

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
JULY 8, 2009 MEETING**

Present John Langfeldt, Chair, Raymond McCandless, John Lavoie, Katherine Silloway, Edward Pantzar and Richard Dickinson; Absent: Rena Chernick, Linda Retchin and Gertrude Hodge.  
Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Rita Knapp and Diane Lafaille;  
Others: Peter Taylor and Ellen Grimes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting were approved as written.
3. Old Business
  - A. The Dental Hygiene Jurisprudence examination update—tabled until the Board's August meeting.
  - B. Dr. Lavoie, Dr. Pantzar, Ms. Chernick and Ms. Retchin reviewed the local anesthesia examination and made changes. Dr. Lavoie suggested that the Board may want to replace our existing examination and require the NERB Local Anesthesia Examination in lieu of the Vermont exam. Dr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Dr. Lavoie, to replace the Board's existing local anesthesia examination and require the NERB Local Anesthesia Examination. Approved. This will become effective as of January 1, 2010.
  - C. Ms. Knapp presented the Board with a template to use when setting up conditions in a Stipulation and Consent Order. The Board made changes. Rita will have an updated draft for the Board to review at its September meeting.
4. Closing Reports/Complaint Discussion/Hearings
  - A. Renni Benny, B.D.S.—A preliminary denial hearing was heard. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:25 a.m. and came out of deliberative session at 9:40:03 a.m. and came out of deliberative session at 11:00 a.m. The Board voted to reverse its preliminary denial and to grant Dr. Benny license to practice dentistry. Dr. Silloway and Dr. Lavoie were opposed.
  - B. 2008-381—Samantha Conlon, TDA—A Stipulation and Consent Order were heard. The Board voted to reject the Stipulation and Consent Order.
5. New Business
  - A. AAE dues of \$1900.00 were approved to be paid.
  - B. Sheila Bannister, RDH sent the Board a letter asking them to revise statute 854. The Board is not convinced that a statutory change regarding dental hygienists and the administration of local anesthesia is necessary at this time. The Board is in the process of reviewing all statutes and will consider her proposal in this review.

- B. Richard Ghalie, M.D. of Novalars submitted a letter to the Board regarding dental hygienists being able to administer Ora Verse and changing the statute. The Board has already addressed this issue. It is not the Board's responsibility to advise them of statutory changes.
  - C. Department of Health surveys – The Department of Health, as in past years, has submitted a survey to be sent with the Dental Renewals. The Board has reviewed the survey and stated that the survey needs to read that the survey is confidential.
6. Other
- A. Board members are to have their section of the Newsletter to Ms. Knapp no later than July 17.
  - B. The Board reviewed the renewals for dental, dental hygiene and dental assistants. Each of the renewals was approved by the Board.
7. The Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille