



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, August 11, 2011

Upon Conclusion of Closed Session
1625 North Market Blvd., 1st Floor Hearing Room, S-102
Sacramento, CA 95834

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 May 19, 2011 Examination
Committee Meeting Minutes

EX 2 – Dental Assisting Program Examination Statistics

EX 3 – Update on Dental & Dental Assisting Program Examinations

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

EX 5 – Cost Analysis of RDA Practical and RDAEF exams.

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 President. For verification of the meeting, call (916) 263-2300 or access the Board's Web Site at www.dbc.ca.gov. This Committee meeting is open to the public and is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification in order to participate in the meeting may make a request by contacting Richard DeCuir, Executive Officer at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA 95815, or by phone at (916) 263-2300. Providing your request at least five business days before the meeting will help to ensure availability of the requested accommodation.



EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2011

Embassy Suites SFO, 150 Anza Blvd.
Burlingame, CA 94010

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Members Present:

Stephen Casagrande, DDS , Chair
Huong Le, DDS, Vice Chair
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
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 1:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established.

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

Dr. Morrow remarked that in the minutes for EX 4: Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) Statistics and Update, in the second sentence ".....given electronically." the word "given" should be changed to "scored." M/S/C (Downing/Dominicis) to accept the February 24, 2011 Examination Committee Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

EX 2 - Dental Assisting Program Examination Statistics

Dr. Casagrande reviewed the exam statistics and remarked that if one out of three candidates are failing the written exam, we still have to be vigilant in making sure that we're not putting up a barrier to the career ladder by making the exams too hard. Judy Forsythe commented that there has been an improvement since the last exam where there was a 50-52% pass rate. It was mentioned that further details will be discussed during the Dental Assisting Committee meeting. Dr. Morrow asked that pass/fail rates be broken down into first time pass/fail rates versus second time, third time rates for both the written and practical exams. Dr. Casagrande

requested a cost analysis of the RDA and RDAEF exams to see if there is a need to raise the fee for exams to cover our cost. Joan Greenfield, Dental Assisting Alliance, commented that she would like to see more contemporary questions on the written exam. Dr. Sunny Costigan suggested that we increase education as opposed to changing the examinations.

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

Dr. Casagrande reviewed the calendar of upcoming Examinations including the fact that instructions for taking the written Law and Ethics Exam online can be found on our website: <http://www.dbc.ca.gov/index.shtml> Tamara McNeely, CADAT, thanked staff for their diligence in securing the southern California testing site and for the new Dental Assisting website. She commented that many of the students who graduate from her program do not take the RDA exam even though they are qualified to do so because of the expense to travel to an exam site that is some distance away. She stated that many of them go to work as Dental Assistants. Joan Greenfield, CADAT, stated that previous Boards required a clinical setting for exams that is not really necessary. Tamara McNeely, CADAT, stated that conference rooms in hotels can be used, all they need are tables to put the typodonts on and adequate lighting. Richard DeCuir, Executive Officer, stated that staff will look into alternative testing sites focusing on central and southern California.

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

Dr. Dominicis reported on the WREB statistics. All WREB exams are scored electronically. Candidates are receiving their scores in 5-7 days. WREB has added 5 new examiners. WREB would like to see more board members become WREB examiners. Dr. Morrow stated that his school is working with WREB regarding radiographs and recordkeeping.

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

Dr. Casagrande reported that it will require legislation to make a statutory change in order to implement a program like this. Tamara McNeely, CADAT, stated that they have put together a task force and are asking that they be given time to do a task analysis on the feasibility of a Portfolio Pathway to Licensure. Dr. Casagrande recommended that President Bettinger appoint Ms. Forsythe as a liaison to work with the CADAT task force to develop recommendations to bring to the Board following their analysis on feasibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 21, 2011
TO	Examination Committee Dental Board of California
FROM	Dawn Dill, Manager, Dental Assisting Program
SUBJECT	Agenda Item EX 2: Dental Assisting Program Examination Statistics

Written Examination Statistics from January 1 to July 20, 2011 ALL CANDIDATES

Written Exam	Total Candidates Tested	% Passed	% Failed
RDA	1,215	67%	33%
RDA Law & Ethics	1,393	66%	34%
RDAEF	37	59%	41%
Orthodontic Assistant	14	64%	36%
Dental Sedation Assistant	15	73%	27%

Written Examination Statistics from January 1 to July 20, 2011 FIRST TIME CANDIDATES

