

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014
8:00AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Chairman

Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman

Donald Williams, Secretary

Russell Chin, DDS

Caroline Danish, DDS

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Maryellen Simas, RDH

Craig VanDongen, DDS

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Eric George, DMD

Martin Nager, DMD

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD

Donna Costantino, MBA

James McDonald, MD

Robert O'Donnell, MS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Bartro, DDS, RIDA

Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA

Patrick Quinlan, JD, RIDA

1. Establishment of a Quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, September 3, 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 Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

No comments were given by anyone in attendance.

3. Presentation of the August 6 & 21, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Maureen Ross, RDH, BS, and seconded by Stephen J. Puerini, DMD, to accept the Open Session minutes of August 6, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Russell Chin, DDS, and seconded by Donald Williams, to accept the Open Session minutes of August 21, 2014 Dentistry Examining Committee. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caroline Danish, DDS, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, to accept the Open Session minutes of August 21, 2014 Dental Hygienist Examining Committee. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH, to accept the Open Session minutes of August 21, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Chairperson's Report

- **Announcements**

- o **Appointment of Eric M. George, D.M.D, as new Board member.**

- o **Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, had removed himself from the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dental Anesthesia Assistants National Certification Examination (DAANCE) Certified Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants and has**

appointed Eric George, DMD.

o Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, has selected Robert Ricci, Ph.D, for the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dental Anesthesia Assistants National Certification Examination (DAANCE) Certified Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants as Thomas Bertrand, MPH, will no longer be eligible to be a Board member as he will begin employment with the Rhode Island Department of Health before the next Board meeting.

• Statute Revision

o 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. Discussion on DAANCE regulations and testing by ACLS and DAANCE examinations.

o NERB periodontal exam and requirements for Rhode Island license were discussed by the Board members in regards to Martin Nager, DMD, letter to the Board on changes by NERB on periodontal requirements for the examination on the NERB Exam. A unanimous vote was taken by the Board requiring candidates for Rhode Island Dental licenses to have passed the clinical periodontal part of the NERB exam.

- **Sub-committee Updates**

- o **Russell Chin, DDS, discussed on the Steering Committee Meeting which was held in Baltimore on June 13, 2014, which he had attended.**

- **Communications**

- o **Board Meeting Schedule – Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 3 Capitol Hill, Room 401, Providence, RI 02908 at 8:00AM.**

5. New Business

- **Review and Approval of Applicants for:**

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 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dentist Licensure:

- o Nicholas Baldelli**
- o Kai Gao**
- o Graham Garber**
- o Aldora Hepel**
- o Pedro Ochoa**

Dental Anesthesia Permits:

- o Derek Cornetta (Nitrous Oxide)**

Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits:

- o 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 Maureen Ross, RDH, BS, and seconded by Donald Williams 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 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dental Hygienists Licensure:

- o Erika L. Board**
- o William Hall**
- o Kristen Illinger**
- o Brandi Travis (with Local Anesthesia)**

Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits

- o Jillian Dumas (Local)**

Motion was made by Donald Williams and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH,

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.

- St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island letter on RIGL 5-31.1-23 was discussed and will be continued for October 1, 2014 meeting.**

- **Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, to amend the Open Agenda to note that the pending litigation we are discussing is Banki and Palletta vs. Rhode Island Department of Health and seconded by Donald Williams. Motion carried as the Board voted unanimously to approve.**

6. Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Maureen Ross, RDH, BS, to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:10AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to section 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a) (2) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation in the case of Frank Paletta, MD, DMD, FACS, Mohammad Banki, MD, DMD, FACS, and Facial & Oral Surgery, LLC vs. Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry, CA No. 14-309 . 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 Maryellen Simas, RDH and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA at 10:25AM 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 as the Board voted unanimously to approve.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The board reviewed 12 cases: four (4) cases were opened; three (3) cases were administratively closed; one (1) case was referred to the Pharmacy Board; one (1) case found to be No Unprofessional Conduct; and three (3) cases continued.

9. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 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 E. Dodge, DMD, to adjourn at 10:30AM. Motion carried as the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.

Board Manager

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