

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
HELD AT THE VERMILION BALL ROOM  
LOCATED AT DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL LAFAYETTE  
1521 W PINHOOK RD, LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA 70503  
BEGINNING AT 12:00 NOON ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019**

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, December 6, 2019, at the Vermilion Ball Room of the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette, 1521 W Pinhook Rd, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70503. 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 PM by Dr. Jerry Smith, President.

***1. ROLL CALL***

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

**PRESENT**

Dr. Jerry Smith, President  
Patty Hanson, RDH, Vice President  
Dr. Isaac House, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member  
Dr. Donald Bennett, Member  
Mr. Albert Bossier, Member  
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member  
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member  
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member  
Dr. Robert Foret, Member  
Dr. Marija LaSalle, Member  
Dr. Russell Mayer, Member  
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member  
Dr. Thomas Price, Member  
Dr. Richard Willis, Member

**ABSENT**

Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member

**ALSO PRESENT WERE**

Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director  
Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director  
Rachel Daniel, Board staff

Alexandra Smith, Board staff  
Iris Pourciau, Board staff  
Dr. David Hammond, HPFL  
Dr. Dean Manning  
Dr. Gantt DeJean  
Dr. Ambrose Martin  
Dr. Matthew Clement  
Mike Imau  
Dr. Sterling Roberts  
Dr. Darrell Bourg  
Dr. Douglas Cross  
Stephanie Compton, RDH

*2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT*

Dr. Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked all guests to introduce themselves.

*3. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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

*4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the special Board meeting of August 16, 2019, 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. Price 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 16, 2019, 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.

Dr. House moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry amends its agenda to take up item number 10 Continuing Education Committee.

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

***STANDING COMMITTEES***

*10. CE COMMITTEE*, Dr. Isaac House, Chair

Dr. Gant DeJean addressed the Board with his concerns requiring CE for retired volunteer licenses. The CE Committee had earlier met and recommended to the Board that retired

volunteer dental license holders should be required to maintain one-half the required CE that fully licensed dentists complete.

Dr. Price moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby accepts the recommendation of the CE Committee to amend Rule 1613 to require that retired volunteer dentists complete one-half of the regular hours of clinical CE every two years to include 3 hours of required CPR certification.

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

No action was taken on the request for a CE exemption for faculty members.

*6. LICENSING AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, Patty Hanson, RDH, Chair*

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

Dr. Cavallino 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. William Frei  
Dr. Gordon Stabley  
Caitlin Hogge, RDH  
Stephanie Johnston, 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. Silvia Brautigam  
Dr. Gordon Stabley  
Julie Carmichael, RDH  
Caitlin Hogge, RDH  
Stephanie Johnston, 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 Dr. Vyacheslav Dmytruk, 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 receipt of satisfactory fingerprint background check results.

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

Mr. Bossier moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry interpret its Rule 1709 to require that any applicant attempting to overcome a third examination failure begin and complete the required residency following the final failure.

Mr. Bossier then moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby amends the current motion to require that the third failure must have been prior to the final year of the required residency.

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

All members voted in the negative for the amended motion except Mr. Bossier who voted in the affirmative. The amended motion failed.

*7. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*, Dr. Glenn Appleton, Chair

Mr. Hickham reviewed the quarterly financial reports and the recently completed Agreed Upon Procedures report. The Board was satisfied.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Office Management Committee meeting of August 16, 2019, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

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

Dr. Hammond of the HPFL presented his annual report. Dr. Hammond also discussed medical marijuana coming to Louisiana.

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

Dr. Mayer related that ADEX continues to be accepted by nearly all states. He urged all Board members to participate in the CITA examination.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry will no longer require office permits for nitrous oxide.

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

*12. RULEMAKING COMMITTEE*, Dr. Donald Bennett, Chair

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Rulemaking Committee meeting of August 16, 2019, 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. Price moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby amends Rule 105 as attached and directs, empowers, and authorizes its Rulemaking Committee, President, Executive Director, and Counsel to proceed with the completion of the amendment; and

**Be it therefore resolved**, those parties are instructed to complete promulgation of the rule as soon as possible.

Dr. Price moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby directs its Rulemaking Committee to promulgate a rule to allow for the expungement of first time spore testing violations.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby accepts the attached policy for sanctions guidelines.

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

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby directs its Rulemaking Committee to draft rules regarding teledentistry and report to the full Board at the next meeting.

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

## **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

*13. NOMINATING COMMITTEE*, Dr. Jerry Smith, Chair

Dr. Smith reported that the Nominating Committee had met earlier in the day and had recommendations to make to the Board for its 2020 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. Richard Willis

Vice President: Dr. Isaac House

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Donald Bennett

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*

The Board presented Dr. Jerry Smith with an award recognizing him as its 2019 president.

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. Richard Willis

Vice President: Dr. Isaac House

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Donald Bennett

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.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Act 454 meeting of August 16, 2019, 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. Cavallino moved

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

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry amends its agenda to take up ratification of the contract between the Board and the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana.

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 Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana.

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

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

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 by examination in the State of Louisiana by Dr. Matthew Clement, 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 receipt of his completion of an ethics course and approved CPR course.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, having considered the application for licensure by examination in the State of Louisiana by Dr. Sterling Roberts , the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards her her requested license to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana, granting her 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 application for licensure by examination in the State of Louisiana by Ms. Stephanie Compton, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards her her requested license to practice dental hygiene in the State of Louisiana, granting her all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith.

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

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry under the authority of its Rewards and Recognition policy regarding classified employees hereby awards:

10% of her annual salary to Rachel Daniel for her exemplary service to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, its members, and the public; and  
10% of her annual salary to Alexandra Smith for her exemplary service to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, its members, and the public.

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. Mayer moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry has considered the request for reconsideration of adverse sanctions by A.M., and hereby denies the request.

Drs. Bennett, Dumas, Caldwell, and Cavallino abstained. All other members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

#### *16. ADJOURNMENT*

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of December 6, 2019.

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

Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.

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