



EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 24, 2011
San Diego

Members Present:

Stephen Casagrande, DDS , Chair
Huong Le, DDS, Vice Chair
John Bettinger, DDS,
Luis Dominicus, 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. Dominicus 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. Witcher 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 scored 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.