

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of Examination Committee of the Dental Board of California will be held as follows:

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2011

Upon Conclusion of Closed Session
Embassy Suites SFO - 150 Anza Blvd.
Burlingame, CA 94010
650-342-4600 or 916-263-2300

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Chair – Stephen Casagrande, DDS
Vice Chair – Huong Le, DDS
Luis Dominicis, DDS
Rebecca Downing, Public Member
Judy Forsythe, RDA
Steven Morrow, DDS
Thomas Olinger, DDS

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

EX 1 – Approval of the February 24, 2011 Examination Committee Meeting Minutes

EX 2 – Dental Assisting Program Examination Statistics

EX 3 – Calendar of Upcoming Dental & Dental Assisting Program Examinations

EX 4 – Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) Statistics and Update

EX 5 – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Portfolio Pathways to Licensure for Registered Dental Assistants

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Public comments will be taken on agenda items at the time the specific item is raised. The Committee may take action on any item listed on the agenda, unless listed as informational only. All times are approximate and subject to change. Agenda items may be taken out of order to accommodate speakers and to maintain a quorum. The meeting may be cancelled without notice. Time limitations for discussion and comment will be determined by the Committee Chair. For verification of the meeting, call (916) 263-2300 or access the Board's Web Site at www.dbc.ca.gov. The meeting facilities are accessible to individuals with physical disabilities. Please make any request for accommodations to Richard DeCuir at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA 95815, no later than one week prior to the day of the meeting.

EX 1

Feb. 24, 2011 Minutes



DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA 95815
P (916) 263-2300 F (916) 263-2140 www.dbc.ca.gov

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 24, 2011

San Diego

DRAFT

Members Present:

Stephen Casagrande, DDS, Chair
Huong Le, DDS, Vice Chair
John Bettinger, DDS,
Luis Dominicis, DDS
Rebecca Downing, Public Member
Judith Forsythe, RDA
Steven Morrow, DDS, MS
Thomas Olinger, DDS

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Richard DeCuir, Executive Officer
Kim A. Trefry, Enforcement Chief
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator
Donna Kantner, Licensing & Examination Unit Manager
Karen Fischer, Administrative Analyst
Sarah Wallace, Legislative/Regulatory Analyst
Linda Byers, Executive Assistant
Kristy Shellans, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General

Dr. Stephen Casagrande, Chair called the committee meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum established.

EX 1: Approval of the November 4, 2010 Examination Committee Meeting Minutes

Karen Fischer, Administrative Analyst stated that there were a couple of changes that needed to be made before the vote. On page 3, EX-6, strike the last line beginning with "Dr. Bettinger..." On page 4, middle of the paragraph, strike the line that says "there was lengthy discussion involving the fact" replace with "there was one applicant in the packet for consideration who had never been a Board Examiner". Dr. Morrow stated that there had been a motion in EX-4 to have an agenda item regarding Specialty Licensure on this agenda but he doesn't see it. Dr. Bettinger stated that it was just an oversight and will be put on the agenda for the next meeting in May. M/S/C (Bettinger/Morrow) to approve the November 4, 2010 Examination Committee Meeting Minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

EX 2: Registered Dental Assistant Examination Statistics

Donna Kantner, Licensing and Examination Unit Manager, reported that the RDA examination statistics were presented for the committee's review and comment. Dr. Casagrande asked if the cost to test only 10 candidates, as was the case for the RDAEF exam in August, is justifiable. He asks that a cost breakdown be presented at the next meeting. Dr. Dominicis stated that he was encouraged to see that

according to the last two reports on the new exam, the pass rate on the written portion of the exam had continued to improve.

EX 3: Calendar of Upcoming Dental & Dental Assistant Examinations

Dr. Casagrande stated that with the signing of AB 1524, Portfolio, there is no longer a Board exam. Dr. Whitcher asked if every candidate who formerly qualified to take the State Board, qualifies to take the WREB? Richard DeCuir stated yes. Judith Forsythe stated that for Dental Assisting there is an issue with securing a site for the RDA clinical exam in Southern California but staff is working hard to remedy this. There was discussion about the need and difficulties in finding a location to hold the RDA exam in Southern California. Dr. Le asked if the RDA and RDAEF exams could be held at the same time. Dr. Casagrande asked if we need a stand alone exam for RDA's or maybe we should be considering an exit exam from the schools that the board has accredited. Dr. Casagrande would like to see this as an item on the next agenda.

