

**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 11:30 AM ON DECEMBER 6, 2024**

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, December 6, 2024. 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. Dumas, President.

***1. ROLL CALL***

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

**PRESENT**

Dr. Jay Dumas, President  
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Vice President  
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Secretary Treasurer  
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member  
Dr. David Baughman, Member  
Dr. Josh Reaves, Member  
Dr. Rick Willis, Member  
Dr. Nelson Daly, Member  
Dr. Terry Billings, Member  
Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, Member  
Dr. Ike House, Member  
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member

**ABSENT**

Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member  
Dr. Don Bennett, 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  
Dr. F. Thomas Giacona, LSU Dental School  
Ms. Suzanne Farrar, RDH, LDHA  
Dr. David Hammond, HPFL  
Mr. Felix Vanderlick  
Ms. Annette Droddy, LDA  
Mr. Stephen Metcalf  
Dr. Anas Aljumaili

*2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT*

Dr. Dumas thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

*3. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Dr. Dumas asked for public comment. Ms. Farrar commented on recent ADA policy changes.

*4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Dr. House moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Special Board meeting of August 16, 2024 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 August 16, 2024, 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*

Mr. Zelaya 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. Price moved

**Resolved**, that the Board grant a license to AA.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Board grant a license to SM.

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

Dr. Price moved

**Resolved**, that the Board approve the consent decree signed by JHO.

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

### ***STANDING COMMITTEES***

*7. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE*, Dr. Terry Billings, Chair

Dr. Billing gave his report

*8. LICENSING AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE*, Dr. Jeet Patel, Chair

Dr. Patel gave his report.

A discussion was held regarding the dental compact and it was mentioned that the LDA CGA has decided to push for the AADB compact to be adopted by the legislature.

*9. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*, Dr. Tom Prices, Chair

Dr. Price reviewed the financial report from the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Dr. House moved

**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, 2025.

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

Dr. House moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the August 16, 2024 Office Management Committee meeting, as circulated, be approved.

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

*10. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE*, Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Chair

Mr. Zelaya gave his report.

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

Dr. Caldwell gave her report.

Dr. Baughman moved

**Resolved**, that the agenda be amended to discuss granting board members continuing education credit for attending Board meetings.

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

Dr. Baughman moved

**Resolved**, that Rules 1611 and 1613 of the Dental Practice Act be amended to allow Board members to receive one hour of continuing education credit for each Dental Board meeting attended.

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

*12. IMPAIRED DENTIST COMMITTEE*, Dr. Nelson Day, Chair

Dr. Daly presented his report. Dr. Hammond also gave a report.

*13. ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. David Baughman, Chair

Dr. Baughman gave his report.

*14. RULEMAKING COMMITTEE*, Dr. Josh Reaves, Chair

Dr. Reaves gave his report.

Dr. Baughman moved

**Resolved**, that the proposed changes to Rules 1709, 1711 and 128, as circulated, be approved.

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

*15. NOMINATING COMMITTEE*, Dr. Jay Dumas, Chair

Dr. Dumas gave his report

Dr. Price moved

**RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry and hereby elects the following individuals for the positions of president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer.

President: Dr. Jeet Patel  
Vice President: Dr. Kimberly Caldwell  
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. David Baughman

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*

Dr. Dumas was recognized as the out-going president and Drs. Dumas and House were recognized as retiring board members. Their contributions to the board in their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

There was a discussion of the responsibility of a dentist who owns a practice for the misdeeds of the dentists employed in that practice.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the following contract be approved and ratified by the Board:

- a. Silverwulf contract on p. 29 of the board book

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

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. Jeet Patel  
Vice President: Dr. Kimberly Caldwell  
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. David Baughman  
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.

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

There was a discussion of the Christmas party.

*16. ADJOURNMENT*

Dr. Billings moved

**Resolved,** that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of December 6, 2024.

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

Dr. Dumas adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

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**Kimberly Caldwell, D.D.S.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**