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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
8:00 A.M.**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, Chairman
Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman
Donald Williams, Secretary
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DMD
Martin Elson, DDS
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Eric George, DMD
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Maryellen Simas, RDH

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Esposito, Board Manager
Jane Morgan, JD, Legal Counsel
Sarah Harrigan, Chief

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Bartro – RIDA
Jim Wilbour – Lincoln Technical Institute
Beth Comella – Lincoln Technical Institute

Patrick Quinlan, JD – RIDA
Marie Jones-Bridges – RIDHA
Diane Monti-Markowski – BCBSRI
James Balerkjian - ODRI
Christy Durant – RIDA/RIOMS
Dr. Sharon Pattendien – Board Administrator candidate

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, September 2, 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 8:10 a.m. on a motion by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD. Motion carried.

2. Chief's Report

Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for Professional Boards and Commissions, introduced Dr. Sharon Pattendien as the candidate for the part-time Dental Board Administrator's position. Dr. Pattendien's resume was provided to all Board Members for review, and she spoke with Board Members regarding her professional background qualifications. The Chief advised the Board that one of the roles of the Administrator's position would be to coordinate the anesthesia inspection team. Board Members expressed that they would also like to have the selected candidate be involved in Rules and Regulations changes, as well as provide them with clear guidance regarding the Open Meetings Laws.

3. Public Comment

Marie Jones-Bridges of the RIDHA advised the Board that she will no longer be Executive Director of RIDHA, but that she would like to remain involved with the process of revising the Rules and Regulations with respect to Dental Hygienists.

Jim Wilbour, representing the Lincoln Technical Institute, addressed the Board with regard to changes they would like to see made to §14.1(12) of the Rules and Regulations, which specifically excludes dental hygienists, certified dental assistants, or dental assistants from performing x-rays without successful completion of a course in dental radiography which is offered by an education institution with a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and which fulfills institutional requirements as set forth in §F.2.3 of the *Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation (R23-1.3-RAD)*, Rhode Island Department of Health Office of Facilities Regulation, Radiation Control Program. After some discussion, the Board requested that they present their requested changes in writing for the Board to review.

4. Presentation of the August 5, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH, to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry for Wednesday, August 5, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

5. Review of Issued Licenses List

Board Members reviewed the list of licenses issued since the last Board Meeting. Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., to accept the list of licensees as presented. Motion carried.

6. Chairperson's Report

• Communications

Chairman Dodge provided information to the Board with regard to a communication he received from CDCA advising that the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. ("SRTA") will no longer be administering the ADEX license examinations, effective August 10, 2015.

• License Committee Meeting

No License Committee Meeting was held for September 2, 2015 as there were no license application issues to be addressed.

• October 7, 2015 Board Meeting

Chairman Dodge confirmed that the October 7, 2015 Board Meeting will move forward as scheduled. After discussion, a motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to extend the October 7, 2015 meeting until 1 p.m. in order to spend more time completing the review of the Proposed Rules and Regulations. After discussion, a motion was made by Russell Chin, DDS, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD, to amend the first motion to extend the meeting time to 2 p.m. on October 7, 2015. Motion carried to extend the time to 2 p.m.

7. Old Business

• Discussion of Proposed Rules and Regulations and Community Review

After discussion, the following changes to the current Proposed Rules and Regulations were recommended:

- §5.2 *Continuing Education – Dentists* – leave the deadline date for completion of Continuing Education credits as May 1st

- Dental Assistants (certified and non-certified) – discuss with the License 2000 program team about creating a way in the on line renewal process to allow Dentists to add a list of names of their Dental Assistant and Certified Dental Assistant employees.
- §10.2.1(b) *Continuing Education – Dental Hygienists* - leave the deadline date for completion of Continuing Education credits as May 1st
- §10.3 *Continuing Education and Training – Dental Assistants* – do not change section
- §10.4 *Continuing Education and Training – Dental Assistants* – add paragraph: All dental assistants practicing in a dental setting shall hold a current certificate of completion of an approved course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) approved by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross.
- §1.19 (**need clarification**)

A vote on all recommended changes will take place upon completion of review and discussion of Proposed Rules and Regulations.

- **Licensure Requirements Review Sub-Committee report**

Following further review and discussion, a motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS to table further discussion of the Licensure Requirements Review Sub-Committee report until the October 7, 2015 Board Meeting, following complete Board review of the Proposed Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

- **July 22, 2015 Dental Hygiene Rules and Regulations Sub-committee including Public Hygienists Open Session Minutes**

The approved minutes of the sub-committee were provided to the Board for informational purposes. Kerri Friel, RDH, advised the Board that the next sub-committee meeting is scheduled to be held on September 15, 2015 at 6 p.m.

8. New Business

There was no new business for discussion at this meeting.

9. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

- A motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., and seconded by Martin Elson, DDS, to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:45 a.m. 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. Motion carried.

10. Motion to Return to Open Session

- Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., at 11:40 a.m. 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.

11. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- Three (3) cases were found to have No Unprofessional Conduct
- One (1) case was recommended for Summary Suspension by the Director
- One (1) application reviewed and approved for licensure

12. Adjournment

- The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Esposito
Board Manager
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Center for Professional Boards and Commissions
Board of Examiners in Dentistry