

**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 10:30 AM ON MAY 9, 2025**

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, May 9, 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 10:30 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. Jeet Patel, President
Dr. Kimberly Caldwell, Vice President
Dr. David Baughman, Secretary Treasurer
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member
Dr. Don Bennett, Member
Dr. David Baughman, Member
Dr. Josh Reaves, Member
Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member
Dr. Michael Casadaban, Member
Dr. Nelson Daly, Member
Dr. Terry Billings, Member
Dr. Ike House, Member
Dr. Thomas Price, Member

ABSENT

Dr. Stephen Chapman, Member
Dr. Griffin Deen, 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. J. David Hammond, HPFL
Mr. Felix Vanderlick, HPFL
Ms. Suzanne Farrar, La. Dental Hygiene Association
Dr. John Gallo, LSU Dental School
Mr. David Waldschmidt, Joint Commission on National Dental Exams

2. OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

Dr. Patel thanked everyone for attending the meeting. 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 special Board meeting of March 21, 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 March 21, 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.

David Waldschmidt from the JCNDE gave a presentation on the Dental Objective Structured Clinical Examination.

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 Decrees by and between JVW and the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, and between AKG 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, the proposed budget amendments.

Dr. Zelaya 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 21, 2025, 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.

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the minutes of the March 21, 2025, Rulemaking Committee meeting 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. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE, Dr. Terry Billings, Chair

Dr. Billings gave his report.

12. ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE, Dr. David Baughman, Chair

Dr. Baughman gave his report.

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

The board meeting dates for 2026 were chosen: March 20, May 8, August 14, and December 4.

Dr. House moved

Resolved, that the resolutions for contracts of Milling Benson Woodward, LLC, Pettiette, Armand, Dunkleman, Woodley, Byrd & Cromwell, LLP, Groh Law Firm, and Law Office of Peyton Burkhalter 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.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zelaya moved

Resolved, that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry hereby adjourns its meeting of May 9, 2025.

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

Dr. Patel adjourned the meeting at 11:31 AM.

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