew Molak, DMD, Chairman John Smith

Henry Levin, DMD, Vice-Chairman Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Bernard Manchester Maureen Ross, RDH

Joseph Box, DDS Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Robert Bartro, DMD

Christine Benoit, DMD

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

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

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of the

17 February 2010 meeting. Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Mr. Manchester, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. VanDongen advised he had no new licenses to report at this time.

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

There were no new licenses to be reported at this time.

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. Bartro, seconded by Dr. VanDongen, the Board entered into closed session at 9:00 a.m.

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

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:20 am. Ms. Donnelly returned to the open meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

DEN 53-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 02-10 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 04-10 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 05-10 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

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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 17 March 2010 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 17 March 2010.

At this time Dr. Benoit advised the Board that SUNY at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in conjunction with Delta Dental of Rhode Island is conducting a study entitled “Screening of Patients in A Dental Setting for Diabetes Mellitus”. The main goal of the proposed study is to develop a useful method of detecting undiagnosed diabetes and possibly pre-diabetes in the United States.

At this time, Legal Counsel joined the meeting and the Board returned to “Closed Executive Session” at 9:40 am upon motion of Dr. VanDongen and seconded by Dr. Levin.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 10:00 am.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 14 April 2010 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Levin, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10: 02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Molak, DMD, Chairman

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