

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
HELD IN THE REX ROOM 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
AT THE JW MARRIOTT NEW ORLEANS  
LOCATED AT 614 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130  
BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM ON MARCH 11, 2022**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, March 11, 2022. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

***CALL TO ORDER***

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Dr. Don Bennett, President.

***1. ROLL CALL***

At the request of Dr. Bennett, a roll call was taken. Dr. Bennett stated that a quorum of the Board was present.

**PRESENT**

Dr. Don Bennett, President  
Dr. Thomas Price, Member, Secretary Treasurer  
Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member  
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member  
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member  
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member  
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member  
Dr. David Baughman, Member  
Dr. Jerry Smith, Member  
Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member  
Dr. Rick Willis, Member  
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member  
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member  
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member  
Dr. Ike House, Member

**ALSO PRESENT WERE**

Dr. Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director  
Ms. Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director  
Ms. Rachel Daniel, Board staff  
Ms. Alexx Smith, Board staff  
Mr. Kirk Groh, Board Counsel  
Ms. Annette Droddy, LDA  
Dr. John Gallo, LSU Dental School

Ms. Rochelle Michaud-Dugas  
Ms. Susan Farrar, RDH, LDHA  
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL  
Mr. Felix Vanderlick, HPFL  
Dr. DeMarquies Loyd  
Ms. Joyce Troha, RDH  
Mr. Bill Troha

*2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT*

Dr. Bennett thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked Dr. House to do the invocation. After the invocation Dr. Bennett asked all guests to introduce themselves.

*3. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Dr. Bennett asked for public comment.

*4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated of the annual Board meeting of December 11, 2022 are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety. The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*5. CONFIRMATION OF ACTS SINCE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the acts and decisions taken by the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director in the general conduct and transactions of Board business since December 11, 2022, be and they are hereby approved, adopted, and ratified in full by the Board. The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

***STANDING COMMITTEES***

*6. LICENSING AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, Dr. Jeet Patel;, Chair*

Dr. Patel gave his report.

The Board opted to delay the revocation of licenses which were not renewed until the next board meeting because the mail has been moving very slowly and there are an unusual number of licensees who have not responded to the Board's letter regarding revocation.

Dr. Ortego moved

Resolved, that the agenda be revised to consider the request by J.T. that the requirement of having practiced at least 1000 hours in the previous year in order to obtain a license by credentials be waived.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that agenda be revised to go into executive session at this time to consider the licensure issues listed under section 15 of the agenda.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investigations, adjudications, litigations, and professional competency of individuals and staff; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry may discuss litigation in Executive Session when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigating position of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, having considered the application for licensure in the State of Louisiana by D.L., the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards him the requested license to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana, granting him all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

Upon returning from Executive Session, Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, having considered the request by J.T. to waive the requirement of having practiced at least 1000 hours in the previous year in order to obtain a license by credentials, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby waives the requirement, but if J.T. completes her application she would be required to undergo evaluation and remediation at an institution of the Board's choosing due to her not having worked as a hygienist for over one year.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

*7. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*, Dr. Thomas Price, Chair

Dr. Price reviewed the quarterly financial reports.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 10, 2021 Office Management Committee meeting be approved.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

8. *RULEMAKING COMMITTEE*, Dr. Jay Dumas, Chair  
Dr. Dumas gave his report.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 10, 2021 Rulemaking Committee meeting be approved.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

9. *LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE*, Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Chair  
Dr. Cavallino gave her report.

10. *EXAMINATION COMMITTEE*, Dr. Steve Ortego, Chair  
Dr. Ortego gave his report.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 10, 2021, Examination Committee be approved.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

11. *ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. Rick Willis, Chair  
Dr. Willis gave his report.

12. *IMPAIRED DENTIST COMMITTEE*, Dr. Glenn Appleton, Chair  
Dr. Hammond of the HPFL presented his report.

13. *CE COMMITTEE*, Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Chair  
Dr. Caldwell gave her report.

Dr. Willis moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 10, 2021, CE Committee be approved.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*14. NEW BUSINESS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD*

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 10, 2021, Nominating Committee meeting be approved.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the proposed rule change adding Rule 702 regarding the general supervision of hygienists in nursing homes be approved with the addition of the word "licensed" prior to the phrase "nursing home" wherever it appears in the proposed rule change.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

There was a discussion regarding changing the date of the annual meeting from the second weekend in December to the first weekend in December due to the availability of the hotel; it was agreed that the date of the annual meeting would be changed to the first weekend of December.

Dr. Willis and Dr. Baughman discussed the DOCS sedation course they audited.

There was a discussion of COVID-19 issues, tier 2.1 reports, and board member training requirements.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the resolution language in the board book regarding attorneys Thomas Arceneaux and Celia Cangelosi be adopted and approved as Board resolutions.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*15. REPORTS ON INVESTIGATIONS, ADJUDICATIONS, AND LITIGATION*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investigations, adjudications, litigations, and professional competency of individuals and staff; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry may discuss litigation in Executive Session when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigating position of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

After returning from executive session, Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the action of the President in entering into a resolution in the matter involving Dr. Steven Ripple via consent decree by and between the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry and Dr. Steven Ripple (as per copy of Agreement Containing Consent Decree which is attached hereto and made a part hereof), be adopted, confirmed, and ratified by this board; and further that all acts of the president, board members, and executive director in the furtherance of this purpose are hereby ratified.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*16. ADJOURNMENT*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of March 11, 2022.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Bennett adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

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**Jay Dumas, D.D.S.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**