

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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MONTPELIER, VT**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
FEBRUARY 13, 2013 MEETING**

Present: Katherine Silloway, Chair, John Lavoie, Dixie Vallie, Gertrude Hodge, Joanne Bugbee, Edward Pantzar, Jennie Reed, Gerald Theberge, Randall Miller, Mimi Kevan and David Baasch;
Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Peter Comart, and Diane Lafaille.
Others Present: Vaughn Collins, Thomas Somers, Liz Cote, Beth Nolan and Sheila Bannister.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting were approved with a minor correction.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals/Case Manager's Report:

2013-5 – Dr. Richard Bellino - A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard and accepted by the Board.

2012-601, 2012-602 and 2012-603 – Dr. Pantzar presented this case for closure. Dr. Lavoie moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to close these cases. Approved.

Case Manager Report:

Carla Preston, Case Manager, reported that the Board has 45 pending cases. 16 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 3 are set for closings, 17 are currently under investigation, 3 are pending hearing, 2 charges have been filed and 4 are pending charges.

4. Other
 - a. Dr. Lavoie and Ms. Reed discussed the components to other dental exams the board currently accepts.

Currently, Dr. Richard Dickinson serves as the Representative from the Board to the ADEX House of Representatives. The Board feels that it is important that an active Board member hold this position. As Dr. Dickinson's term to the Board has expired, Dr. Pantzar has agreed to become the Board's Representative.

Dr. Lavoie and Ms. Hodge are current members to the Steering Committee.

Dr. Lavoie moved, seconded by Ms. Hodge, to reappoint Dr. LeeAnn Podruch to the Examination Committee of ADEX for the next 3 years. Approved.
 - b. Bill S.35 and Request for Proposal for Research into the Vermont Dental Landscape was briefly discussed. This will be discussed further as needed.

Attorney Novins did advise the members of the Board to be careful of taking public positions.

- c. Ms. Kevan stated that she believed that a public member of the Board should be involved with the investigation of every complaint submitted to the Board and should be part of the Investigative Team for each case. This was noted.

5. The Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist