

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
TO BE HELD AT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE ROOM OF THE CLAIBORNE BUILDING LOCATED AT
1201 NORTH 3RD STREET, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802
BEGINNING AT NOON ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021**

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, March 5, 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 noon 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, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member
Dr. David Baughman, Member
Dr. Jerry Smith, Member
Dr. Marija Lasalle, Member
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member
Dr. Thomas Price, Member
Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member
Dr. Rick Willis, Member

ALSO PRESENT WERE

Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director
Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director
Rachel Daniel, Board staff
Kirk Groh, General Counsel
Dr. David Hammond, HPFL

Dr. Bill Hadlock
Annette Droddy
Dr. Manal Ayoub
Molly Waddell

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

Dr. House thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked Dr. Willis to do the invocation. After the invocation Dr. House asked all guests to introduce themselves and introduced the new board members. He also acknowledged the death of former board member, Vance Wascom.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. House asked for public comment but none was offered.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Dr. Bennett moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the special Board meeting of August 14, 2020, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety with a correction, replacing the words “reward(s)” in Section 14, page 4, be replaced with “award(s)”.

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 December 5, 2020, 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.

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Dr. Patel gave a report.

Dr. Willis moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accepts the listing below prepared by its Secretary-Treasurer, covering the dentists and hygienists who failed to timely renew their dental licenses for the calendar years 2019-2020 as provided in R.S. 37:770, and in connection therewith, their licenses to practice dentistry or hygiene be revoked and that said licensees be so notified in writing.

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

DR. JERRY VEILLON
DR. NATCHEZ MORICE
DR. JOHN WRIGHT
DR. MICHAEL TUCKER
DR. RICHARD MANESS
DR. WILLIE MCKEE JR.
DR. WILLIAM TUTTLE
DR. ORUS STEPHENS
DR. MARTHA THOMAS
DR. PRESTON WEBRE JR.
DR. ROGER SHERWOOD
DR. CYNTHIA MICIOTTO
DR. KIRBY PERRY
DR. HENRY TOUCHSTONE III
DR. DAVID PRUDHOME
DR. DAVID RUEGSEGGER
DR. MELANIE WILLIAMSON
DR. RACHELLE NOWLIN
DR. ALEXIS RUSSO
DR. EMILY WILHITE
DR. TOAN VAN
DR. STEPHANIE GARRETT
DR. SUZANNE MOTWALY
DR. AHMED TAMIM
DR. MAI TRAN
DR. JOHN SCHIER, JR.
DR. ERIN RAYBURN
DR. DANIELLE WILLIAMS
DR. LAUREN PITLUCK
DR. JOSEPH-CHARLES MARDINI
DR. CODY OLDHAM
DR. YOUNG OKEKE
DR. ALISON WILSON
DR. ADETUNJI SIJUWADE
DR. THOMAS ROGINSKY
DR. CURTIS SCHMIDT
DR. ALISSA MEDINA
DR. ANTHONY MICHAIL
DR. SEAN SEBOURN
DR. AYOMIDE OGUNYE
DR. ANGEL TUCKER
DR. ROBERT NAFFAH

CHARLOTTE WISE, RDH
PAULA WATKINS, RDH
SARAH MOORE, RDH
CLAUDIA TUFTS, RDH
MARIA MUTH, RDH
ANGEL JOHNSON, RDH
SUSAN WROTEN, RDH
TINA REYNOLDS, RDH
MAUREEN REGAN, RDH
CANDICE DESPOT, RDH
SARAH NORRIS, RDH
MONICA MORGAN, RDH
TRACI BOUTERIE, RDH
CHRISTINA DEVILLIER, RDH
MARYANN PHAM, RDH
SHANNA RAUCH, RDH
KRISTI WILLHITE, RDH
BRITTANY TAYLOR, RDH
LESLIE RICHOUX, RDH
KAYLA Powell, RDH
CHARITY HARRIS, RDH
MOLLY SEVERSON, RDH
LILY PHAN, RDH
KIMBERLEE POE, RDH
KATLYN ROBERTS, RDH
EMILY TURCOTTE, RDH
HOLLY MORRIS, RDH
HEATHER TUTTLE, RDH
VALERIE STIVERS, RDH
ALEXIS WHITMIRE, RDH

Dr. Patel discussed the application by Dr. Rick Waters that his course in dental x-ray function and safety be approved by the Board as provided for in La. R.S. 37:792.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that the course described in the materials provided by Dr. Rick Waters satisfy the criteria required in La. R.S. 37:792 and is hereby approved pursuant to La. R.S. 37:792.

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

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

Dr. Price reviewed the quarterly financial reports. He also mentioned that the committee is working on a disciplinary matrix, as recommended in the Legislative Auditor report. He also mentioned that a new office had been found and that the Board office would be moving in the coming days.

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Office Management Committee meeting of December 5, 2020, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

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

Dr. Dumas gave his report.

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

Dr. Cavallino gave her report, noting that the legislative session begins on April 12.

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

Dr. Ortego gave his report.

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

Dr. Willis gave his report. The Committee met prior to the board meeting and discussed CRNA's in the dental office. The Committee will gather information and meet again in May for further discussion.

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

Dr. Hammond of the HPFL presented his report.

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

Dr. Caldwell gave her report. She discussed revising LAC 46XXXIII.1615 regarding accepting continuing education courses sponsored by the American Association of Dental Boards ACE program. It was decided to refer the matter to the CE Committee at its May meeting.

Dr. Ortego moved

Resolved, that licensees who are to renew their licenses at the end of 2021 be allowed to do all their continuing education online.

After discussion, Dr. Ortego withdrew his motion.

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

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Nominating Committee meeting of December 5, 2020, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are hereby adopted, ratified, and approved in their entirety.

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

There was a discussion regarding COVID-19 issues and it was decided to keep the CE requirements for those renewing in 2021 the same as in non-COVID years, and to revisit that decision at the May meeting when more information is available.

Board members were reminded of their tire 2.1 reports and their training requirements.

15. REPORTS ON INVESTIGATIONS, ADJUDICATIONS, AND LITIGATION

Dr. Bennett 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. Manal Ayoub, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and awards her the requested license to practice dentistry 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 by examination in the State of Louisiana by Molly Waddell, RDH, 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.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. LaSalle moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of March 5, 2021.

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

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

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