

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

23 JUNE 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 8:30 a.m.

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

Andrew Molak, DMD, Chairman John Smith

Henry Levin, DMD, Vice-Chairman Craig VanDongen, DDS

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Bernard Manchester

Maureen Ross, RDH

Joseph Box, DDS

Robert Bartro, DMD

Christine Benoit, DMD

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

At this time, Dr. Manuela Raposo, Director of Dorcas Place, Welcome Back Center, addressed the Board regarding the role of Dorcas Place in providing guidance to foreign trained health professionals seeking

pathways to licensure and alternatives. She advised the Board that systems are in place where they have been able to help 201 foreign trained health professionals enter the workplace within their chosen professions. It is the intent of the Welcome Back Center to be able to expand opportunities for foreign trained dentists and possibly develop a pathway to licensure.

Dr. Box advised that during the late 70's the Board offered an alternative "bench test" exam for foreign trained dentists. The exam was offered only once and was held at Tufts Dental School and was administered to approximately 15 individuals. Only one individual passed and she offered a brief overview regarding the one time licensing of foreign trained individuals that occurred in the late 70's.early At that time, foreign trained dentists were allowed to take a bench test,

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Valerie Celentano, Executive Director, RIDA

Gregory Madoian, Chief Legal Counsel Maryellen Simas, President, RIDHA

Charles Alexandre, RN, Ph.D Manuela Raposo, MD, Director, Dorcas Place.

Michael Downey, Legal Intern Sidney Tillett, Dorcas Place

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

12 May 2010 meeting. Dr. Benoit advised page 2 paragraph 4 should be amended to read “process” rather than “processed”. Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. Bartro reported that the following licenses and permits had been issued since the last meeting:

Dental Licenses Issued since last meeting:

**Helen S. Livson, DDS Teresa Jose Jacob, DDS Timothy R. Ellis, DDS
Candida Castillo, DMD John Miller, DDS Courtney L. Ponte, DDS
Paul H.S. Yoo, DDS Katharine Burton, DMD Safwat S. Rizk, DDS**

DENTAL ANESTHESIA PERMITS

Joanne C. Lewis, DDS

DENTAL ANESTHESIA FACILITY PERMITS

Joanne C. Lewis, DDS, LLC

Oaklawn Family Dental Associates

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Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Maureen Ross, RDH reported the following licenses and permits had been issued since the last meeting.

**Yvonne M.. DiCosimo, RDH Armstrong Atlantic University CRDTS
2006**

Kristin R. Edgar, RDH University of New Haven NERB 2007

Julie A. Nelson, RDH Pensacola Jr. College SRTA 1992

**Jennifer A. Carver, RDH Old Dominion University, Florida State
Board 1996**

Sarah Mueller, RDH Ferns State University NERB 2009

CCRI Graduates May 2010 – NERB 2010

Catarina P. Grillo Regina Harper

Danielle Rayhill Rebecca L LaFerriere

Marisa A. Miller Nicole Pedro

Felicia A. Sousa Nicole M. Steele

Mary Holly Therien Lauren E. Varney

Sarah Biron Berta Couto

Yvonne Perez Jessica Bessette

Stephanie Nunes Krystal Fulti

Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permits

Jennifer M. Dupre- Middlesex CC NERB

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. Benoit, seconded by Ms. Pelini,, the Board entered into closed session at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

There were no decisions ratified during closed session. The Board had no other business to be disclosed.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 12 May 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 12 May 2010.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 21 July 2010 in the Beck Conference Room.

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Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Levin, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator
RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry**