

**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 8, 2024**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, March 8, 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 1:00 PM by Dr. Dumas, President.

***1. ROLL CALL***

At the request of Dr. Dumas, 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. 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  
Dr. Stephen Chapman, Member

**ABSENT**

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  
Ms. Annette Droddy, LDA  
Dr. John Gallo, LSU Dental School  
Dr. Peter Tufton NODA  
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL  
Dr. Mark Lippas

*2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT*

Dr. Dumas thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced new board member, Dr. Stephen Chapman. Dr. Dumas asked all guests to introduce themselves.

*3. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Dr. Dumas asked for public comment.

*4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes, as circulated of the annual Board meeting of December 8, 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 December 8, 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,

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the that the Board approve of and ratify the First Amendment to Agreement Containing Consent Decree by and between Dr. David Reed and the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

Mr. Zelaya moved

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

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

## ***STANDING COMMITTEES***

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

Dr. Patel gave his report.

Dr. Price 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 2022-2023 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.

### ***8. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, Dr. Tom Price, Chair***

Dr. Price reviewed the quarterly financial reports.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 8, 2023 Office Management Committee meeting be approved.

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

### ***9. RULEMAKING COMMITTEE, Dr. Josh Reaves, Chair***

Dr. Reaves gave his report.

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

*11. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE*, Dr. Terry Billings, Chair  
Dr. Billings gave his report and there was a mention of CODA accreditation site visits to LSU Dental School, the LSU Orofacial Pain Program, and the ULL Hygiene Program that were attended for observation by Dr. Dumas, Dr. Billings and Ms. Breaux, respectively.

*12. ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE*, Dr. David Baughman, Chair  
Dr. Baughman gave his report.  
Mr. Zelaya moved  
**Resolved**, that the minutes from the December 8, 2023 Anesthesia Committee be approved.  
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Mr. Zelaya moved  
**Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 8, 2023, 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 The Groh Law Firm be adopted and approved as Board resolutions.  
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the resolution language in the board book regarding 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.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the resolution language in the board book regarding Law Office of Milling Benson Woodward, LLP be adopted and approved as Board resolutions.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the contract in the board book regarding Law Office of Milling Benson Woodward, LLP be ratified and approved as Board resolutions.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the agenda be amended to add the consideration of new officers for the Board, a consideration necessitated by news received yesterday that the current Board President may not be reappointed to the Board and may not be able to finish his term as president.

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

Dr. House moved

**Resolved**, that in the event that Dr. Dumas, the current president, cannot complete his term ending on December 31, 2024, Dr. Price would become President, Dr. Patel would remain Vice President, and Dr. Caldwell would remain as Secretary/Treasurer.

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

Mr. House moved

**Resolved**, that the agenda be amended to add the consideration of the request by ADEX to have the Board send out a work analysis survey to all dental licensees.

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

## *16. ADJOURNMENT*

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of March 8, 2024.

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

Dr. Dumas adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

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