

**Rhode Island Dental Hygienists' Association**  
**Monthly Executive Board Meeting**

Official Minutes  
Tuesday, December & January 14th, 2024  
Zoom meeting 7:00 PM  
Main office: 231 Douglas Ave, Providence

**Rhode Island Dental Hygienist's Association Mission Statement:**

*To ensure access to oral healthcare by remaining a strong and viable voice for protecting and promoting the public's health in Rhode Island.*

**Rhode Island Dental Hygienist's Association Vision Statement:**

*Dental hygienists are recognized as essential primary care providers in delivering total comprehensive oral care by developing a collaborative partnership with the healthcare community.*

1. **Call to order:** by Ashley Soares at 7:00
2. **Present:** Ashley Soares, Leah Maricle, Sarah Gilkenson, Chantel Janeiro, Kathy MacLeod, Taylor Guilmette, Karla Vandale, Cora Rocha
3. **Establish Quorum: Quorum is established**
  - 7 Voting members present
4. **Agenda:**
  - Letter of Disapproval Sent
    - No further information as in if there is going to be changes to their legislative or not
  - Sunday, Nov 10th: OSHA & Infection Control
    - Were the certificates sent out to all those who attended
  - Event for this year
    - Ideas?
    - March the RIOHC putting on their Annual Dental Summit
      - Annual Dental Summit
      - Friday, Mar 14, 2025, 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
      - Rhode Island Nursing Education Center
      - 7 CEU's
      - Topics will include:
        - -Oral health care in the primary care setting
        - -Chronic conditions and oral health

- -Cannabis use by patients, its impact, and strategies for safe practices
  - -Latest guidelines on the appropriate use of antibiotics in dentistry
  - Dr: \$250
  - RDH: \$160
  - DA: \$160
- CCRI is putting on an event February 19, 2025
  - 6-9pm
  - Free
  - So far they have 44 people signed up and goes up to 120 people
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48ABA729A4FAC43-52951961-presenter#/>
- For their event they are having for student day
  - There is no other information that was offered, or a reply to the email that was sent for Sarah and Chantel that were interested in going
- Marie Jones-Bridges sent an email showing that their annual toothbrush event will be on Thursday, February 20th Time: 12:30 till 2pm, Place: Warwick Mall-Target side
  - She would need to know by Feb 1st, I can either reply to those who would like to go, or her email is [marie\\_jones-bridges@uhc.com](mailto:marie_jones-bridges@uhc.com)
- MA, Bill that was passed
- Took an online test and they are able to practice RDH
- HOUSE . . . . . No. 4842 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 9, 2024. The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure (House, No. 3880), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4842). For the committee, AARON MICHLEWITZ.
- <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H4842.pdf>

5. Members:

- 89 total members

## 6. Reports

- COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - Membership: 54 members
  - Community Outreach: None
  - Legislative: None
- OFFICER REPORTS:
  - President: See agenda
  - Vice-president: None
  - RIDHA TREASURER'S REPORT
    - NOVEMBER 2024
      - Beginning Balance \$1,613.08
      - Deposits & Credits:
        - American Dental Payables: +\$297.87
        - Total Deposits: \$297.87
      - Transfers:
        - From savings to checking: \$6,900.00 for CCRI
      - Debit:
        - Check #148: \$6,900.00 CCRI bursars office for PHDH Learning Collaborative
      - Total Debit & Checks: \$6,900.00
      - End Balance Checking: \$1,910.95
      - End Balance Savings: \$8,371.33
      - Total Checking & Savings: \$10,282.28
      - Respectfully Submitted
    - **December 2024**
      - Beginning Balance \$1,910.95
      - Deposits & Credits:
        - American Dental Payables: \$148.56
        - Total Deposits: \$148.56
      - Debit:
        - Check #149: \$300.00 Cathie Collier for Nov 10 OSHA
        - Checks in the mail: \$60.60 (New checks for RIDHA)
      - Total Debit & Checks: \$360.60
      - End Balance Checking: \$1,698.91
      - End Balance Savings: \$8,371.40
      - Total Checking & Savings: \$ 10,070.31
      - Respectfully Submitted

- Leah Maricle RIDHA Treasurer
- Trustees: Nonr
- Secretary: None
- Acceptance of Officer Reports
  - Motion: Taylor Guilmette
  - Second: Leah Maricle

7. Additional Items:

- Upcoming Events:
  - January: nothing
  - February: 1 CEU, combo online or in person
  - March: CPR Bill, 11th
  - April: 1 CEU, combo online or in person
  - May:
  - June:
  - July:
  - August: Create Promos for Officer replacements...
  - September: Annual session
  - October: ADHA 2025 will be in October 4-6th
    - Long Beach California
  - November:
  - December:

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8. New Business:

- Officers Dinner:
  - Ten: Friday 1/17/2025
    - How many of us will there be?
      - 6+
- Motion: Taylor Guilmette
- Second: Leah Maricle

9. Announcements:

10. Communications: one None

11. Correspondence: None

12. Meeting adjourned: by Ashley Soares

- Motion: Kathy MacLeod
- Second: Taylor Guilmette

Respectfully Submitted by: Taylor Guilmette