

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 1:00 PM ON MARCH 12, 2023**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, March 10, 2023. 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 1:00 PM by Dr. Price, President.

***1. ROLL CALL***

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

**PRESENT**

Dr. Thomas Price, President  
Dr. Jay Dumas, Vice President  
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Secretary Treasurer  
Dr. Don Bennett, Member  
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member  
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member  
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Member  
Dr. David Baughman, Member  
Dr. Josh Reaves, Member  
Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member  
Dr. Rick Willis, Member  
Dr. Nelson Daly, Member  
Dr. Terry Billings, Member  
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member  
Dr. Ike House, 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. John Gallo, LSU Dental School

Dr. Angelo Mariotti, LSU Dental School  
Ms. Susan Farrar, RDH, LDHA  
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL  
Mr. Felix Vanderlick, HPFL  
Dr. Edward Starr  
Dr. Allison Johnson

*2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT*

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

*3. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Dr. Price asked for public comment.

*4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Dr. Baughman moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated of the annual Board meeting of December 2, 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. Baughman 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 2, 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.

***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 2021-2022 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.

There was a discussion of the length of time that an examination should remain valid for initial licensure and regarding license by credentials procedures.

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, that recommendation of the Licensing and Credentials Committee be accepted and that Rule 1709(C) be revised to provide that examination scores are valid for initial licensure by examination for 5 years, instead of the current three years.

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

*7. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, Dr. Rick Willis, Chair*

Dr. Willis reviewed the quarterly financial reports.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 2, 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.

There was a discussion of specialty rules.

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, that the recommendation of the Rulemaking Committee be accepted and that Rules 122(A) and 301(C) be revised to remove the list of accepted specialties, leaving only that the Board recognizes exclusively any area of specialty for which a dentist has completed a post-doctoral program consisting of at least two full time years and which program is accredited by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, that the recommendation of the Rulemaking Committee be accepted and that Rule 1509(A) regarding third party anesthesia be revised to change the list of acceptable third-party anesthesia providers from a "Louisiana-licensed physician who specializes in anesthesiology, a third-party Louisiana-licensed certified registered nurse anesthetist, or an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who is permitted by the board to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia..." to a "Louisiana-licensed physician who specializes in anesthesiology, a

third-party Louisiana-licensed certified registered nurse anesthetist, or a Louisiana licensed dentist with an appropriate sedation permit for the level of anesthesia to be achieved ~~an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who is permitted by the board to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia”~~

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

9. *LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE*, Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Chair  
Mr. Zelaya gave his report.

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

11. *ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. David Baughman, Chair  
Dr. Baughman gave his report.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes from the December 2, 2022 Anesthesia Committee be approved.

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

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

13. *CE COMMITTEE*, Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Chair  
Dr. Caldwell gave her report.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 2, 2022, Nominating Committee meeting be approved.

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.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the resolution language in the board book regarding attorneys The Groh Law Firm and the Law Office of Peyton B. Burkhalter be adopted and approved as Board resolutions. The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Daly moved

**Resolved**, that the contract of the Healthcare Providers Foundation of Louisiana be ratified. The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Bennett moved

**Resolved**, that the contract of Pettiette, Armand, Dunkelman, Woodley, Byrd & Cromwell, L.L.P. be ratified.

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

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

No executive session was necessary for this meeting.

*16. ADJOURNMENT*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of March 10, 2023.

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

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

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**Jeet Patel, D.D.S.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**