

**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 21, 2025**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, March 21, 2025. 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. Patel, President.

***1. ROLL CALL***

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

**PRESENT**

Dr. Jeetendra Patel, President  
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Vice President  
Dr. David Baughman, Secretary Treasurer  
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member  
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member  
Dr. Michael Casadaban, Member  
Dr. David Chambers, Member  
Dr. Josh Reaves, Member  
Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member  
Dr. Nelson Daly, Member  
Dr. Terry Billings, Member  
Dr. Ike House, Member  
Dr. Stephen Chapman, Member  
Dr. Don Bennett, Member  
Dr. Thomas Price

**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

Ms. Annette Droddy, LDA  
Dr. F. Thomas Giacona, LSU Dental School  
Ms. Suzanne Farrar, LDHA  
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL  
Mr. Felix Vanderlick, HPFL

*2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT*

Dr. Patel thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced new board member, Dr. David Chambers. Dr. Patel asked all guests to introduce themselves.

*3. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Dr. Patel 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 6, 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 6, 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. Bennet moved

**Resolved**, that the that the Board approve of and ratify the Agreement Containing Consent Decrees by and between MBB and the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, and between CAS and the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

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.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accepts the listing prepared by its Secretary-Treasurer, covering the dentists and hygienists who failed to timely renew their dental licenses for the calendar years 2023-2024 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 6, 2024 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 and noted that the Committee met and recommended to the Board that it adopt the proposed new rule 136 regarding dental records.

Mr. Zelaya moved

**Resolved**, that the Board adopt the proposed new rule 136 as written in the board materials.

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

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

Mr. Zelaya gave his report.

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

Dr. Billings gave his report.

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

Dr. Baughman gave his report.

Dr. Chapman moved

**Resolved**, that the minutes from the December 6, 2024 Anesthesia Committee be approved.

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

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

Dr. Daly gave his report and introduced Dr. Hammond of the HPFL, who presented a 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 6, 2024, 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 contract in the board book regarding Eric Ferrell be adopted and approved.

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 21, 2025.

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

Dr. Patel adjourned the meeting at 2:14 PM.

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**David Baughman, D.D.S.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Louisiana State Board of Dentistry**