

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
HELD IN THE REX ROOM 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
AT THE JW MARRIOTT NEW ORLEANS  
LOCATED AT 614 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130  
BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022**

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, December 2, 2022. 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 11:00 AM by Dr. Don Bennett, President.

***1. ROLL CALL***

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

**PRESENT**

Dr. Don Bennett, President  
Dr. Thomas Price, Vice President  
Dr. Jay Dumas, Secretary Treasurer  
Dr. Nelson Daly, Member  
Dr. Ike House, Member  
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member  
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member  
Dr. David Baughman, Member  
Dr. Rick Willis, Member  
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member  
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member  
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member

**ABSENT**

Dr. Griffin Deen  
Ms. Joel Breaux  
Dr. Jerry Smith

**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 Droddy, LDA

Dr. Lacy Galliano, LDA  
Dr. John Gallo, LSU Dental School  
Dr. Fawaz Alotaibi  
Dr. Eddie Starr  
Ms. Susan Farrar, RDH, LDHA  
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL  
Mr. Felix van der Lick, HPFL  
Ms. Kim Kreppein

*2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT*

Dr. Bennett 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. Bennett asked for public comment. Dr. Starr and Ms. Kreppein asked to address the Board regarding anesthesia issues. Dr. Bennett asked that they address the Board at the time that the Anesthesia Committee gives its report.

*4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated of the special Board meeting of August 19, 2022 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*

Dr. Ortego 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 19, 2022, 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.

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

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 F.A., the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application pending the completion of his application and pending the revision to Rule 103 becoming final, at which time it awards him the requested license to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana, granting him all the privileges, duties, and responsibilities associated therewith.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

Dr. Cavallino moved

**Resolved**, that agenda be revised to move section 13 of the agenda, the report of the Anesthesia Committee, to this point of the meeting.

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

Dr. Willis gave his report, after which Dr. Eddie Starr and Ms. Kim Kreppein addressed the Board regarding anesthesia issues. Dr. Bennett referred Dr. Starr's matter to the Rulemaking Committee for its March, 2023 meeting.

Dr. Cavallino moved,

Wherefore, currently there are some pediatric dentists who perform sedation primarily on children under the age of 13, but sometimes have the occasion to sedate a disabled patient who is over the age of 13;

Under the current Rules, the above referenced pediatric dentist would need to receive both adult and pediatric sedation permits;

Under the current Rules, in order to maintain both permits, the above referenced pediatric dentists must obtain 12 hours of pediatric sedation continuing education every four years and 12 hours of adult sedation continuing education every four years, as well as PALS and ACLS;

**Resolved**, the Chairman of the Anesthesia Committee be authorized in his or her discretion to grant waivers of the 12 hours of adult sedation continuing education required for the above referenced pediatric dentists to maintain their adult sedation permit upon request and upon the determination of the Anesthesia Committee Chairman that such a waiver is appropriate, while maintaining the requirement that the pediatric dentist complete the 12 hours of pediatric sedation training, as well as PALS and ACLS.

## ***STANDING COMMITTEES***

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

Dr. Patel gave his report.

Mr. Zelaya move

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the August 19, 2022, Licensing and Credentials Committee be approved.

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

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

Dr. Price reviewed the financial report from the first quarter.

Dr. Cavallino moves

**Resolved**, that the Board that award its eligible classified staff a rewards and recognition payment of 10% of their salary due to their extraordinary service and that Dr. Hickham and Ms. Conner each receive a 10% raise in their salary beginning on January 1, 2023.

Dr. Daly moved

**Resolved**, that minutes of the August 19, 2022, Office Management Committee meeting be approved.

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

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

Dr. Ortego gave his report.

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

Dr. Cavallino gave her report.

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

Dr. Caldwell gave her report.

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

Dr. Hammond of the HPFL presented his report.

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

This section was moved closer to the beginning of the meeting by a unanimous vote of the Board.

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

Dr. Dumas gave his report.

Dr. House moved

**Resolved**, that minutes of the August 19, 2022, Rulemaking committee be adopted.  
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*15. NOMINATING COMMITTEE*

Dr. Bennett gave his report.

Mr. Zelaya 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. Tom Price
Vice President:	Dr. Jay Dumas
Secretary-Treasurer:	Dr. Jeet Patel

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.  
The officers were then inducted.

*16. 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. Thomas Price
Vice President:	Dr. Jay Dumas
Secretary-Treasurer:	Dr. Jeet Patel
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.

Dr. Ortego moved

**Resolved**, that the contract with Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts be ratified.  
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*17. ADJOURNMENT*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting  
of December 2, 2022.

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

Dr. House adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

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**Jay Dumas, D.D.S.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**