

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015
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

Martin Elson, DDS

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA

Martin Nager, DMD

Susan Perlini, RDH, BS

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Maryellen Simas, RDH

BOARD MEMBERS IN NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Eric George, DMD

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD

Robert O'Donnell, MS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Balukjian, DDS - Delta Dental RI

Marie Jones - Bridges - RIDHA

Thomas Chase, Delta Dental RI

Rebecca Kislak, JD - RIHCA

Diane Monti-Markowski, DDS – BCBS of RI

1. Establishment of a Quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 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 Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Jeffrey Dodge, DMD. The Board voted unanimously to open. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Rebecca Kislak, JD (RIHCA) had spoke about the process of how to get a license as she stated that she was present for some of the applicants who were to be reviewed by the Board today.

Marie Jones - Bridges (RIDHA) had spoke about the legislation that the Rhode Island Dental Hygienists Association are intending to re-introduce legislation in regards to Public Health Dental Hygienist during the 2015 legislative year.

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

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Caroline Danish, DDS, to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry, Dentistry Examining Committee and Dental Hygienist Examining Committee for January 7, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Chairperson's Report

- Communications**

Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, discussed a letter he received from the Rhode Island Dental Hygienists Association which stated they are intending to re-introduce legislation in regards to Public Health Dental Hygienist during the 2015 legislative year. As of this date, no Bill was introduced for the Board to discuss.

5. Old Business

Moderate Sedation, Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Office Evaluation Forms - Martin Elson, DDS, had updated Board on evaluations forms he is working on as well as American Dental Associations definitions on sedations for Nitrous Oxide, Minimum, Moderate and Deep/General Sedation. Discussion was also on State Regulations vs. State Statues as what may have to be changed to meet requirements in sedation by the doctor, staff and facility.

Prescription Writing for Patients, Family Members, Friends or Yourself - Discussion was conducted on issues associated with the prescribing of Controlled Substances. Martin Nager, DMD, who volunteered and wrote a letter which was reviewed by the Board.

Dr. Nager also discussed a training seminar that will be taken place on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the Crown Plaza in Warwick which is title “Liability: Know Your Patients' Medications and Their Impact on Dental Treatment.”

The speaker, Harold L. Crossley, DDS, MS, Ph.D, is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland Dental School. A native of Rhode Island, Dr. Crossley received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island in 1964. He later was awarded the Master of Science (1970) and Doctorate degrees (1972) in

Pharmacology. The University of Maryland Dental School in Baltimore awarded Dr. Crossley the DDS degree in 1980. The liaison between the classroom and his part-time dental practice produced a practical approach to understanding the pharmacology of drugs used in the dental office.

Dr. Nager also spoke about an ADA article on “The use of prophylactic antibiotics prior to dental procedures in patients with prosthetic joints.” The article talked about the evidence base clinical practice guideline for dental practitioners – a report of the American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs.

Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, that the Dr. Nager’s information letter is e-mailed to all Dentist and Dental Hygienists in the State to remind licensee of what they should do in regards to prescribing scheduled drugs. The Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

6. New Business

- **Annual NERB Report:**

Russell Chin, DDS, had discussed what occurred at the January 8-10, 2015 NERB meeting. NERB/ADEX will be creating a standardization and calibration protocol available to all states for rules and regulations for sedation and anesthesia which should be completed by January 2016. The new name for NERB is The Commission of Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA).

Russell Chin, DDS, made a motion to reappoint Dr. Henry Levin for another three (3) year term for the American Board of Dental Examiners, INC. (ADEX), Dental Examination Committee, as his term had expired on December 1, 2014. Motion was seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

- **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 had met on this date at 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dentist Licensure:

- **Hassan Aboukhater**
- **Charles M. Carpenter, Jr.**
- **Charles M. Carpenter, Sr. (Tabled for further review)**
- **Abhishek Kapoor**
- **Pamela Wetherington**
- **Nicole Yates**

Dental Anesthesia Permits:

- **No Applicants**

Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits:

- **A committee has been formed to do inspections and have begun to work on the requirements to what is needed at each level of Minimum Sedation, Moderate Sedation and Deep/General Sedation in facilities. The Rhode Island Department of Health does not have an Inspector at this time to do an inspection which is required for a licensure/ permit.**

Motion was made by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, and seconded by Caroline Danish, DDS, to approve the list of applicants for Dentist Licensure. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Maryellen Simas, RDH, announced to all Board members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as 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:

- **No Applicants**

Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits

- **Macayla Gilmore**

Motion was made by Don Williams and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, to approve the list of applicant for Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Licensure. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

7. Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D,

to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:35AM. 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 Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D,

at 12:05PM 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. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The board reviewed Five (5) cases: One (1) case was found to have No Unprofessional Conduct; Four (4) cases to be continued.

10. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 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 Russell Chin, DDS, to adjourn at 12:15PM. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.

Board Manager

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