

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
HELD IN THE REX ROOM 8TH FLOOR
AT THE JW MARRIOTT NEW ORLEANS
LOCATED AT 614 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130
BEGINNING AT 10:00 PM ON MAY 12, 2023**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, May 12, 2023. 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 PM by Dr. Price, President.

1. ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Dr. Thomas Price, President
Dr. Jay Dumas, Vice President
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Secretary Treasurer
Dr. Don Bennett, Member
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member
Dr. David Baughman, Member
Dr. Josh Reaves, Member
Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member
Dr. Rick Willis, Member
Dr. Nelson Daly, Member
Dr. Terry Billings, Member
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member
Dr. Ike House, Member

ABSENT

Dr. Griffin Deen, 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. Suzanne Farrar, RDH, LDHA
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL
Mr. Felix Vanderlick, HPFL

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

Dr. Price thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Price asked for public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Dr. Bennett moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Special Board meeting of March 10, 2023 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 March 10, 2023, 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.

Dr. House moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the March 10, 2023 Licensing and Credentials Committee, as circulated, be approved.

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

7. *OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*, Dr. Rick Willis, Chair
Dr. Willis reviewed the quarterly financial reports.

Dr. Bennett moved

Resolved, that the proposed revisions to the 2022-2023 budget, as circulated, be approved.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the March 10, 2023 Office Management Committee meeting, as circulated, 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. Bennett moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the March 10, 2023 Rulemaking Committee meeting, as circulated, be approved.

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

9. *LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE*, Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Chair

Mr. Zelaya gave his report.

10. *EXAMINATION COMMITTEE*, Dr. Steve Ortego, Chair

Dr. Ortego gave his report. The issue of accepting the CRDTS test was referred to the next Examination Committee meeting on August 18, 2023.

11. *ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. David Baughman, Chair

Dr. Baughman gave his report.

12. *IMPAIRED DENTIST COMMITTEE*, Dr. Nelson Day, Chair

Dr. Nelson gave a report. Dr. Hammond of the HPFL presented his report.

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

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

There was a discussion of tier 2.1 reports, and board member training requirements.

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the contract of Peyton B. Burkhalter be ratified.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the contract of The Groh Law Firm be ratified.

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.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Dr. Bennett moved

Resolved, that the Board ratify the executed consent decree with LJB.

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 May 12, 2023.

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

Dr. Price adjourned the meeting at 11:05 PM.

Jeet Patel, D.D.S.
Secretary/Treasurer
Louisiana State Board of Dentistry