

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE
BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM ON
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020**

A special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, May 22, 2020, via teleconference. 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 6:00 PM by Dr. Richard Willis, President.

1. ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Dr. Richard Willis, President
Dr. Isaac House, Vice President
Dr. Donald Bennett, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member
Patty Hanson, RDH, 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. Jerry Smith, Member

ABSENT

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
Annette Droddy, LDA
Dr. William Hadlock
Suzanne Farrar, LDHA

Sharon Chaney, ULM
Renee Chapman, CITA
Cindy Washburn, CITA
Mercer May, Capital Results

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Willis asked for public comment. There was none.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Dr. Willis stated the minutes from the previous meeting were not yet completed, so no action was taken.

5. LICENSURE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Dr. LaSalle moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby to rescinds the order passed during last Friday's meeting date of May 15th with the issuance of licenses for 2020 graduates of a CODA accredited dental and hygiene programs without requiring the applicant to pass any part of a clinical exam (in state schools as well as our of state) including those with recorded testing agency failures; and

Be it further resolved, to grant dental licensure pursuant to La R.S. 37:761 (C) omitting the requirement of "performed on human subjects" and dental hygiene licensure La R.S. 37:764 (D) "performed on human subjects" for the year 2020 as a requirement of the third party testing agencies approved by the board; and

Be it further resolved, to waive the background check requirement for 6 months. Thus the application will remain open and will not be "complete" and such license can be revoked if the extension is not met.

Dr. LaSalle moved

Resolved, the motion on the floor be amended to remove the fingerprint background check waiver from consideration.

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

Dr. Ortego moved

Resolved, the motion on the floor be amended to remove the second provision addressing the human subject component of the clinical licensure examination.

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

Drs. Appleton, Caldwell, Dumas, House, LaSalle, Ortego, and Patel voted in the affirmative. Drs. Bennett, Cavallino, Foret, and Smith, and Ms. Hanson voted in the negative. The amended motion rescinding the May 15, 2020, vote granting licensure without a clinical examination was adopted.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby grant provisional licensure for 12 months to any applicant graduating in 2020 from a CODA accredited program with the full license being issued upon successful completion of a clinical examination which includes a manikin portion in lieu of the patient portion.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, the motion on the floor be amended to include the option for the Board to extend the 12 month period should it become necessary.

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

Dr. Bennett moved

Resolved, the motion on the floor be amended to allow the clinical examination be accepted for licensure if it includes procedures on a live human subject.

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

The amended motion to issue provisional licenses for 2020 graduates with the full license being issued upon completion of a clinical licensure examination which includes either a manikin or patient based portion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

6. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATE

No action was taken on scheduling the next Board meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hanson moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of May 22, 2020.

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

Dr. Willis adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

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