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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016
8:00 A.M.**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, Chairman
Donald Williams, Secretary
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DMD
Kerri Friel, CDA, RDH, COA, MA
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Marian Royer, DMD
Maryellen Simas, RDH, BS, CDA, MSDH

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric George, DMD
Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Esposito, Board Manager
Sharon Friend, DMD, Board Administrator
Kenny Alston, JD, Chief Legal Counsel
Sarah Harrigan, Chief
Charma Waring, Supervising Radiological Health Specialist
Sean McCormick, Radiological Health Specialist

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pam Coletti, RIDAA
Marie Jones-Bridges, RDH, Oral Health Commission
Lisa Kay Wood, RIDA
Kyla Pecchia, Quinlan & Durant
Robert Bartro, DMD, RIDA
Christy Durant, Esquire, RIDA/RIOMS

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, 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 Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, CDA. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

- Communications
 - Laurie Leonard was not available to attend today's meeting, but did provide an update of the progress in filling the Chief Division of Oral Health position. Three Dentists applied for the position. The recommended candidate accepted the position contingent upon submission of the required paperwork. The name will be released once a start date is identified; however, they anticipate the start date to be in November. Chairman Dodge asked staff to invite Laurie Leonard to attend the October Board Meeting in order that she can provide the Board with more information about the Oral Health Program.
 - Chairman Dodge asked Russell Chin, DDS, to provide an update of the ADEX Annual Meeting that was held on August 6 and 7, 2016. Chairman Dodge also congratulated Dr. Chin on his appointment to the ADEX Board of Directors for District 9, which includes NH, NJ, RI and NY (Hygiene only).
 - Chairman Dodge asked Kerri Friel, CDA, to address the Board regarding questions that have arisen as to the CODA approval of the Tufts/Boston University Radiology Course that many RI Dental Assistants have taken. After discussion, a motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed., to continue this matter until the October 5, 2016 Board Meeting in order to obtain further information. Motion carried.
 - Chairman Dodge presented the Board with a letter received from Frank Paletta, MD, DMD, FACS, President of the RI Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, expressing the association's concerns about the evaluation/inspection process currently being utilized by the Board for the qualification of

individual Moderate Sedation Permits and Moderate Sedation Anesthesia Facility Permits. Chairman Dodge also presented to the Board a draft response for review, which response also included an invitation to the Association to attend the October 5, 2016 Board Meeting. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., and seconded by Kerri Friel, CDA, to approve the response letter to the RI Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, with the requested amendments. Motion carried.

- October 5, 2016 Board Meeting is due to move forward as scheduled.
 - No additional topics for discussion at the October 5, 2016 Board Meeting were presented.

3. Board Administrator's Report

Board Administrator, Dr. Sharon Friend, advised the Board that there are currently four (4) Anesthesia Facility Permit applications pending for the use of Moderate Sedation. Review of the evaluation form currently slated for use during Moderate Sedation inspections needs to be revised to add "Back up suction" to the "Equipment Required" portion of the form. The form will be revised and presented for review at the October 5, 2016 Board Meeting, along with copies of all Moderate Sedation Facility Inspection forms previously utilized to conduct facility inspections.

4. Chief's Report

Chief Sarah Harrigan notified the Board that the proposed Rules and Regulations are currently scheduled to proceed to Public Hearing on September 28, 2016. She hopes to have any comments from Public Hearing available for the October 5, 2016 Board Meeting.

5. Board Manger Report

- Update by Charma Waring and Sean McCormick regarding dental office x-ray inspections
 - Draft checklists for use in conducting x-ray facility inspections in dental offices were provided to the Board for review. Charma Waring indicated that two Dentists had volunteered their offices for inspection so that they can better revise the checklist form to suit a dental office inspection. She hoped to have those done and the checklist further revised for review at the October 5, 2016 meeting. Once the form has been finalized, information and a link to the form can be added to the Health Connections newsletter. Also, the Rhode Island Radiation Control Agency "Notice to Employees" and the link to the Radiation Control Rules and Regulations can be added to the Health Connections newsletter as well for easy access.

- Board Manager, Linda Esposito, referred a request for information regarding the requirement for licensure to read cone beam CT scans for Dentists in Rhode Island
 - After review and discussion, a motion was made by Caroline Danish, DMD and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD that the reading/interpretation of cone beam CT scans must be performed by a licensed Dentist and, as such, anyone who wished to perform those responsibilities for Rhode Island Dentists must also be fully licensed as a Dentist in Rhode Island.
- Update of Health Connections newsletter
 - Board Manager, Linda Esposito, advised that the photo and information for the Board Chairman has been updated in the Health Connections newsletter

6. Presentation of August 3, 2016 Open Session Minutes

After review, a Motion was made by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed., and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS, to accept the August 3, 2016 Open Minutes. Motion carried.

7. Review of Issued Licenses List

Chairman Dodge reported to the Board the following number of licenses issued between 7/12/2016 and 8/31/2016, as follows:

- Dentists: 9 Total, 2 with Nitrous Oxide
- Dental Hygienists: 5 Total, 4 with Local Anesthesia and 1 with Nitrous Oxide
- Dental Hygiene Anesthesia: 8 Total, 3 Local Anesthesia and 5 Nitrous Oxide
- Limited Dental licenses: 2 Total

8. New Business

- None for this meeting.

9. Old Business

- None for this meeting.

10. Public Comment

- None for today's meeting.

11. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by, Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by, Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed., to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:00 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.

12. Motion to Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Russell Chin, DDS, and seconded by Caroline Danish, DMD, at 11:55 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.

13. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- 2 No Unprofessional Conduct

14. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed., and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS, to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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