

**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 11:30 AM ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020**

A special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, August 14, 2020, 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 11:45 AM 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. Marija LaSalle, Member
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member
Patty Hanson, RDH, Member
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member
Dr. Robert Foret, Member
Dr. Russell Mayer, Member
Dr. Steven Ortego, Member
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member
Dr. Tom Price, Member

ABSENT

Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member
Dr. Jerry Smith, 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
Annette Droddy, LDA
Dr. John Gallo, LSUSD
Dr. David Hammond, HPFL
Dr. Lynn Philippe
Dr. Fawaz Alotaibi
Dr. Kayvan Fathimani
Dr. Celso Palmieri
Dr. Andrew Wetterlind
Dr. Waleed Zaid
Zubie Pearce, RDH
Christi Thibeaud, RDH

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. Dr. Philippe stated he had come in support of an applicant for licensure.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Dr. Bennett moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the July 10, 2020, board meeting, as circulated, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF ACTS SINCE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Dr. Bennett 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 July 10, 2020 board meeting, be and they are hereby approved, adopted, and ratified in full by the Board.

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

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

Ms. Hanson indicated she had nothing to report.

Dr. House moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the July 28, 2020, Licensing and Credentials Committee meeting, as circulated, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

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:

DR. ANDIKAN AKPABIO	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. WALAA AL ZAIBAK	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. NOORA ALMASOODI	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. AFREEN ANSARI	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. ALEXA BERGREN	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. RACHEL BISHOP	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. BRENT BLACK	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. TANNER BRUNNWORTH	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. CAROLINE CAZAYOUX	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. ANGELICA CELESTIN	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. JOHN COBURN IV	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. ELIZABETH COHEN	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. SANDRINE COULDWELL	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. SOMDIPTO DAS	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. NATHAN ECK	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. KAYVAN FATHIMANI	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. ANDREA FENTON	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. JOSEPH FERNANDES	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. CORY HATCH	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. ERIC HSU	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. JEFFREY JOHNSON	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. MATTHEW KENNEDY	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. FARHEEN MALEK	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. BRANDON MIHALICH	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. MITCHELL NAITO	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. CAM TRAN NGUYEN	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. HA VAN NGUYEN	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. DEEP PATEL	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. STAVAN PATEL	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES
DR. LYNN PEREZ MARTY	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. BRANDON POWELL	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. RACHEL REID	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. BRITTA RISTAU	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. NICOLE RIVERA-TORRES	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. MATTHEW ROBIN	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. BENJAMIN SALAMEH	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. DAPHNE SALAZAR	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

DR. FARINAZ SEPAHIFAR	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. HEIDAR SHAHIN	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. NORMAN SHARP	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. AMMAR SHAWAR	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. TRENTON SMITH	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. SABA TAREEN	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
DR. HARISH TUMMALA	LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
DR. EMILY WILLIAMS	LSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

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

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 the temporary dental license to the following:

Dr. Stephanie Honnlee

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

It was reported that the committee had met earlier in the day and had decided no statutory changes were necessary.

Dr. LaSalle moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry amends its agenda to take up discussion of examination waiver requests.

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

Dr. Ortego 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, Ms. Hanson moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby grants the requested examination waiver requests for licensure for the following applicants 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, pending satisfactory completion of the required licensure applications:

Dr. Fawaz Alotaibi
Dr. Kayvan Fathimani
Dr. Jared Palmer
Dr. Celso Palmieri
Dr. Andrew Wetterlind
Dr. Waleed Zaid
Janaan Farhat, RDH
Zubie Pearce, RDH
Christi Thibeaud, RDH

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

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

Dr. Appleton was absent, so Dr. Willis stated the Office Management Committee had met earlier in the day and reviewed the proposed FY 20-21 budget.

Dr. Mayer left the meeting.

Dr. Price moved

RESOLVED, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby accepts, approves, and adopts the budget as prepared by the executive director for fiscal year 2020-2021. The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. LaSalle left the meeting.

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

Dr. Foret had no report; Dr. Hammond gave his report.

Dr. LaSalle returned to the meeting.

9. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE, Dr. Rusty Mayer, Chair

Dr. House gave a report since Dr. Mayer had left. He related that the manikin examination which was taking the place of the patient based examination due to the COVID-19 pandemic was working well. There were still some processes that would be perfected, but the examinations were able to be conducted to allow for licensure during the current situation.

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

Dr. House reported that the committee had met earlier in the day. It was noted that the Board would require personally attended continuing education hours in 2021.

The committee had recommended that new licensees be required to complete an ethics course. It was decided to add a few ethics questions to the jurisprudence examination required for all applicants.

No action was taken regarding accepting ethics and risk management CE for clinical credit.

11. RULEMAKING COMMITTEE, Dr. Donald Bennett, Chair
Dr Bennett had no report.

Ms. Hanson moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the July 28, 2020, Licensing and Credentials Committee meeting, as circulated, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety. The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

12. ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE, Dr. Rick Willis, Chair
Dr. Willis had no report.

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

It was noted that license renewals would begin October 1.

The President stated the December meeting would take place on only Saturday, December 5, and it would be followed by the annual Christmas party.

The 2021 Board meeting dates were set for

March 5, 2021

May 14, 2021

August 20, 2021

December 10-11, 2021

Ms. Conner reviewed the proposal for new licensing software, and the Board directed the staff to proceed.

The Board reviewed their annual training requirements.

14. REPORTS ON INVESTIGATIONS, ADJUDICATIONS, AND LITIGATION

It was noted that license renewals would begin October 1.

Dr. Price moved

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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, Ms. Hanson moved

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

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

Dr. Bennett moved

Resolved, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby grants a salary increase of 4% to its Executive Director Arthur Hickham and its Assistant Executive Director Erin Conner year effective January 1, 2021, pending the completion of a satisfactory performance review by the Board president.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Price moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of August 14, 2020.

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

Dr. Willis adjourned the meeting at 1:55 PM.

Don Bennett, D.D.S.
Secretary/Treasurer
Louisiana State Board of Dentistry