

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY  
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2013**

**Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:**

**Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Chair Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS**

**Donald C. Williams, Secretary Craig VanDongen, DDS**

**Maureen Ross, RDH, BS**

**Robert E. Bartro, DDS, Vice Chair**

**Thomas Bertrand, MPH**

**Martin C. Nager, DMD**

**Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.**

**Robert Ricci, Ph.D**

**Russell Chin, DDS**

**Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA**

**Maryellen Simas, RDH**

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

**Donna Costantino Valerie G. Celantano, RIDA**

**Benjamin Cople, JD Dr. Marian Royer RIDA**

**James McDonald, MD Marie Jones-Bridges RIDHA**

**Pamela Schultz**

**Linda Phillips**

**Linda Esposito**

**Gary Pellicano, JD**

### **Establishment of Quorum:**

**A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion was made by Dr. Robert Ricci and seconded by Dr. Martin Nager to accept the OPEN Minutes of September 11, 2013. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as presented.**

### **Administrative Issues:**

**Chairman Dr. Cappuccino introduced and welcomed new Board Member, Maryellen Simas.**

**Chairman Dr. Cappuccino announced the appointment of the new Vice Chair of the Dental Board, Dr. Robert E. Bartro.**

**Discussion took place amongst the Board Members to acknowledge service to the Board by Ms. Susan Perlini. Motion was made by Dr. Louis Marciano and seconded by Ms. Maureen Ross to make a**

**presentation to Ms. Susan Perlini in recognition of her service to the Board. Motion carried.**

**Attorney Benjamin Copple reviewed and advised the Board Members present regarding Open Government procedures.**

**The list of issued licenses was announced to all Board Members present. Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Robert Ricci to approve the list of licensees. Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Subcommittee Progress Reports were presented as follows:**

**Regulation Review – Mr. Donald Williams**

**Mr. Donald Williams advised that regulation development would require statutory changes.**

**Infection Control – Dr. Robert Bartro**

**Dr. Bartro advised that he has taken two courses in infection control and will be sharing that information at the next subcommittee meeting.**

**Continuing Education – Dr. Martin Nager**

**Dr. Nager provided minutes of the October 1, 2013 continuing education subcommittee meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Russell**

**Chin and seconded by Mr. Louis Marciano to accept the minutes. Motion carried. Dr. Nager provided Attorney Benjamin Copple with the final draft of the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for review.**

**Botox/Anesthesia Guidelines – Dr. Joseph Samartano**

**Discussion tabled until next Board Meeting due to Dr. Samartano's absence.**

**New Business:**

**No new business to discuss.**

**Public Comment:**

**Ms. Marie Jones-Bridges of the RI Dental Hygienist Association asked that the Rules and Regulations requirement for providing documentation of continuing education credits be changed from having to provide the “original” document to being allowed to provide a “copy” of the document.**

**Ms. Valerie Celantano of the RI Dental Association clarified that the OSHA continuing education requirement is 3 hours per year.**

**Dr. Marian Royer of the RI Dental Association thanked the Board for all of their efforts.**

### **Adjourn to Executive Session:**

**Motion was made by Dr. Louis Marciano and seconded by Dr. Robert Ricci to adjourn to Executive Session. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the RI 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 RI General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.**

### **Return to Open Session:**

**Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Robert Ricci to seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session pursuant to Section 42-46(1) and (2) of the RI General Laws. Motion carried.**

**Final Actions: None.**

**Adjourn:**

**The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. Motion was made by Mr. Louis Marciano and seconded by Dr. Robert Ricci to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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