EX 4: Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) Statistics and Update

Dr. Dominicis thanked Dr. Bettinger for once again appointing him to be the representative to WREB from California. Dr. Dominicis reported that the WREB Board of Directors met in January 2011 and among the items discussed was the fact that this is the first year that the WREB Dental exam will be given electronically. The system was thoroughly tested last year and last week the examiners were trained on the electronic scoring system. This will expedite scoring so that candidates should receive their scores in 5-7 working days. WREB reported that there were 2600 Dental examination candidates last year with only 6 examination appeals filed and 1800 Hygiene examination candidates with 5 examination appeals filed. New officers were elected and the next WREB Board of Directors meeting will be in Park City, Utah on July 21, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

EX 2

DA Program Exam Statistics



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 29, 2011
TO	Examination Committee Dental Board of California
FROM	Dawn Dill, Manager, Dental Assisting Program
SUBJECT	Agenda Item EX 2: Registered Dental Assistant Examination Statistics

Written Examination Statistics from January 1 to April 24, 2011

Written Exam	Total Candidates Tested	% Passed	% Failed
RDA	702	67%	33%
RDA Law & Ethics	825	66%	34%
RDAEF	12	67%	33%
Orthodontic Assistant	9	89%	11%
*Dental Sedation Assistant	11	0%	0%

*Examination results have not been released, OPES is working on validation of the exam.

RDA Practical Examination Statistics for 2011

Practical/Clinical Exam Type	Candidates Tested	% Passed	% Failed
RDA – February	263	86%	14%
RDA – April North	244	84%	16%
RDA – April South	*329		
RDA – August			
RDA - November			
Total for Year	507	85%	15%

* Examination is scheduled for April 30 and May 1.

RDAEF Clinical/Practical Examination Statistics for 2011

Practical/Clinical Exam Type	Candidates Tested	% Passed	% Failed
RDAEF – March	13	92%	8%
RDAEF – May	*29		
RDAEF - October			
Total for Year			

* Examination is scheduled for May 21.

Staff was requested to provide a cost breakdown at the February 25 and 26, 2011 Board meeting. The breakdown below does not include any expense other than the site.

Cost Breakdown for Examination Sites

RDA Practical

UCSF – \$2,850 per exam, 480 candidate's maximum. \$5.94 per candidate

Pomona - \$7,500 per exam, 480 candidate's maximum. \$15.63 per candidate

RDAEF Clinical/Practical

Sacramento - \$2,850 per exam, 36 candidate's maximum. \$79.16 per candidate

UCLA – \$8,800 per exam, 100 candidate's maximum. \$88.00 per candidate

EX 3

Calendar of Upcoming Exams



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 25, 2011
TO	Examination Committee Dental Board of California
FROM	Dawn Dill, Manager, Dental Assisting Program Donna Kantner, Manager, Licensing and Examination Unit
SUBJECT	Agenda Item EX 3 – Calendar of Upcoming Dental & Dental Assisting Examinations

Dental

There are no California Clinical Dental Board examinations scheduled. To date, all applicants have applied for the WREB clinical examination, as the WREB results are accepted in 33 states.

Effective May 2, 2011, the Written Law and Ethics examination for dentists has been offered via computer based testing at Psychological Services Inc. (PSI). Test centers are available in the following locations: Anaheim, Atascadero, Bakersfield, Carson, El Monte, Fresno, Hayward, Redding, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Rosa and Santa Clara. There are also 10 sites outside of California, available to the dental applicants only, Cranberry Township, PA, Boston, MA, Atlanta, GA, Charlotte, NC, Southfield, MI, Des Moines, IA, Albuquerque, NM, Houston, TX, Las Vegas, NV and Portland, OR. PSI is administering each exam with randomized test questions.

Candidates are required to apply for their initial examination with the Board. Once approved, an electronic file is sent to PSI a handbook is mailed to the candidates. The handbook contains instruction on how to schedule an exam, testing locations and the outline of the examination. Candidates are required to pay a fee of \$23.00 to PSI for the examination. Upon completion of the examination, candidates are immediately notified of their result. Candidates who do not successfully pass the examination are given a re-examination form and may immediately schedule a new examination with PSI. When a candidate passes the examination, the result letter states that the result is valid for two (2) years. The candidate results will be sent electronically to the Board.

Staff will provide written statistics at future Board Meeting.

Dental Assisting

Below is the schedule of RDA Practical examination for the remainder of the year.

Examination Date	Examination Location	Filing Period
April 30 and May 1, 2011	Carrington College, Pomona	March 17 to 25, 2011
August 6 and 7, 2011	UC, San Francisco	May 1 to June 1, 2011
August 20 and 21, 2011	Carrington College, Pomona	
November 5 and 6, 2011	Carrington College, Pomona	Aug. 3 to Sept. 3, 2011
November 19 and 20, 2011	UC, San Francisco	

An examination site in Southern California was confirmed on March 16. Because the filing period for the April examination had closed, examination staff called all candidates living in Southern California to let them know about the new site and offer them the opportunity to change their examination site without penalty. Approximately 100 candidates were moved to the southern site. A new filing period was also opened for those candidates who had not previously applied for the northern site. There are 329 candidates scheduled for the Pomona location.

Staff will be administering the RDAEF exam on May 21 and October 15 at UCLA and on October 22 and 23 at Sacramento City College.

EX 4

WREB Statistics



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 22, 2011
TO	Examination Committee Dental Board of California
FROM	Linda Byers, Administrative Assistant Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	EX 4: Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) Statistics and Update

Dr. Luis Dominicis will give a verbal report on this item.

EX 5

Portfolio for RDA