

**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 12:00 PM ON  
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019**

A special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, May 17, 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 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  
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

**ABSENT**

Patty Hanson, RDH, Vice President

**ALSO PRESENT WERE**

Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director  
Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director

Kirk Groh, Board Counsel  
Rachel Daniel, Board Staff  
Ward Blackwell, LDA  
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL  
Dr. Phil Rinaudo, NYU Langone Dental Medicine  
Dr. John Stover  
Felix Vanderlick

*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. Ortego moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the annual Board meeting of March 15, 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. 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 March 15, 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.

***STANDING COMMITTEES***

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

Ms. Conner reported that she had reviewed the LBC applications with Ms. Hanson and recommended that the Board approve the license by credentials applications as presented.

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. Rochelle Butler  
Dr. Brian Christensen  
Dr. Nicole Jackson  
Dr. Andrei Marechek  
Carole Lopez-Jackson, RDH  
Jamie Shrader, RDH  
Ann Strickland, RDH

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

Dr. LaSalle 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 them all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith, pending the completion of his pediatric dentistry residency.

Dr. Adam Bennett

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

Dr. LaSalle 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:

Jamie Shrader, RDH

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

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

The Board reviewed financial statements for the nine month period ending March 31, 2019.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry having reviewed its budget for fiscal year 2018-2019, hereby amends its revenue and expense sections as per the attached documentation.

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

Dr. Mayer moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Office Management committee meeting held on March 15, 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. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE, Dr. Rusty Mayer, Chair*

Dr. Mayer related that the ADEX examination has been going well.

Dr. House related that CITA would be absorbing SRTA by the end of 2019, which would increase the number of states which accept the ADEX examination.

The upcoming AADB and CITA meeting dates and CITA test dates were noted.

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

Mr. Bossier asked Mr. Hickham to report information regarding the 2019 legislative session.

House Bill 69 would add a designated Board member position for a dentist who is trained in the administration of anesthesia. This would guarantee an available Board member to review anesthesia permits applications.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accepts the revisions of LAC 46:XXXIII.1607 regarding not requiring continuing education for all licensee's first renewal cycle, regardless of when the license was first obtained, but will continue to require dentists to complete the three-hour opioid management course and require all licensees to maintain their CPR certification.

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

Dr. Appleton moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Joint Continuing Education/Anesthesia Committee meeting of March 15, 2019 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety with the specification that participation in webinars will count as personally attended if the course provider conducts multiple attendance checks.

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

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

Dr. Hammond addressed the Board and shared the HPFL's policies regarding confidentiality and processes regarding evaluating licensees for impairment problems.

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

Dr. Cavallino had no report.

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

Dr. Bennett stated the Rulemaking Committee had met earlier in the day with Dr. Rinaudo regarding the NYU Langone Program.

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry amends LAC 46:XXXIII.105 to allow participants in CODA approved post graduate programs in CODA approved facilities to obtain restricted licenses.

Drs. Bennett, Caldwell, Patel, and Ortego voted in the affirmative. Drs. House, LaSalle, Mayer, Price, Foret, and Dumas voted in the negative. Drs. Appleton and Cavallino and Mr. Bossier abstained. The motion failed.

Dr. Ortego moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry reconsider the change after gathering additional information from NYU and LSU.

All member voted in the affirmative except Dr. Mayer who voted in the negative. The motion was adopted.

It was noted that the dentist has ultimate responsibility for his or her patient's records.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

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

Dr. Mayer moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Nominating Committee meeting of March 15, 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.

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

The dates for the 2020 Board meetings were set as follows:

March 6, 2020

May 15, 2020

August 14, 2020

December 4-5, 2020

Dr. Price moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry staff will accept per diem and reimbursement requests from its members within 60 days of the event. Requests received after 60 days would be considered by the full Board.

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 Mr. Rod Hyatt.

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 SilverWulf (Lance Winder).

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

Ms. Conner then reviewed the board members' Tier 2.1 reporting requirement which is due to the Board of Ethics annually by May 15. Reports are due for the previous calendar year only for those members who have already been confirmed by the Senate.

Ms. Conner also reminded the board members and staff members of their required annual ethics and sexual harassment training courses. The safe driving course is required once every three years.

No action was taken regarding sleep medicine.

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

Dr. John Stover elected to hold discussion of his request for reconsideration in open session. No action was taken in that matter.

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. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby grants its unclassified employees a salary increase of 3%; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the executive director is directed to evaluate the assistant executive director and Office Management Committee is directed to evaluate the executive director with both evaluations due by the August 16 meeting.

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

17. *ADJOURNMENT*

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of May 17, 2019.

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

Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.

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**Dr. Isaac House**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**