

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM # 401  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014  
8:00AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Chairman**

**Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman**

**Donald Williams, Secretary**

**Thomas Bertrand, MPH**

**Russell Chin, DDS**

**Caroline Danish, DDS**

**Jeffrey Dodge, DMD**

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

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

**Martin Nager, DMD**

**Robert Ricci, Ph.D**

**Maureen Ross, RDH, BS**

**Craig VanDongen, DDS**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Maryellen Simas, RDH**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Amy Coleman, JD**

**Donna Costantino, MBA**

**James McDonald, MD**

**Robert O'Donnell, MS**

**Donna Valletta**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA**

**Valeria Celantano, RIDA**

**Patrick Quinlan, JD, RIDA**

**Robert Bartro, DDS, RIDA**

**1. Establishment of a Quorum**

**A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:00AM on a motion by Stephen Puerini, DMD and seconded by Maureen Ross, RDH, BS. Motion carried.**

## **2. Presentation of the July 2, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD, to accept the Open Session minutes of July 2, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

## **3. Chairperson's Report**

- Announcements**

- o Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, announced that starting at today's meeting and going forward, the Chairman will open the meeting by recognizing any of the public visitors who wished to make specific comments on the current agenda. These comments will be limited to two (2) minutes. The Chairman will retain the discretion to allow more time if warranted.**

**o Valeria Celantano, RIDA, asked what is DAANCE, who was advised that it is Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination.**

**o Certificates were awarded to Valeria Celantano, RIDA from the Rhode Island Department of Health and a citation from Governor Lincoln D. Chafee in recognition of her forty-four (44) years of service at the Rhode Island Dental Association.**

**o Certificate were awarded to Robert Bartro, DDS, from the Rhode Island Department of Health and a citation from Governor Lincoln D. Chafee in recognition of his dedication to the prevention of disease and promotion of health in Rhode Island through six (6) years of outstanding contributions to the Board of Examiners in Dentistry.**

**o Appointment of Stephen J. Puerini, DMD, as the new Vice Chairman of the Board.**

**o Appointment of Jeffrey E. Dodge, D.M.D, as new Board member.**

**• Statute Revision**

**o Secretary Donald Williams discussed that he will be working with Amy Coleman, Esq. and the Rhode Island Department of Health in drafting new Amendments and Regulations for the Board of**

**Examiners in Dentistry. Secretary Williams also discussed the mechanism to schedule hearings and how to reduce the backlog of cases for the Board.**

- **Sub-committee Updates**

- o **No new updates**

- **Communications**

- o **Board Meeting Schedule – Next Board meeting will be held on September 3, 2014.**

#### **4. New Business**

- **Establishment of Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dentist (Two (2) licensed Dentist Board members and one (1) Public Board Member). Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, appointed himself, Vice Chairman Stephen Puerini, DMD, and Robert Ricci, Ph.D, to this committee.**

- **Establishment of Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dental Hygienists (One (1) licensed Dentist Board member, one (1) Public Board Member and one (1) License Dental Hygienist Board member). Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD,**

**appointed Maureen Ross, RDH, BS, Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed, and Russell Chin, DDS, to this committee.**

- **Establishment of Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dental Anesthesia Assistants National Certification Examination (DAANCE) Certified Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants (One (1) licensed Dentist Board member, one (1) Public Board Member and one (1) Certified Dental Assistant Board member). Chairman Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, appointed himself, Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, and Thomas Bertrand, MPH, to this committee.**

**Starting on September 3, 2014, the above committee's will meet in Open Session at 7:30AM before every monthly meeting to review and make recommendations to the full Board on the same date.**

- **Establishment of Rules and Regulations for licensing DAANCE were discussed and Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, stated that she has begun to review other State Regulations. Discussion was continued to an upcoming meeting.**

- **Establishment of application DAANCE was discussed as Committee was selected. Discussion was continued to an upcoming meeting.**

- **Dental Anesthesia Regulations may need to be updated to reflect changes. Topic will be discussed in the September meeting.**

- **Review Dental Anesthesia Verification Document. Topic will be referred to subcommittee.**

## **5. Public Comment**

- **Discussion on location was discussed at the beginning of this meeting and will now be at the start of Board meetings. See Chairperson's Person Report for further details.**

## **6. Adjourn to Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Maureen Ross, RDH, BS, to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:45AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

## **7. Return to Open Session**

**Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA at 10:50AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.**

## **8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session**

**Dr. Henry Levin appeared in Committee I and spoke about two (2) of the inspections that he had conducted for the Board. The board reviewed 8 cases: five (5) were continued, one (1) case was administratively closed; one (1) case was approved for license purpose (State Equivalent to NERB); and one (1) Consent Order was ratified.**

## **9. Adjournment**

**The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Craig VanDongen, DDS, and seconded by Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, to adjourn at 10:55AM. Motion**

**carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.**

**Board Manager**

**Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry**

**Office of Health Professionals Regulations**