

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

10 July 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:

M. Christine Benoit, DMD, Chair Craig VanDongen, DDS

Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Vice Chair

Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Robert E. Bartro, DDS

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Martin C. Nager, DMD

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Donald C. Williams

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Staff Members In Attendance: Others in Attendance:

Dr McDonald Valerie G. Celantano, RIDA

Jennifer S. Sternick, JD Dr. Marian Royer RIDA

Pamela Schultz Kerri Friel, RIDAA

Linda Phillips Stephen Skoly RIDA

Lindsay Hamilton Jenn Ceirenka PS&H

Ben Copple Christy Durant TLD

Patrick Quinlan RIDA

Francine Luizzi Bench RDH

Establishment of Quorum: A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on July 10, 2013 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: A Motion was made by Dr Ricci and seconded by Mr Betrand to accept the OPEN Minutes of June 12, 2013. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as presented.

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Administrative Issues:

Dr. Fine was welcomed to the Board meeting and he graciously discussed the role of Dr. McDonald and the Departments effort to find a Board administrator. The paid position would be a dual appointment as Chief of Dental Public Health for the DOH and Chief Dental Officer for Medicaid as well as administrator of the Dental Board. The DOH is

in the process of assembling a conjoined interview panel, to interview potential candidates. The names of three potential candidates will be given to the Governor, who will then choose one candidate for the position thus satisfying the statute of appointment for Chief Administrative Officer of the Board of Dentistry. Dr. Fine said the position would be unique in the role of developing oral health policy in our state as well serving an important role on the Board and also having an important role in talking to Medicaid about how oral health services should be reimbursed. Dr. Fine said the position has great potential for developing public health policy and as well as access to the reimbursement system.

Dr. Fine has asked Dr. McDonald to support the Board in the interim ,until a candidate is hired for the position as Board Administrator. Dr. Fuller will be a consultant for Dr. McDonald on Dental issues until a dentist is hired.

Dr. Fine thanked the members of the Board for helping to protect the health and safety of Rhode Islanders and encouraged collaboration.

Issued Licenses:

Ms. Ross presented the names of those individuals qualifying for licensure in Dental Hygiene.

These names were unanimously approved.

Dr. Joseph Samartano presented the names of those individuals

qualifying for licensure to practice Dentistry or Anesthesia Facility Permits. These names in both categories and facilities were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Infection Control Guidelines: A new draft of the infection control inspection tool is available for public comment. After much discussion Dr. McDonald said that this document is a work in progress. Dr. Cappuccino pointed out that this tool can be used for self-assessment. The committee will continue to develop the infection control tool.

After a discussion about the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of Botox and dermal fillers, a motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Dr. Ricci to form a subcommittee to update the Rules and Regulations. The motion carried and Board members who are interested should contact Dr. McDonald, Linda Phillips or Dr. Benoit.

New Business:

Dr. Benoit attended the NERB Steering Committee Conference. Dr. Benoit discussed changes to the NERB exam. Dr. Nager expressed concern that the periodontal component of the Nerb exam is optional. Further discussion was deferred to the Rules and Regulation committee.

A motion was made and carried that the Chair of the Dental Board or Dr. Fine would sign for Dental Certificates.

Mr. Marciano made a motion to return to the original 8:30am start time. The Board voted and decided to start the meeting at 8:00am.

Dr Bartro made a motion and was seconded by Dr. Nager to streamline the meeting by providing a written commentary on conferences attended. The motion carried.

Public Comments:

Ms. Ceirenka urged the Board when developing the Infection Control Tool to state each one more specifically and state where the regulation comes from.

Ms Luizzi Bench also urged the Board when developing the Rules and Regs to state more specifically what is required for continuing

education.

Pat Quinlan suggested to link the line items for the Infection Control Tool with the CDC rating system that informs the users whether this is a suggestion for best practices or in fact a requirement. He also urged the Board to develop clearer CEU requirements.

Dr. Royer thanked all the members of the Board for their service.

Ms. Friel urged the Board when revising Rules and Regs to include dental assistants in the infection control portion.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:

A Motion was made by Ms. Perlini and seconded by Ms. Ross to adjourn to Executive Session. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health or applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an OPEN Meeting.-and-Pursuant to Section 42-46-5 (2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Return to OPEN Session:

Final Actions: A Motion was made by Dr. Ricci and seconded by Dr. Nager to Seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session of July 10, 2013 pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2) of the R.I.G.L. The Motion carried.

Adjourn: The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting is August 14, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the Room 301, DOH. A Motion was made by Dr. Ricci and seconded by Dr. Nager to adjourn at 12:10 a.m. The Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Susan Perlini, RDH, BS Secretary
Board of Examiners in Dentistry**