

**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 12:00 PM ON AUGUST 18, 2023**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, August 18, 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 12:00 AM 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
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
Dr. Glenn Dubroc, LDA
Dr. Sean Owens, LDA
Dr. John Gallo, LSU Dental School
Ms. Suzanne Farrar, RDH, LDHA
Mr. Felix Vanderlick, HPFL
Dr. Jacob Jeansonne
Dr. William Hensel
Dr. Mark Edwards, CRDTS
Ms. Richael Cobler, CRDTS
Ms. Emily Jenks
Dr. Claudia Cavallino
Dr. Darrel Bourg

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. Ortego moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Special Board meeting of May 12, 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 May 12, 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.

6. 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. Patel moved

Resolved, that the Board grant a license to JPJ.

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

Dr. Ortego moved

Resolved, that the Board approve of the request for reconsideration and remove the limitations set forth in the consent decree pertaining to WFH based on the informal agreement that he not routinely engage in the treatment of children under 13.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

7. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE, Dr. Steve Ortego, Chair

Dr. Ortego reported regrading the meeting with CRDTS representatives. The Committee recommended that a decision on whether to accept the CRDTS exam for licensure be postponed to allow selected board members to attend a CRDTS test and then to report back to the Board.

8. LICENSING AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, Dr. Jeet Patel, Chair

Dr. Patel gave his report.

A discussion was held regarding the dental compact.

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, after reviewing the compact produced by the Council on State Governments, the Board is not in favor of the compact.

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

9. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, Dr. Rick Willis, Chair

Dr. Willis reviewed the financial report from the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Dr. Willis reviewed the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Dr. Willis moved

Resolved, that the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, as circulated, be approved.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the May 12, 2023 Office Management Committee meeting, as circulated, be approved.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

10. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Chair
Mr. Zelaya gave his report.

11. CE COMMITTEE, Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Chair
Dr. Caldwell gave her report.

12. IMPAIRED DENTIST COMMITTEE, Dr. Nelson Day, Chair
Mr. Vanderlick of the HPFL presented his report.

13. ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE, Dr. David Baughman, Chair
Dr. Baughman gave his report.
Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that CE requirement for having a sedation permit be changed from 12 hours every 4 years to 6 hours every 2 years coincident with licensure renewal, and that the CE requirement for having a pediatric sedation permit be changed from 12 hours every 4 years to 6 hours every 2 years, coincident with licensure renewal, with no sedation CE being required during the first renewal period after first receiving the anesthesia permit .
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

14. RULEMAKING COMMITTEE, Dr. Jay Dumas, Chair
Dr. Dumas gave his report.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the following resolution and contracts be approved and ratified by the Board:

- a. Bruce Cranner resolution on p. 61 of the board book
- b. Jon Jeffcoat contract on p. 62 of the board book

- c. SilverWulf's Computer Service, INC. (Lance Winder) contract on p.68 of the board book
- d. MiraComp Technologies, Inc. (Vincent Miranda) contract on p.76 of the board book
- e. Thentia USA Inc. on p.84 of the board book

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

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

There was a discussion of the Christmas party

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the EDDA course submitted by the Louisiana Dental Association, the outline of which is on page 91 of the board book, be approved for the purposes of board Rule 504.

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 August 18, 2023.

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

Dr. Price adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

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