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
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.

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.

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