

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

**20 June 2012**

**Board Members in Attendance:      Board Members Absence:**

**Christine Benoit, DMD, Acting Chair      Thomas Bertrand MPH**

**Maureen Ross, RDH, BS**

**Henry Levin, DMD**

**Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS**

**Carleton Cappuccino, DMD**

**Robert Bartro, DDS**

**Robert Ricci, Ed D**

**Louis Marciano, BS, MEd**

**Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary**

**Staff Members in Attendance:      Others in attendance:**

**Linda Phillips, Board Administrator      Lynn McShane, President RIDAA**

**Catherine A. Cordy, RPh      Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA**

**Patrick Kelly, RPh, PharmD      Steve Brown, RIDA**

**Pamela Schultz      Interns in Attendance:**

**Linda Julian      Lauren Lane**

**Bruce McIntyre, JD      Katherine McCarten**

**Alysson Gray**

**Jennifer Lucas**

**Establishment of Quorum:** 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 meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Dr. Levin and seconded by Dr. Ricci to accept the OPEN minutes. The board voted to unanimously approve the OPEN minutes as presented.

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**Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure**

**The names of those individuals qualifying for licensure during this time frame were presented to the board and unanimously approved.**

**Legislation Updates:**

- **Bill H7078 concerning the addition of certified dental assistant to the Dental Board –passed in the Senate but failed in the House of Representatives.**
- **Cathy Cordy asked that a committee be formed to start working on the language, to provide consistency between the Rules and Regulations and the current statute.**
- **Dr. Benoit informed the Board that NERB has decided to make the Perio portion of the Dental Exam optional. The following states are opposed to this change: Florida, Michigan, Mississippi, Alabama, and Wyoming. After much discussion, the RI Board, by majority vote decided to accept the change in the NERB Dental Exam.**

#### **New Business:**

**Cathy Cordy spoke briefly about the upcoming PMP program that will soon be in place.**

**Enrollment for the online program will be mid July.**

#### **Adjourn OPEN Session:**

**At this time, a motion was made to adjourn the OPEN Session and enter into the CLOSED Executive Session for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions**

of the "Open Meeting Law", so called Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws.

Upon motion by Lou Marcicano, seconded by Dr. Ricci, the Board entered into CLOSED session at 9:10 a.m. At this time Ms.McShane and Ms. Jones-Bridges excused themselves from the meeting.

**Returned to OPEN Session:**

**The Board returned to OPEN Session at 11:35 am.**

### **Sealing of the CLOSED Executive Minutes**

A motion was made to seal the minutes of the CLOSED Executive Session pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Samartano, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board voted unanimously to seal the CLOSED minutes of that meeting as presented.

**The next meeting of the Board will be held 20 June 2012 at 8:30 am in the Beck Conference Room**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary**