

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

**13 October 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:**

**Henry Levin, DMD, Acting Chairman Joseph Box, DDS  
Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS Mary Lou Buonaccorsi  
Craig VanDongen, DDS John Smith  
Robert Bartro, DMD  
Christine Benoit, DMD  
Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary  
Maureen Ross, RDH  
Bernard Manchester**

**Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:**  
**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Francis Connor, DDS, RIDA  
Maryanne Miller, RDH, RIDHA  
Jill Beckwith, Co-Chair RI Oral Health Commission  
Laurie Leonard. Office of Oral Health**

**The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of the 15 September 2010 meeting. Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.**

### **Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure**

**Dr. VanDongen advised that the following licenses and permits had been issued since the last meeting:**

#### **Dental Licenses Issued**

**Deepti Kalra, DMD**

**John P. Kiang, DMD**

**Kanchan Pande, DMD**

### **Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure**

**Susan Perlini, RDH reported that the following Local Anesthesia Permits had been issued:**

#### **Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permits Issued**

**Catarina Grillo, RDH**

**Mary Holly Therien, RDH**

**Rebecca LaFerriere, RDH**

**Danielle Rayhill, RDH**

**Jennifer, Turnbull, RDH**

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**At this time, Jill Beckwith, Policy Analyst with RI Kids Count and Co-Chair of the Oral Health Committee, addressed the Board and presented an historical overview of the RI Oral Health Commission from its early beginnings in 1998 to date. She explained the program had begun as a “Special Senate Commission” appointed in 1998 to study and make recommendations on ways to maintain and expand access to quality oral health care for all Rhode Island residents and has evolved into being an established Commission for Oral Health permanently Co-Chaired by Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts. The Commission has made tremendous progress throughout the years and strives for its mission to provide leadership to: formulate and promote sound oral health policy, increase awareness of oral health issues, and assist in the promotion of initiatives for the prevention and control of oral diseases. Members of the Board were provided with a comprehensive printout outlining the many achievements of the Commission and its continued vision and mission**

**At this time, Dr. Levin 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. VanDongen, seconded by Ms. Perlini, the Board entered into closed session at 9:05 a.m.**

**The following persons recused themselves from the meeting at this time: Dr. Francis Connor, Ms. Jill Beckwith, Ms. Laurie Leonard, and Mrs. Maryanne Miller..**

**The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:35 am.**

**Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session**

**There following cases were presented in “Closed Session” closed with findings of NO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.**

- DEN 10-10 DEN 11-10 DEN 15-10 DEN 16-10 DEN 17-10**
- DEN 20-10 DEN 21-10 DEN 22-10 DEN 23-10 DEN 24-10**
- DEN 25-10 DEN 26-10 DEN 30-10 DEN 31-10 DEN 32-10**
- DEN 34-10 DEN 35-10**

**The Board had no further business to disclose or report in Open Session.**

## **Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes**

**The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 15 September 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Mr. Manchester, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 15 September 2010.**

**At this time, the Administrator provided members with a draft of proposed amendments and additional language to the Rules and Regulations (see attached). Included with the draft was proposed language that would allow dental hygienists to administer Nitrous Oxide. After briefly reviewing, the draft, the Board voted to table discussion until after each member has a chance to thoroughly peruse the proposed changes. This issue will be placed on the November agenda for discussion. The Administrator will invite Mr. William Dundulis, Health Regulations Coordinator, to attend the November meeting. Mr. Dundulis will provide members with the most recent mark-up of the regulations and answer any questions members may have regarding the Rules and Regulations process.**

**At this time, the Board requested that future agendas schedule “Closed Executive Sessions” be held as a last agenda item.**

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

**Upon motion of Ms. Ross, seconded, by Dr. VanDongen, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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