Written Exam	Total Candidates Tested	% Passed	% Failed
RDA	821	75%	25%
RDA Law & Ethics	1,042	70%	30%
RDAEF	24	58%	42%
Orthodontic Assistant	13	69%	31%
Dental Sedation Assistant	15	73%	27%

Written Examination Statistics from January 1 to July 20, 2011 REPEAT CANDIDATES

Written Exam	Total Candidates Tested	% Passed	% Failed
RDA	394	51%	49%
RDA Law & Ethics	351	54%	46%
RDAEF	13	62%	38%
Orthodontic Assistant	1	0%	100%
Dental Sedation Assistant	0	0%	0%

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	291	77%	23%
RDA – August	*1,237		
RDA - November			
Total for Year	798	82%	18%

* Examinations are scheduled for August 6 , 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21, 2011.

RDAEF Clinical/Practical Examination Statistics for 2011

Practical/Clinical Exam Type	Candidates Tested	% Passed	% Failed
RDAEF – March	13	92%	8%
RDAEF – May	30	73%	27%
RDAEF - October			
Total for Year	43	79%	21%



MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 21, 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 – Update on Dental & Dental Assisting Program 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.

Since May 2, 2011, the Written Law and Ethics examination for dentists has been offered via computer based testing at Psychological Services Inc. (PSI), 311 candidates have taken the examination at one of the 13 California testing centers. 22 of the candidates have utilized one of the 10 out of state sites available. 300 candidates have taken the exam for the first time with a 98% pass rate. There is a 100% pass rate for repeat candidates.

Dental Assisting

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

Examination Date	Examination Location	Filing Period
August 6 and 7, 2011	UC, San Francisco	May 1 to June 1, 2011
August 13 and 14, 2011	Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria	
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	

After the June 1, 2011 filing period closed and all applications had been cashiered, there were over 1,200 applicants for the August examinations. The San Francisco and

Pomona sites have a maximum capacity of 480 each. Staff contacted Allan Hancock College and secured the Santa Maria site with an executed contract by July 15, 2011. Candidates were notified their application was complete and given the option to change to the Santa Maria site. Currently we have 480 scheduled for San Francisco, 480 scheduled for Pomona and 281 scheduled for Santa Maria.

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



MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 12, 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.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 18, 2011
TO	Examination Committee Dental Board Members
FROM	Dawn Dill, Manager, Dental Assisting Program Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item EX 5: Cost Analysis of RDA Practical and RDAEF Exams

Background

At the May 19, 2011 meeting of the Examination Committee Dr. Casagrande requested a cost analysis of the RDA and RDAEF exams to see if there is a need to raise the fee for exams to cover our cost. Following is a breakdown of the costs for each of the exams types.

RDA Practical Examination

Exam Date/Site	Site Rental	Examiner Pay and Travel cost	Staff Overtime and Travel Cost	Total Cost per exam	Total Candidates tested	Cost per Candidate
August 2010 USC	\$8,233.64	\$7,126.19	\$2,372.62	\$17,732.45	641	\$27.66
August 2010 UCSF	\$4,205.00	\$6,057.30	\$2,372.62	\$12,634.92	503	\$25.11
Total for RDA	\$12,438.64	\$13,183.49	\$4,745.24	\$30,367.37	1,144	\$26.54

Candidates currently pay \$60.00 for the Practical Examination.

Examiners are paid \$135.00 per day plus travel expenses.

These costs do not include any of the Board's prorated or overhead expenses.

RDAEF Examination

Exam Date/Site	Site Rental	Examiner Pay and Travel cost	Staff Overtime and Travel Cost	Total Cost per exam	Total Candidates tested	Cost per Candidate
August 2010 SCC	\$2,850.00	\$7,015.44	\$395.44	\$10,260.88	10	\$1,026.09
Sept 2010 UCLA	\$8,800.00	\$2,460.46	\$1,612.19	\$12,872.65	32	\$402.27
March 2011 SCC	\$2,850.00	\$4,519.61	421.00	\$7,790.61	29	\$268.64
Total for RDAEF	\$14,500.00	\$13,995.51	\$2,428.63	\$30,924.14	71	\$435.55

Candidates currently pay \$250.00 for the Clinical/Practical Examination.

Examiners are paid \$250.00 per day plus travel expenses.

These costs do not include any of the Board's prorated or overhead expenses.

Additional examiners were utilized at the August 2010 Sacramento City College examination. Because the exam was new the additional examiners were being calibrated for future examinations. Examiners are now scheduled according to the number of candidates. The average number of examiners at the exam, including floor examiners is about 10.