

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
HELD AT 1201 NORTH THIRD STREET  
NORTH DAKOTA ROOM  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802  
BEGINNING AT 12:00 PM ON  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019**

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, August 16, 2019, at the offices of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry located at 1201 North Third Street, North Dakota Room, 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 12:15 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. Kimberly Caldwell, Member  
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member  
Dr. Robert Foret, Member  
Dr. Marija LaSalle, Member  
Dr. Russell Mayer, Member  
Dr. Steven Ortego, Member  
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member  
Dr. Thomas Price, Member  
Dr. Richard Willis, Member

**ABSENT**

Dr. Jay Dumas, Member

**ALSO PRESENT WERE**

Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director  
Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director  
Kirk Groh, Board Counsel

Rachel Daniel, Board Staff  
Alexx Smith, Board Staff  
Ward Blackwell, LDA  
Dr. John Gallo, LSUSD  
Dr. Robert Barsley, LSUSD  
Dr. Darrell Bourg  
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL  
Dr. Phil Rinaudo  
Dr. Damien Cuffie  
Felix Vanderlick  
Jon Jeffcoat

*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 May 17, 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. Cavallino 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 17, 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.

*6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF*

Mr. Jon Jeffcoat introduced himself as the Board's new contract inspector to replace the late Mr. Rod Hyatt. Ms. Alexx Smith introduced herself as the new staff inspector to replace Mr. Brian Samuel. Dr. Smith then announced Dr. Richard Willis's reappointment by the Governor to the Board as the designed anesthesia provider member.

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

- Dr. Katharine Dunnington
- Dr. Peter Jason Goltz
- Dr. John McElveen, Jr.
- Dr. Nelson Nunez
- Dr. Obiajulu Onuora
- Dr. Terrall Thurman, Jr.
- Stacy Collins, RDH
- Judith Dixon, RDH
- Shelby Granberry, RDH

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

Dr. LaSalle moved

**Resolved**, that under the authority of R.S. 37:760 (A) (12), the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves the issuance of a restricted dental license to the following persons:

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| DR. SCOTT BELOZER       | LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER |
| DR. JOSE BRICENO IBRAIM | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. MICHAEL CERTA       | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. LEENA CHANDNA       | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. ROBERT CHAUNCEY     | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. QUINTON COBB        | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. SHAZA DAFALLA       | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. KARDERRO DIXON      | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. FRANK DRONGOWSKI    | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. ZANE DUBBERSTEIN    | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. JOEL GOBBLE         | LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER |
| DR. BRIAN GOLDFARB      | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. TIFFANY HAN         | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. PATRICE HARMON      | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. SAMANTHA HIRT       | LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER |
| DR. FRANCES HOLLINGER   | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. PATRICIA HOSTYN     | LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER |
| DR. YOUSSEF KASSEM      | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. POLYXENI KONTI      | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. BRYAN LARA          | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. FATEMEH LOTFI       | LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY    |
| DR. RICARDO LUGO        | LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER |
| DR. AHMAD MASRI         | LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER |

DR. JOHN MICHAELIS	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. SHRUTI MUKKAMALA	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. DYLAN RACHA	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. JOHN RATLIFF	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. MELISSA RATLIFF	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. EUGENE ROWELL III	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. JOHN SCOTT	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. INDRAJIT SEHBI	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. AHMED SHARAF	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. MATTHEW SHERWOOD	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. AMBER SPURLOCK	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. SUMMER SWINDLE	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. MARI-ALINA TIMOSHCHUK	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. ADRIAN TORRES	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. JEFFREY VAN NESS	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. HATTIE WILLARD	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

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

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 persons:

Dr. Terrall Thurman  
Judith Dixon, RDH

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

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

Mr. Hickham reviewed the financial statements for the most recently ended quarter. It was noted that disciplinary fines were 2.7% of the Board’s revenue, despite widespread reporting the Board was assessing fines to bolster its funding.

Dr. Mayer moved

**RESOLVED**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby accepts, approves, and adopts the budget as prepared by the executive director for fiscal year 2019-2020.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Office Management Committee meeting of May 17, 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.

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

Dr. Foret had no report.

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

Dr. Mayer reported that the 2020 CITA examination schedule had been set. He urged any interested Board members to participate.

The consensus was that live patient examinations remain the best way to assess license applicants on their fitness to practice. It was noted, however, that live patient examinations would eventually give way to the OSCE type examinations currently recommended by ASDA and the ADA.

Dr. House reviewed the recent ADEX and CITA meetings.

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

Mr. Bossier reported that the recent legislative session had resulted in the reappointment of Dr. Willis as its anesthesia provider member.

Mr. Hickham notified the Board members they would now be required to complete annual sexual harassment training.

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

Dr. Bennett reported that the Rulemaking Committee had met that morning and had a recommendation to make regarding Rule 105.

Dr. LaSalle moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Rulemaking Committee meeting of May 17, 2019, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety with the correction noted.

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.105 to allow restricted licenses to be issued to residents in accredited programs operating in Louisiana with appropriate oversight, 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.

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

Teledentistry was discussed and no action was taken.

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

Dr. Willis reported that the Board of Medical Examiners had reached out to have him help them assess appropriate anesthesia training and office inspections.

The consensus was that licensees should be notified that anesthesia permits should take 30 days from the date of receipt of a complete application including any required office inspection. Staff was directed to place this approximate timeline on the permit applications.

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

It was noted the 2020-2021 license renewals would begin October 1.

The Board was notified that the December meeting would take place in Lafayette with the Christmas party to follow.

Mr. Hickham reviewed the proposed sexual harassment policy. Dr Cavallino moved **Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adds the attached sexual harassment policy to its Policies and Procedures Manual.

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

A discussion of possible CE exemptions for faculty was referred to the CE Committee.

The consensus was that Rule 1709 should be amended to clarify the Board's intent regarding multiple examination failures.

Mr. Hickham discussed the upcoming AADB meeting scheduled for October 19-20, 2019, in Las Vegas.

The Board discussed the scope of practice for specialists. No action was taken.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves and ratifies the contract entered into by the board president with Celia Cangelosi, Esq.

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 MiraComp Technologies, Inc.

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 Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts.

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

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

Ms. Hanson 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. Damien Cuffie the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards Dr. Cuffie 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. 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.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Bossier moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby increases the salary of its Executive Director Arthur Hickham to \$200,000 and its Assistant Executive Director Erin Conner to \$86,400 per year effective January 1, 2020.

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

*16. ADJOURNMENT*

Dr. Price moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of August 16, 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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**Isaac House, D.D.S.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**