

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
AUGUST 11, 2010 MEETING**

Present: John Lavoie, Chair, Raymond McCandless, Edward Pantzar, Joanne Bugbee, Gertrude Hodge, Richard Dickinson, Linda Retchin and Dixie Vallie; Absent: Katherine Silloway, John Langfeldt and Randall Miller. Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Carla Preston and Diane Lafaille; Others: Diane Peterson and Rebecca MacDonald.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Dixie Vallie was welcomed to the Board as the Dental Assistant member. Dr. Randall Miller has also been appointed to the Board.
3. The minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting were approved as written.
4. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports

Dr. David Brescia – The Board accepted the withdrawal of the reinstatement application of Dr. David Brescia. The Board understands that: 1) the State will be dismissing the unprofessional conduct charges filed on the basis of activity in New York State, and 2) the State is free to re-file charges should Dr. Brescia re-apply for licensure in Vermont.
5. Director Christopher Winters came to speak with the Board. He spoke with the Board regarding the following:

New Unit Administrator Carla Preston;
November Fall Seminar;
He will be updating the board on its budget in September or October; and
Reminder that Legislature will be in session soon and if the Board has anything it would like to be in the Office Bill they should notify Attorney Novins.
6. Old Business
 - A. The Committee updated the Board on the progress of the redrafting of the dental jurisprudence exam. The Committee believes it will have a draft ready for review at the September meeting.
 - B. Dr. Patrick Rowe – At the Board’s July meeting Dr. Patrick Rowe came to speak with the Board on clarification regarding which portion of the claims process requires a dental license. The Board determined that on information presented, the Board does not consider the process of insurance or similar preauthorization to be included in the practice of dentistry. The Board will be revisiting its response to Dr. Rowe at its September 8th meeting.
 - C. Brittany Bigelow presented documentation to the Board at its July meeting with regard to her starting a teeth whitening business. The Board has determined that based on the information presented, it does not feel it is necessary to grant approval to individuals who engage in this practice. Individuals licensed by this Board should bear in mind the obligations that come with their licenses. Ms. Preston will respond.
 - D. Linda Retchin and Gertrude Hodge represented the Board at the NERB Steering Committee Meeting. Ms. Retchin presented a report to the Board of this meeting.
7. New Business
 - A. Melanie Pearce submitted application for dental hygiene licensure on the basis of endorsement from Nevada. The Board has determined that the standard are not substantially equivalent. Nevada administers its own clinical examination. Vermont rules require one to successfully complete CRDTS or NERB to be licensed in Vermont. The Board has preliminarily denied her application.
 - B. ADA Survey – The Board will review and discuss his further at its next meeting.

- C. Yang Wei Neo submitted an e-mail asking for direction in the arrangement of dental students from Harvard Dental School to do externship programs at the Red Logan Clinic. The Board referred to 26 V.S.A. § 721 (b). The Board needs to be sure that the dentists at the clinic are licensed in Vermont. The student interns will work under their direct supervision, but must be under the ultimate responsibility of the dentist. Attorney Novins will respond.
8. The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane LaFaille