

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
HELD AT THE CROZAT MEETING ROOM
LOCATED AT THE JUNG HOTEL AND RESIDENCES
1500 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70112
BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018**

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at the Crozat Meeting Room of the Jung Hotel and Residences, 1500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112. 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 9:00 AM by Dr. Marija LaSalle, President.

1. ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Dr. Marija LaSalle, President
Dr. Jerry Smith, Vice President
Dr. Richard Willis, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member
Dr. Donald Bennett, Member
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member
Dr. Robert Foret, Member
Dr. Wilton Guillory, Member
Dr. Isaac House, Member
Patty Hanson, RDH, Member
Dr. Ronald Marks, Member
Dr. Russell Mayer, Member
Dr. Thomas Price, Member

ALSO PRESENT WERE

Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director
Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director
Kirk Groh, Board Counsel
Sharon Chaney, RDH, ULM
Ward Blackwell, LDA
Suzanne Farrar, RDH, LSUSD, LDHA
Dr. Paul Train

Dr. Ryan Crain
Jeffrey West
Dr. David Hammond, HPFL

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

Dr. LaSalle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She asked all guests to introduce themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. LaSalle asked for public comment but none was offered.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Dr. House moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the special Board meeting of August 17, 2018, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 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

Dr. Mayer 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 August 17, 2018, 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, Patty Hanson, RDH, Chair

Ms. Hanson recommended that the Board approve the license by credentials applications as presented.

Dr. Guillory moved

Resolved, under the authority of R.S. 37:760 (A)(6) and LAC 46:XXXIII.120, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves the issuance of temporary dental or dental hygiene licenses to the following:

Dr. Elizabeth Newell
Sydney Henderson, RDH

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, having considered the applications for licensure by credentials in the State of Louisiana by the persons named below, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said applications and awards them their requested

license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the State of Louisiana, granting them all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith.

Dr. Mark Fincher
Dr. Christopher Freeman
Dr. Elizabeth Newell
Dr. Saima Khan
Dr. Deepasulochana Sivasankaraganesan
Alexis Alexander, RDH
Stephanie Fetzter, RDH
Sydney Henderson, RDH
Holly Morris, RDH
Heather Tuttle, RDH
Jennifer Smith, RDH
Valerie Stivers, RDH
Fara Wisdom, RDH

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, having considered the application for licensure by credentials in the State of Louisiana by the person named below, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards him his requested license to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana, granting him all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith, pending is receipt of satisfactory fingerprint background check results.

Dr. Richard D'Avanzo

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

7. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, Dr. Ronald Marks, Chair

Dr. Willis moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Office Management Committee meeting of August 17, 2018, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

Dr. Marks reviewed the quarterly financial reports. The Board was satisfied.

He then reported that the Board had recently completed its annual Agreed Upon Procedures audit for fiscal year 2018 and there were no findings.

8. IMPAIRED DENTIST COMMITTEE, Dr. Robert Foret, Chair

Dr. Hammong of the HPFL presented their annual report.

9. *EXAMINATION COMMITTEE* , Dr. Rusty Mayer, Chair

Dr. Mayer related that ADEX continues to be accepted by nearly all states.

It was noted there was an upcoming CITA and AADB meeting before the March meeting.

10. *LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE*, Dr. Jerry Smith, Chair

Dr. Smith had no report.

11. *ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. Richard Willis, Chair

Dr. Willis reported that the committee had met the day before and recommended no change to the requirement of EKGs in dental offices with moderate sedation permits.

Dr. House moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Anesthesia Committee meeting of August 17, 2018, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

Dr. Marks moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby amends its agenda to take up discussion of Board member term limits.

All members voted in the affirmative except Dr. Guillory who voted in the negative. The motion failed.

12. *RULEMAKING COMMITTEE*, Dr. Wilton Guillory, Chair

Dr. Guillory stated that there was no reason to change the rule that does not allow dental assistants to perform scans.

Dr. Bennett moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Rulemaking Committee meeting of August 17, 2018, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

All members voted in the affirmative except Dr. Marks who voted in the negative. The motion was adopted.

13. *CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE*, Dr. Ike House, Chair

Dr. House stated that his committee had met the day before and had discussed adding questions regarding recent rule changes to online renewals to help assist licensees in understanding the rules.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accept Academy of Dental Hygiene certified courses for CE credit.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES

14. NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Dr. Marija LaSalle, Chair

Dr. LaSalle reported that the Nominating Committee had met the previous day and had officer recommendations to make to the board for its 2019 officers.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby appoints the following individuals to the positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

President: Dr. Jerry Smith

Vice President: Dr. Richard Willis

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Ike House

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

15. AD HOC COMMITTEE, Dr. Ike House, Chair

The discussion was scheduled for Executive Session.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby amends its agenda to hear from Jeffrey Kirst.

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

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

The Board presented Dr. Marija LaSalle with an award recognizing her as its 2018 president.

The Board presented Dr. Wilton Guillory an award for his two terms and ten years of service as a Board member.

The Board presented Dr. Ronald Marks an award for his three terms and fifteen years of services as a Board member.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry does hereby authorize, confirm, and ratify the signature of any of the officers elected this day and listed herein on all accounts of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

President: Dr. Jerry Smith
Vice President: Dr. Richard Willis
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Ike House
Executive Director: Arthur Hickham, Jr.
Assistant Executive Director: Erin K. Conner

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby grants authority to the President and Executive Director to release bank security on Board bank accounts.

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

Ms. Conner then reviewed the members' required training and Tier 2.1 disclosure reports.

The Board then discussed the upcoming AADB meeting in Chicago.

The staff was directed to send a copy of its rule regarding dental specialties to the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards regarding its inviting public comment on the request to recognize dental anesthesiology as a dental specialty.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves and ratifies the contract entered into by the Board president with Miracomp.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves and ratifies the contract entered into by the Board president with Talley Anthony Hughes & Knight.

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

17. REPORTS ON INVESTIGATIONS, ADJUDICATIONS, AND LITIGATION

Dr. Mayer 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.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, having considered the applications for licensure by credentials in the State of Louisiana by Dr. C. Ryan Crain, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said applications and awards him his 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.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, having considered the applications for licensure by credentials in the State of Louisiana by Dr. Paul Tran, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said applications and awards him his 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.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that after considering the Petition for Reconsideration of Adverse Sanctions filed by A.D.S. and the recommendation of the disciplinary oversight committee, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry after hereby approves the petition to end the probation period; and

Be it further resolved, this action shall be effective upon the Board president's signature.

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

Dr. Smith moved

Resolved, that the action of the President in entering into a resolution in the matter involving Dr. Corey Robertson via consent decree by and between the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry and Dr. Corey Robertson (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.

Dr. Mayer moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry under the authority of its Rewards and Recognition policy regarding classified employees hereby awards: \$3848.00 to Rachel Daniel for her exemplary service to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, its members, and the public; \$3848.00 to Brian Samuel for his exemplary service to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, its members, and the public;

18. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Appleton moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of December 1, 2018.

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

Dr. LaSalle adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.

Ike House, D.D.S.
Secretary/Treasurer
Louisiana State Board of Dentistry