

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

15 December 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 Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Craig VanDongen, DDS John Smith

Joseph Box, DDS

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

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 Valarie Celentano, Exec.

Drirector, RIDA

William Dundulis

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of the 17 November 2010 meeting. The following amendments were recommended:

- 1. Page 2, paragraph 8 shall be amended to reflect Dr. Bartro, not Dr. VanDongen, motioned to enter into closed session;**
- 2. Page 3, paragraph 1 shall be amended to read “Unprofessional” ;**

Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Ms. Perlini, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

At this time, Dr. Samartano advised that he is still awaiting the anesthesia guidelines from Mr. Dundulis. The Administrator will follow-up with Mr. Dundulis to ascertain the status of this request.

Dr. Samartano asked if Dr. Alexandre had offered his opinion on the feasibility of licensing a foreign trained dentist under Section 5-31.1-23 to be engaged by St. Joseph’s Hospital in a consulting faculty position . The Administrator advised that after discussing this with Dr. Alexandre, he is also of the opinion that the statute is specific in its intention and a faculty position within a hospital would not meet he criteria for licensure. Only a foreign trained dentist who has been offered, by the dean of a medical school, dental school, or school of dental hygiene, a full time academic appointment is eligible for a limited license under this section of the statute.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

No licenses to be reported at this time:

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Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

No licenses to be reported at this time:

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. Benoit, seconded by Mrs. Ross, the Board entered into closed session at 8:55 a.m.

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

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:25 am.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

The following cases were presented in “Closed Session”

Case Number Findings

DEN 39-10 NO NPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

DEN 45-10 NO NPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

DEN 46-10 NO NPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

DEN 42-10 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT (Rashmi Vasudeva, DDS)

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 17 November 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Samartano, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 17 November 2010.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 19 January 2011 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Box, seconded, by Dr. Bartro, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail P. Giuliano, Administrator

RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry