

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 15, 2025**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, August 15, 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 11:30 AM by Dr. Patel, President.

1. ROLL CALL

At the request of Dr. Patel, a roll call was taken. Dr. Patel 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. Thomas Price, Member
Dr. Don Bennett, Member
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member
Dr. David Chambers, Member
Dr. Josh Reaves, Member
Dr. Stephen Chapman, Member
Dr. Nelson Daly, Member
Dr. Terry Billings, Member
Dr. Ike House, Member
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member
Dr. Michael Casadaban, Member

ABSENT

Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member

ALSO PRESENT WERE

Dr. Arthur Hickham, Jr., Executive Director

Ms. Erin Conner, Assistant Executive Director
Ms. Alexx Smith, Board staff
Mr. Kirk Groh, Board Counsel
Dr. Anette Droddy, LDA
Dr. J. David Hammond, HPFL
Ms. Suzanne Farrar, La. Dental Hygiene Association
Ms. Cheryl Ranlett, 3M
Mr. Randy Montgomery, Henry Schein Dental
Dr. Sajjad Shahmoradi

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

Dr. Patel thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Patel asked for public comment. Ms. Ranlett and Mr. Montgomery commented that they are seeing dentists ordering products from unauthorized distributors and they are sometimes getting products that are not FDA approved. It was determined that the Board should send emails to dentists and put a warning on our website, warning dentists that they should make sure that they are using only FDA approved therapeutic products.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the minutes, as circulated, of the Special Board meeting of May 9, 2025 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 9, 2025, 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 approve the consent decree signed by WEH.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

9. *OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*, Dr. Thomas Price, Chair
Dr. Price reviewed the financial report from the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Dr. Price reviewed the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, as circulated, be approved.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the minutes of the May , 9, 2025 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.

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

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

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

- a. MiraComp contract
- b. MiraComp amendment
- c. SilverWulf contract
- d. SilverWulf amendment
- e. Burkhalter contract amendment
- f. Cranner contract amendment
- g. Groh contract amendment

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

There was a discussion of the Christmas party.

16. *ADJOURNMENT*

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of August 15, 2025.

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

Dr. Patel adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.

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