

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY  
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2013**

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

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

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

**Donald C. Williams, Secretary Martin C. Nager, DMD**

**Maureen Ross, RDH, BS**

**Thomas Bertrand, MPH**

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

**Robert Ricci, Ph.D**

**Russell Chin, DDS**

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

**Maryellen Simas, RDH**

**Stephen J. Puerini, DMD**

**Caroline Danish, DDS**

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

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

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

**Pamela Schultz Susan Perlini**

**Linda Phillips Attorney Patrick Quinlan, RIDA**

**Linda Esposito Mark Small, DMD, RIDA**

### **Establishment of Quorum:**

**A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, November 6, 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 8:00 a.m.**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion was made by Mr. Louis Marciano and seconded by Dr. Robert Ricci to accept the OPEN Minutes of October 2, 2013. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes with the addition of the title of Vice Chair to Dr. Robert Bartro's name.**

### **Administrative Issues:**

**Chairman Cappuccino introduced and welcomed new Board Members, Dr. Stephen J. Puerini and Dr. Caroline Danish.**

**Chairman Cappuccino and the Board Members extended their thanks to Susan Perlini for her 6 years of service as Secretary to the Board and presented her with a citation from the Governor's office.**

**Discussion took place between Dr. James McDonald and the Board Members present with regard to instituting quality metrics**

**procedures.**

**Attorney Benjamin Cople reviewed and advised the Board Members present regarding Ethics in Government.**

**The list of issued licenses was announced to all Board Members present. Motion was made by Mr. Donald Williams and seconded by Ms. Maryellen Simas 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 had no report to share for this meeting.**

**Continuing Education – Dr. Martin Nager (absent)**

**In Dr. Nager's absence, the minutes of the Continuing Education Subcommittee meeting were presented to the Board by Chairman Cappuccino. After review, a Motion was made by Mr. Donald Williams and seconded by Mr. Thomas Bertrand to submit the proposed changes to Attorney Benjamin Cople for review. Motion carried.**

## **Botox/Anesthesia Guidelines – Dr. Joseph Samartano (absent)**

**In Dr. Samartano's absence, the minutes of the Botox/Anesthesia Subcommittee meeting were presented to the Board by Chairman Cappuccino. After review, a Motion was made by Dr. Robert Bartro and seconded by Mr. Donald Williams to submit the proposed changes to Attorney Benjamin Copple for review. Motion carried.**

## **New Business:**

**No new business for discussion.**

## **Public Comment:**

**Attorney Patrick Quinlan, RIDA, expressed opinion that public input should be allowed during OPEN session before Board items are voted on.**

**Ms. Marie Jones-Bridges of the RI Dental Hygienist Association also expressed opinion that public input should be allowed during OPEN session before Board items are voted on. She also expressed concern that copies of subcommittee OPEN minutes are not provided to the public. The Board engaged in discussion regarding the process to obtain the names of parties requesting materials in advance.**

**Dr. Mark Small, RIDA, offered comments on licensure and continuing education credits for community service.**

**Dr. Marian Royer, RIDA, expressed the need for continued communication and for providing information to the public.**

**Adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session:**

**Motion was made by Dr. Russell Chin and seconded by Dr. Stephen Puerini to adjourn to Executive CLOSED 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. Russell Chin and seconded by Mr. Louis Marciano 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:**

**C13-DEN050 D. James Photopolous Failure to maintain standards of practice**

**Formal reprimand to include course of study related to scope and boundaries**

**Adjourn:**

**The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held Wednesday, December 4, 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. Russell Chin to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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