

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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

Eric George, DMD

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Martin Nager, DMD

Susan Perlino, RDH, BS

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Maryellen Simas, RDH

Craig VanDongen, DDS

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD

Donna Costantino, MBA

Michael Fine, MD

Robert O'Donnell, MS

Donna Valletta

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Bartro, DDS, RIDA

Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA

Pam Coletti, RIDAA

Rebecca Kislak, RIHCA

Snenal Laknkar, Student Dentist

Patrick Quinlan, JD, RIDA

1. Establishment of a Quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, October 1, 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 Caroline Danish, DDS, and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH.

Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Marie Joness-Bridges, RIDHA, had requested if information could be sent out to her in advance of the meetings so she would have enough time to review and then ask questions about material that is given to the Board. Amy Coleman Esq. advised her that she would have to speak with Donna Costantino in regards to this issue.

3. Presentation of the September 3, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D, and seconded by Stephen J. Puerini, DMD, to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode

Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry, Dentistry Examining Committee and Dental Hygienist Examining Committee for September 3, 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, and Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, as new Board member.**

- o **Discussion on a letter received on a required inspection for anesthesia Permits.**

- o **Discussion of the establishment on Investigation/Inspection Teams.**

 General Inspection/Investigations – Motion was made by Stephen J. Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, that the Chairman of the Board may appoint when needed, any member of the Board or anyone who is qualified to do the Investigation/Inspection. Board voted unanimously to approve.

 Anesthesia Facility Permits – Motion was made by Stephen J. Puerini, DMD, and Maryellen Simas, RDH, that the Chairman of the Board may select any member of the Board or anyone else who is qualified to inspect a facility for an anesthesia facility permit. Board

voted unanimously to approve. Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, then appointed Eric George, DMD, Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, Raymond English (Non Board Member) and oral surgeon to be appointed to the Board at a later date.

 Triage Committee – Motion was made by Stephen J. Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, that the Chairman of the Board may select members of the Board from different Investigation Committees to triage complaints received by the Rhode Island Department of Health. Board voted unanimously to approve. Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, then appointed Stephen J. Puerini, DMD, Caroline Danish, DDS, Maryellen Simas, RDH, and Susan Perlini, RDH, BS.

5. Old Business

o Donald Williams discussed that he has been 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 was made that it will need someone with professional experience in anesthesia as needed.

6. 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 Simon Beylin**
- o Leslie Hayling**
- o Vasiliki Tsakalelli**
- o Snenal Laknkar**

Dental Anesthesia Permits:

- o No Applicants**

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 Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to approve the list of applicants for Dentist Licensure and Dental Anesthesia Permits. Motion carried as the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Russell Chin, DDS, 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 Macayla Gilmore**
- o Amanda Hopkins (With Local Anesthesia)**

Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits

- o Jessica Mendes (Local)**

Motion was made by Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, 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.

Discussion on the St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island letter on RIGL 5-31.1-23 was discussed and Donald Williams stated that must be done through a Public Hearing. Motion was made to appoint Caroline Danish, DDS, and Maryellen Simas, RDH to committee. Motion carried as the Board voted unanimously to approve.

- **Discussion on Legal Aspect of Clinic Ownership**

- o **Amy Coleman Esq. discussed about the legal aspects of a clinic ownership in the State of Rhode Island as it depends on each individual situation for each complaint. The Investigative Committee should look at each complaint and look at the agreement or service contract to determine if a disciplinary action could take place. The Investigation Committee would have to look at everything in determining if discipline could be imposed. All clinic owners must be a license dentist. Attorney Coleman will check with other states (NY/MA) to see how they handle this matter. Patrick Quinlan, JD, RIDA, stated the State of Texas had created a new license to help in regulating this type of issue.**

7. Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Donald Williams and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD, to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:30AM. Motion carried as the Board voted unanimously to approve. 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.

8. Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D, and seconded by Eric George, DMD, at 11:15AM 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.

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The board reviewed 6 cases: Two (2) cases were administratively closed; One (1) case was ratification of a Consent Order; One (1)

Revoke of license; (2) cases will be continued.

10. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Craig VanDongen, DDS, to adjourn at 11:30AM. Motion carried as the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.

Board Manager

Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry