

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
HELD AT THE NORTH DAKOTA ROOM OF THE CLAIBORNE BUILDING LOCATED AT  
1201 NORTH 3RD STREET, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802  
BEGINNING AT 1:00 PM ON  
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, March 15, 2019, at the offices of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry located at 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. 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 1:00 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  
Dr. Isaac House, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member  
Dr. Donald Bennett, Member  
Mr. Albert Bossier, Member  
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member  
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member  
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member  
Dr. Robert Foret, Member  
Patty Hanson, RDH, Member  
Dr. Marija LaSalle, Member  
Dr. Russell Mayer, Member  
Dr. Steven Ortego, Member  
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member  
Dr. Thomas Price, Member

**ALSO PRESENT WERE**

Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director  
Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director  
Kirk Groh, Board Counsel  
Rachel Daniel, Board Staff  
Dr. Bill Hadlock, LDA  
Dr. Marty Garrett, LDA  
Ward Blackwell, LDA

Dr. Michael Haight  
Ms. Sharon Haight  
Dr. Phil Rinaudo, NYU  
Dr. Kenneth Starling  
Robert Burns

*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. Dr. Haight addressed the Board.

*4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the annual Board meeting of December 1, 2018, in New Orleans, 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. LaSalle 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 1, 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*, Ms. 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:

Brittany Downs, RDH

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

Dr. LaSalle 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. Gary Carter  
Brittany Downs, RDH  
Kacie Dupre, RDH  
Billy Nguyen, RDH

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accepts the listing prepared by its Secretary-Treasurer, covering the 55 dentists who failed to timely renew their dental licenses for the calendar years 2018-2019 as provided in R.S. 37:770, and in connection therewith, their licenses to practice dentistry be revoked and that said licensees be so notified in writing.

DR. JAMES ROBERT JR.  
DR. JOSEPH YERGER  
DR. DAVID ROY  
DR. RUSSELL STRAIT  
DR. TIMOTHY ST. ROMAIN  
DR. DENNIS RUSSO  
DR. JAMES MCGEE  
DR. WALTER PLATT  
DR. DONALD PRICE  
DR. RAYMOND YUKNA  
DR. GREGG MCKENZIE  
DR. GAYLE TERWILLIGER  
DR. EDWARD NEUPERT III  
DR. ROBERT ROSENHEIMER  
DR. ALLEN RODGERS, JR.  
DR. MICHAEL ROSINIA  
DR. IRA PITFIELD, JR.  
DR. PARKER THOMPSON  
DR. SHAWN NALLY  
DR. BRIAN PITFIELD  
DR. NIMA PAHLAVAN  
DR. M. THOMPSON-MARVEL  
DR. RYAN WARD  
DR. ALI POURIAN  
DR. SHAREL SLY  
DR. TNONEALYER POWERS  
DR. OMAR YOUSUF  
DR. RAMON NAPIER  
DR. VERNA SCHUETTER

DR. KIRBY ROBINSON  
DR. WOO IL PARK  
DR. KEVIN SANDERS  
DR. HAROLD PARK  
DR. JONATHAN MCCAULEY  
DR. VANESSA TANASE  
DR. KEVIN VU  
DR. GEORGE ZAKHARY  
DR. JASON THIBODEAUX  
DR. SHEFALI PAREKH  
DR. CHELESA PHILLIPS  
DR. MEGAN TANNER  
DR. CALLIE SMITHSON  
DR. BRIAN SYBO  
DR. ANNE MILLER  
DR. ANNA WINDHAM SHIRLEY  
DR. RACHEL ZACHARY  
DR. JOANN TRAN  
DR. CANDACE MURPHY  
DR. JASON WILLIAMS  
DR. RYAN ROMERO  
DR. ETHAN TRUONG  
DR. JAMES SKOUSEN  
DR. EVAN SANTIAGO  
DR. BASHAR SNOBER  
DR. IVAN MARTINO

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accepts the listing prepared by its Secretary-Treasurer, covering the 27 dental hygienists who failed to timely renew their dental licenses for the calendar years 2018-2019 as provided in R.S. 37:770, and in connection therewith, their licenses to practice dentistry be revoked and that said licensees be so notified in writing.

HAZEL SCHMITT, RDH  
JACQUELINE STEPHENS, RDH  
ELIZABETH PICCOLO, RDH  
WANDA PALOMINO, RDH  
ESTHER NEUJAHN, RDH  
JANET WATERS, RDH  
CYNTHIA MILLER, RDH  
JEAN STAFFORD, RDH

SHAYNON BOWEN, RDH  
JENNIFER SEGURA, RDH  
KATHY WILSON, RDH  
HOLLY HUSSER, RDH  
KENETA PIERCE, RDH  
THERESA NGUYEN, RDH  
ANH VU, RDH  
AMY PERRIN, RDH  
MARY HUFFT, RDH  
SHELLY WAAS, RDH  
ASHLEY MITCHELL, RDH  
CORRINE REEVES, RDH  
JENNA WALSWORTH, RDH  
LINDA SHADE, RDH  
ELIZABETH MEDELLIN, RDH  
LEAH SPARKS, RDH  
AMBROSE WILSON, RDH  
HALEIGH RICHE', RDH  
JENNIFER WILSON, RDH

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

Dr. Cavllino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Licensing & Credentials committee meeting held on November 30, 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

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

Dr. Appleton reviewed the financial statements for the quarter ended December 31, 2018.

The Board then reviewed the online license results.

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

Dr. Bennett stated that he had no report.

*9. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE*, Mr. Albert Bossier, Chair

Mr. Bossier asked executive director Arthur Hickham to review upcoming legislation. House Bill 69 would require that one of the Board member positions would be filled by an oral surgeon or other dentist who was qualified to review anesthesia permit applications.

