

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
MAY 11, 2011 MEETING**

Present: Edward Pantzar, Chair, John Lavoie, Raymond McCandless, Richard Dickinson, Gertrude Hodge, Katherine Silloway, John Langfeldt, Joanne Bugbee, Randall Miller and Jennie Reed; Absent: Dixie Vallie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Peter Comart, and Diane Lafaille; Others: Peter Taylor and Robin Perez-Miller.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting were approved as written.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Case Manager's Report:

2010-348 – Dr. Dickinson presented this case for closure. Dr. Langfeldt moved, seconded by Dr. Lavoie, to close this case. Approved.

2010-375 – Dr. Pantzar presented this case for closure. Dr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Dr. Langfeldt, to close this case. Approved.
4. Old Business
 - A. Dr. Pantzar updated the Board on his progress for information from other states regarding their positions on lasers and ownership of dental businesses. He handed out information from the West Virginia Board regarding the ownership of businesses. This will be discussed further at the Board's next meeting.
 - B. Mr. Comart, at the previous meeting, was asked to look into how the Vermont Medical Practice Board has implemented its program for impaired professionals. Mr. Comart stated that he was still gathering information and had not yet contacted the Vermont Medical Practice Board. He stated that there were three Boards, including the Dental Board, that had an interest in being combined with the Vermont Medical Board's program. Mr. Comart will update the board when he has more information to share.
5. New Business
 - A. The Board has received inquiries regarding the usage of lasers by dental hygienists in the dental office. The Board requested that Attorney Novins draft a statement regarding this issue for Board review at its next meeting.
6. Other
 - A. Newsletter – This will be discussed further at the Board's next meeting.
7. The Board adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille