

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

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM # 205
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014
7:30AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Chair

Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chair

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Russell Chin, DDS

Caroline Danish, DDS

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA

Martin Nager, DMD

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Donald Williams, Secretary

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Maryellen Simas, RDH

Craig VanDongen, DDS

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD

James McDonald, MD

Robert O'Donnell, MS

Linda Esposito

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. Establishment of a Quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 205, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called

to order at 7:30AM on a motion by Martin Nager, DMD, seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA. Motion carried.

2. Review and Approval of Applicants for:

Vice Chairman Stephen Puerini, DMD, announced to all Board Members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dentist, Dental Anesthesia Permits, and Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits and had met on this date at 7:00AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dentist Licensure:

- **Nicholas Baldelli**
- **Alexandra Costa**
- **Derek Gatta**
- **Susan Kochlefi**
- **Stacey Malcomson**
- **Jimishkumar Patel**
- **Sarah Phillips**
- **Elizabeth Zebian ***

* (Issuance of CSR not approved until licensee can provide a Rhode Island business address)

Dental Anesthesia Permits:

- **Soha Alkoka (Nitrous Oxide)**
- **Jonah Barasz (Minimal Sedation and Nitrous Oxide) (Minimal Sedation permit not approved until office inspection can be completed)**
- **Ashley Newman (Nitrous Oxide)**
- **Derek Nobrega (Nitrous Oxide)**

Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits:

- **No application can be licensed as the Rhode Island Department of Health does not have an Inspector at this time to do an inspection which is required for the licensure/permit.**

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, to approve the list of applicants for Dentist Licensure and Dental Anesthesia Permits. Motion carried as the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS, announced to all Board Members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dental Hygienists Licensure and Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits had met on this date at 7:00AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dental Hygienists Licensure:

- **Melanie Bonin-Kwasny (with Local Anesthesia)**
- **Jamie Camara (with Local Anesthesia)**
- **Sasha Diaz (with Local Anesthesia)**
- **Kimberly Fontes (with Local Anesthesia)**
- **Cassandra Hallett**
- **Tara Kusiak (with Local Anesthesia)**
- **Elisha Liberty (with Local Anesthesia)**
- **Lauren Wilcox (with Local Anesthesia)**

Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits

- **Maryssa Lafond (Local)**
- **Sabrina Gambuto (Local)**
- **Audra Lavoie (Local)**
- **Lynn Virgilio-Caron (Local)**

Motion was made by Caroline Danish, DDS, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D, to approve the list of applicants for Dental Hygienists

Licensure and Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits. Motion carried as the Board voted unanimously to approve.

3. 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 Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, to adjourn at 7:45AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.

Board Manager

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