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

Dr. Mayer related that the Southern Conference of Dental Dean and Examiners meeting and a CITA meeting had recently been held.

The Board discussed the upcoming March AADB meeting.

The Board reviewed the dates of the upcoming CITA examinations at LSU.

*11. ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Chair

Dr. Cavallino reported that her committee had held a joint meeting with the Continuing Education Committee earlier in the day. The proposed changes from that meeting would be discussed during the Continuing Education Committee portion of the full meeting.

Dr. LaSalle moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Anesthesia Committee meeting of November 30, 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

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

Dr. Foret had no report.

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

Dr. House stated his committee had met with the Anesthesia Committee earlier in the day and had recommendations to make regarding CE attendance and nitrous oxide training.

Dr. Price moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry has reviewed the proposed revision to LAC 46XXXIII.1503 to require 14 hours of didactic training and 6 clinical cases for nitrous oxide permits, and hereby 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.

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

Dr. Appleton moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry will accept real time participation in online video conference continuing education as personally attended if the course sponsor takes attendance and if there is a test or assessment at the completion of the course.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry has reviewed the proposed revision to LAC 46XXXIII.1615 to accept courses sponsored by the American Academy of Dental Hygiene for continuing education credit, and hereby 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.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Continuing Education Committee meeting of November 30, 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

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

Dr. Smith reported that they had met earlier in the day.

Dr. LaSalle moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby appoints the following individual to the position of Vice President.

Patty Hanson, RDH

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby amends its agenda to ratify the signature of its officers.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

Dr. Cavallino moved

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

President: Dr. Jerry Smith

Vice President: Patty Hanson, RDH

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**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Nominating Committee meeting of November 30, 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

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

Dr. Smith referred the discussion of issuing restricted licenses to participants in NYU's AEGD program to the Rulemaking Committee.

No action was taken regarding dental sealants.

Board staff was directed to include multiple choice rule update/anesthesia questions to the renewal applications.

Dr. House moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby amends its agenda to discuss complaints against dentists who leave large practices.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

This matter was referred to the Rulemaking Committee.

Mr. Hickham then reviewed the open meetings law requirements as they apply to Board member communications.

Ms. Conner then reviewed the Board members' Tier 2.1 required reporting which is due to the Board of Ethics by May 15, 2019.

Ms. Conner then reviewed the Board members' annual training requirements.

Dr. LaSalle moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves and ratifies the contract entered into by the board president with Sharp and Company, CPAs.

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

Dr. LaSalle moved

**WHEREAS**, the Board is in need of legal representation and that because of the possible conflicts of interest in complaint cases where the Board would need a prosecuting attorney and an attorney to represent the Board's interest, more than one attorney is essential;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is in need of legal services necessary to facilitate the Board in its prosecuting violations of the Louisiana Dental Practice Act whether in judicial or administrative proceedings, which will be directed by officers or employees of the Board acting in their official capacities; counsel and/or assistance in legislative or other general activities, as directed by the Board;

**WHEREAS**, the Board's contract for legal services with the firm of **BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUINN & ROBERTS** be executed July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2022 and not to exceed a maximum of \$200,000.00 for that period. The Board shall pay \$225.00 per hour for attorneys having experience of ten (10) years or more in the practice of law; \$175.00 per hour for attorneys having experience of



five (5) to ten (10) years in the practice of law; \$150.00 per hour for attorneys having experience of three (3) to five (5) years in the practice of law; \$125.00 per hour for attorneys having experience of zero (0) to three (3) years in the practice of law; \$60.00 per hour for paralegal services; and \$40.00 per hour for law clerks; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ **BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUINN & ROBERTS** as special counsel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

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

Dr. LaSalle moved

**WHEREAS**, the Board is in need of legal representation and that because of the possible conflicts of interest in complaint cases where the Board would need a prosecuting attorney and an attorney to represent the Board's interest, more than one attorney is essential;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is in need of legal services necessary to facilitate the Board in its prosecuting violations of the Louisiana Dental Practice Act whether in judicial or administrative proceedings, which will be directed by officers or employees of the Board acting in their official capacities; counsel and/or assistance in legislative or other general activities, as directed by the Board;

**WHEREAS**, the Board's contract for legal services with the firm of **CELIA R. CANGELOSI, ESQ.** be executed July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2022 and not to exceed a maximum of \$200,000.00 for that period. The Board shall pay \$225.00 per hour for attorneys having experience of ten (10) years or more in the practice of law; \$175.00 per hour for attorneys having experience of five (5) to ten (10) years in the practice of law; \$150.00 per hour for attorneys having experience of three (3) to five (5) years in the practice of law; \$125.00 per hour for attorneys having experience of zero (0) to three (3) years in the practice of law; \$60.00 per hour for paralegal services; and \$40.00 per hour for law clerks; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ **CELIA R. CANGELOSI, ESQ.** as special counsel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

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

The executive director was directed to request the Inspector General's office to review Dr. Kenneth Starling's request for reconsideration of adverse sanctions.

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

Dr. LaSalle 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. Ortego moved

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

All members voted in the affirmative except Dr. House who abstained. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Appleton moved

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

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

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, that after considering the Petition for Reconsideration of Adverse Sanctions filed by J.D.S. and the recommendation of the disciplinary oversight committee, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry after hereby approves the petition to reinstate his license pending Board ratification of all terms and language at the May 17, 2019 meeting.

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

*17. ADJOURNMENT*

Dr. Foret moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of March 15, 2019.

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

Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:45PM.

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**Isaac House, DDS**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**