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 12:30 PM ON MARCH 20, 2026

The special meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, March 20, 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 12:30 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
Dr. Griffin Deen, Member
Mr. Carlos Zelaya, Member
Dr. David Chambers, Member
Dr. Josh Reaves, Member
Ms. Joelle Breaux, RDH, Member
Dr. Terry Billings, Member
Dr. Adam Cormier, Member
Dr. Stephen Chapman, Member
Dr. Don Bennett, Member
Dr. Thomas Price, Member
Dr. Jeetendra Patel, Member

ABSENT

Dr. Michael Casadaban, 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

Ms. Annette Droddy, LDA
Dr. F. Thomas Giacona, LSU Dental School
Ms. Suzanne Farrar, LDHA
Mr. Felix Vanderlick, HPFL
Dr. Lance Savoy, LDA
Dr. Steven Brisco, LSU Dental School
Dr. Sally Daly
Mr. Randall Johnson, Southern Strategy Group
Mr. Matthew Cross, Southern Strategy Group

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 December 5, 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 December 5, 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 that the Board approve of and ratify the Agreement Containing Consent Decree by and between CAG 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 2024-2025 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 5, 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 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 the proposed language in the memo in the board book regarding gifts to referring dentists.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the Board adopt the proposed language regarding duties of assistants as written in the board materials.

After a discussion, Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the motion be tabled.
The motion to table the original motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the Board adopt the proposed language regarding gifts to referring dentists as written in the board materials.

After a discussion, Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the motion be tabled.
The motion to table the original 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. Daly gave his report and introduced Mr. Felix Vanderlick 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 5, 2025, Nominating Committee meeting be approved.

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

Mr. Zelaya moved

> **Resolved**, that the minutes of the December 5, 2025, Act 454 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 to procure attorney contract in the board book regarding The Groh Law Firm be adopted and approved.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the resolution to procure attorney contract in the board book regarding The Law Office of Peyton B. Burkhalter be adopted and approved.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the agenda be revised to correct the name of the law firm where Mr. Bruce Cranner practices from Milling Benson to Bradley Muchison.
The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Zelaya moved
Resolved, that the resolution to procure attorney contract in the board book regarding Bradley Muchison firm 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