

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
HELD IN THE FRONTENAC ROOM 3RD FLOOR
AT THE JW MARRIOTT NEW ORLEANS
LOCATED AT 614 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130
BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM ON MAY 6, 2022**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, May 6, 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 10:00 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, 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
Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member
Dr. Rick Willis, Member
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member
Dr. Ike House, Member

ABSENT

Dr. Claudia Cavallino
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. Alainnie Broussard, LDA
Dr. Phil Rinaudo, NYU-Langone

Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL
Iris Pourciau, Board staff
Meagan Wooten, Board staff

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

Dr. Bennett thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked Dr. House to do the invocation. After the invocation Dr. Bennett asked all guests to introduce themselves. Staff members were introduced to the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Bennett asked for public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated of the special Board meeting of March 11, 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

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 March 11, 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.

Dr. House moved

Resolved, that the agenda be amended to take up the matter at 14(ii) on the agenda, licensure by a post graduate program instead of a licensure exam.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote.

Phil Rinaudo with NYU-Langone urged the Board to accept licensure by a post-graduate program in lieu of a licensure exam. The issue was referred to the Licensing and Credentials Committee.

Dr. Ortego moved

Resolved, that the agenda be amended to take up the matter at 12 on the agenda, the Impaired Dentist Committee.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote.

12. *IMPAIRED DENTIST COMMITTEE*, Dr. Glenn Appleton, Chair
Dr. Hammond of the HPFL presented his report.

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Dr. Ortego 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 2020-2021 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.

7. *OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*, Dr. Thomas Price, Chair
Dr. Price reviewed the quarterly financial reports.
Dr. Price then reviewed the proposed amended budget.

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the proposed amended budget, as contained in the Board meeting materials, be and hereby is adopted.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the March 11, 2022 Office Management Committee meeting be approved.

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. Hickham reported on pending legislation.

10. *EXAMINATION COMMITTEE*, Dr. Steve Ortego, Chair
Dr. Ortego gave his report.

11. *ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. Rick Willis, Chair
Dr. Willis gave his report.

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.

After a discussion of whether to allow all of the CE to be done online for those renewing at the end of 2022, Dr. House moved

Resolved, that licensees who renew at the end of 2022 be allowed to do all of their CE online. There was no second, and the motion failed. The normal CE requirements will remain in effect for those renewing at the end of 2022.

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

- (i) There was a discussion of specialty rules. The matter was referred to the Rulemaking Committee.
- (ii) Discussed above.
- (iii) Board meeting dates for 2023 were chosen: 3/10, 5/12, 8/18 and 12/8-9.
- (iv) There were no new COVID-19 issues to discuss.
- (v) Tier 2.1 reports were discussed.
- (vi) Board training requirements were discussed.

15. REPORTS ON INVESTIGATIONS, ADJUDICATIONS, AND LITIGATION

There were no matters that required discussion in executive session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of May 6, 2022.

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

Dr. Bennett adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.

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