

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
HELD IN THE REX ROOM 8TH FLOOR
AT THE JW MARRIOTT NEW ORLEANS
LOCATED AT 614 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130
BEGINNING AT 11:30 AM ON AUGUST 19, 2022**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, August 19, 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 11:30 AM by Dr. Tom Price, Vice-President serving in place of Dr. Deon Bennet, President, who was absent.

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. Thomas Price, Vice-President
Dr. Glenn Appleton, Member
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member
Dr. David Baughman, Member
Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member
Dr. Rick Willis, Member
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member
Dr. Claudia Cavallino, Member
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member
Dr. Ike House, Member

ABSENT

Dr. Don Bennett, President
Dr. Jay Dumas, Member
Dr. Jerry Smith, 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 Droddy, LDA
Dr. Peter Tufton, NODA
Dr. Fawaz Alotaibi
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL
Ms. Joilynn Hollies JAC Louisiana
Ms. Tiffany Turner, RDH
Dr. Oluwasami Adegboyega
Dr. Phil Rinaudo

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

Dr. Price thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked all guests to introduce themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Price asked for public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated of the special board meeting of May 6, 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 May 6, 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. Ortego moved

Resolved, that agenda be revised to go into executive session at this time to consider the licensure issues listed under section 15 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 T.T., 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 O.A., the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby approves said application and 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

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

The Board discussed the issue of alternative pathways to licensure.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that action on the issue of alternative pathways to licensure be tabled until a later date.

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

The Board discussed changes to licensure by credentials.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that the licensure by credential rules, Rule 306(A)(5) and Rule 706(A)(5), be amended to remove the requirement that initial licensure exam include procedures on a live patient.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that Rule 103(2) be revised provide the Board with discretion to grant a license by credentials to dentists who do not meet the exact requirement of the rule but have proven to be qualified to practice dentistry in this state by other means.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote.

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

Dr. Price reviewed the quarterly financial reports. Dr. Cavallino noted that for the fiscal year 2021-2022, fines amounted to less than 1% of the Board's operating budget, contrary to assertions that the Board fines dentists because it needs the money.

The Board discussed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Mr. Zelaya move

Resolved, that the proposed budget be adopted.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote.

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the May 6, 2022, 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.

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

Dr. Cavallino gave her report.

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

Dr. Caldwell gave her report.

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

Dr. Appleton gave his report.

Dr. Hammond of the HPFL presented his report.

ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE, Dr. Rick Willis, Chair

Dr. Willis gave his report.

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

Dr. Willis gave his report.

13. RULEMAKING COMMITTEE, Dr. Jay Dumas, Chair
Dr. Price, serving in Dr. Dumas' absence, gave his report.

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

Dr. Ortego moved

Resolved, that the Sharp and Co. contract be ratified.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that contract with Celia Cangelosi be ratified.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that the resolution language in the board book regarding attorney Larry Pettiette and his firm, Pettiette, Armand, Dunkelman, Woodley, Byrd & Cromwell, LLP be adopted and approved as Board resolutions.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

There was a discussion of tier 2.1 reports and board member training requirements.

There was a discussion of the Christmas party.

There was a discussion of the dental compact.

There was a discussion of Rule 710(E).

Dr. Baughman moved

Resolved, that Rule 710(E) be amended to remove the portion of the rule that reads "in the previous two years and by gaining approval of the board through the interview process."

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote.

15. REPORTS ON INVESTIGATIONS, ADJUDICATIONS, AND LITIGATION

The section was moved by unanimous vote to an earlier portion of the meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Cavallino moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of August 19, 2022.

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

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

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