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 12:00 PM ON MAY 8, 2026

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, May 8, 2026. 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 12:00 PM by Dr. Caldwell, President.

1. ROLL CALL
At the request of Dr. Caldwell, a roll call was taken. Dr. Daly stated that a quorum of the Board was present.

PRESENT

Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, President
Dr. David Baughman, Vice President
Dr. Nelson Daly, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member
Dr. David Chambers, Member
Dr. Josh Reaves, Member
Dr. Terry Billings, Member
Dr. Adam Cormier, Member
Dr. Don Bennett, Member
Dr. Thomas Price, Member
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member
Dr. Michael Casadaban, Member

ABSENT

Dr. Griffin Deen, Member
Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member
Dr. Stephen Chapman, 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
Dr. F. Thomas Giacona, LSU Dental School
Mr. Felix Vanderlick, HPFL
Dr. Jay Piland, HPFL

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

Dr. Caldwell thanked everyone for attending the meeting asked all guests to introduce themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Caldwell 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 March 20, 2026 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 March 20, 2026, 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 that the Board approve of and ratify the Agreement Containing Consent Decree by and between CJG 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.

8. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, Dr. Tom Price, Chair
Dr. Price reviewed the quarterly financial reports.

Dr. Baughman moved
Resolved, that the proposed budget amendments and the projected budget be approved.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the minutes of the March 20, 2026 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 language in the memo in the board book regarding duties allowed by assistants and that the Committee withdrew its recommendation the proposed language in the memo in the board book regarding gifts to referring dentists be adopted.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the Board adopt the proposed language regarding duties of assistants as amended from the last board meeting and 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. Michael Casadaban, Chair
Dr. Casadaban gave his report.

13. IMPAIRED DENTIST COMMITTEE, Dr. Nelson Day, Chair
Dr. Daly gave his report and introduced Mr. Jay Piland of the HPFL, who presented a report.

14. CE COMMITTEE, Ms. Joell Breaux, Chair
Ms. Breaux was absent so Dr. Caldwell gave her report.

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

There was a discussion of Board meeting dates for 2027.
There was a discussion of tier 2.1 reports, and board member training requirements.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the resolution to procure attorney contracts in the board book regarding The Groh Law Firm, Bruce Cranner (Bradley Murcheson Kelly & Shea, LLP), and Peyton B. Burlkhalter 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 20, 2026.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 2:09 PM.

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Nelson Daly, D.D.S.
Secretary/Treasurer
Louisiana State Board of Dentistry