

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
HELD AT THE PATRON ROOM OF THE  
RENAISSANCE NEW ORLEANS ARTS WAREHOUSE DISTRICT HOTEL  
LOCATED AT 700 TCHOUPITOULAS STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130-3612  
BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. ON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021**

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021. 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 9:00 AM by Dr. Ike House, President.

***1. ROLL CALL***

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

**PRESENT**

Dr. Ike House, President  
Dr. Don Bennett, Vice-President  
Dr. Thomas Price, Member, Secretary Treasurer  
Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member  
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member  
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member  
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member  
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member  
Dr. David Baughman, Member  
Dr. Jerry Smith, Member  
Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member  
Dr. Rick Willis, Member  
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member  
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member  
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member

**ALSO PRESENT WERE**

Dr. Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director  
Ms. Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director  
Ms. Rachel Daniel, Board staff  
Ms. Alexx Smith, Board staff  
Mr. Kirk Groh, Board Counsel  
Ms. Annette Drody, LDA  
Dr. John Gallo, LSU Dental School

Mr. Steven Wright, Louisiana Dermatological Society  
Ms. Danelle Deen  
Ms. Shatoya Jackson  
Ms. Jennifer Varga  
Ms. Patty Hanson  
Ms. Susan Farrar, RDH, LDHA  
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL  
Dr. David Bech  
Dr. Gordon Bech  
Mr. Chip Suanders  
Ms. Jennifer Thomas

*2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT*

Dr. House thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked Dr. Ortego to do the invocation. After the invocation Dr. House asked all guests to introduce themselves.

*3. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Dr. House asked for public comment. Mr. Wright thanked the Board for its responsiveness to his inquiry.

*4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated of the special Board meeting of August 20, 2021 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*

Mr. Zelaya 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 August 20, 2021, 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.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that agenda be revised to go into executive session at this time to consider the licensure issues listed under section 16 of the agenda.

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

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. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, having considered the application for licensure in the State of Louisiana by S.C.J., the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards her the requested license to practice dental hygiene in the State of Louisiana, granting her all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith.

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 in the State of Louisiana by J.K.V., the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards her the requested license to practice dental hygiene in the State of Louisiana, granting her all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith.

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 in the State of Louisiana by K.L.W., the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards her the requested license to practice dental hygiene in the State of Louisiana, granting her all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

Mr. Zelaya 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.

No motions were made after coming out of this latest executive session.

## ***STANDING COMMITTEES***

6. *LICENSING AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE*, Dr. Jeet Patel;, Chair

Dr. Patel gave his report.

Ms. Breaux discussed her involvement in the recent CODA site visit to the Monroe Hygiene program.

7. *OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*, Dr. Thomas Price, Chair

Dr. Price reviewed the quarterly financial reports.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that minutes of the August 20, 2021 Office Management Committee meeting be approved.

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

8. *EXAMINATION COMMITTEE*, Dr. Steve Ortego, Chair

Dr. Ortego gave his report.

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Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the Board urge the legislature to remove the statutory requirement of a human subject component in the licensing exam for dentists and dental hygienists.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that Board join the CDCA/WREB testing agency.

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

9. *LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE*, Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Chair

Dr. Cavallino gave her report.

10. *CE COMMITTEE*, Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Chair

Dr. Caldwell gave her report.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Board accept the Continuing Education Committee recommendation to the full Board that the Board modify the continuing education

requirements for dentists with a retired dentist license to require only the Basic Life Support CE requirement, unless the dentist works more than 250 hours in a calendar year, in which case the normal CE requirements will remain in place; for dentist with a retired license who also holds a moderate or deep sedation permit, the normal sedation CE requirements will remain in place.

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

*11. IMPAIRED DENTIST COMMITTEE*, Dr. Glenn Appleton, Chair

Dr. Hammond of the HPFL presented his report.

*12. ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. Rick Willis, Chair

Dr. Willis gave his report.

*13. RULEMAKING COMMITTEE*, Dr. Jay Dumas, Chair

Dr. Dumas gave his report.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the Board accept the Rulemaking Committee recommendation to the full Board that any advertising violation may be expunged if the violation is more than 5 years old and if there have been no advertising violations in the 5 years prior to the expungement request.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry respond to the October 22, 2021 inquiry about the scope of practice for dentist as follows:

Based upon the broad definition of dentistry set forth in the statute, the Board is constrained to finding that any of the procedures listed in the request for clarification, if performed in the oral cavity, maxillofacial areas or the adjacent and associated structures, can be included in the definition of dentistry. Any procedure outside of those areas does not constitute dentistry .

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

Dr. Price moved

**Resolved**, that minutes of the August 20, 2021, Rulemaking committee be adopted.

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

*14. NOMINATING COMMITTEE*

Dr. House gave his report.

Dr. Cavallino moved

**RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby elects the following individuals for the positions of president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer.

President: Dr. Don Bennett  
Vice President: Dr. Tom Price  
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Jay Dumas

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*

Mr. Zelaya moved

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

President: Dr. Donald Bennett  
Vice President: Dr. Thomas Price  
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Jay Dumas  
Executive Director: Arthur Hickham, Jr.  
Assistant Executive Director: Erin K. Conner

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby grants authority to the President and Executive Director to release bank security on Board bank accounts.

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

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

Mr. Zelaya 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.

After returning from executive session, Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the Office Management Committee recommends to the full Board that it award its eligible classified staff a rewards and recognition payment of 10% of their salary due to their extraordinary service during the 2021 COVID-19 pandemic and that Dr. Hickham and Ms. Conner each receive a 5% raise in their salary beginning on January 1, 2022.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

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#### *16. ADJOURNMENT*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of December 11, 2021.

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

Dr. House adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

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**Thomas Price, D.D.S.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**