

## Kentucky Board of Dentistry

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### - MINUTES OF MEETING -

July 17, 2021

This regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry took place at 1400 Delaware Ave., Lexington, KY 40505. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Board's president, Dr. Geoffrey Ball. A quorum was present.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Geoffrey Ball, Teresa Boyd, William Collins, M. Suzanne Fallahzadeh, Andrew Farmer, Bradley Fulkerson, Lisa Johnston, Frank Kinnaird, and Justin Kolasa

**Members Absent:** Donna Ruley

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Joseph Evans (WKU), Julie McKee (DPH), and Deborah Ray (UK)

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Tim Daugherty (UofL)

**Staff/Contract Personnel Present:** Jeffrey Allen, Cindy Effinger (via telephone), Shimada Hazley, Crystal Holloway, Uconda Schoolfield, and Christina White

**Also Present:** Jerry Caudill, Darren Greenwell, Jennifer Hasch, Lynn Phillips Henderson, and Kayla Tudor

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#### MEMBERS & OFFICERS INSTALLATION

**Board Members:** Ms. Holloway administered the oath of office to Drs. Kolasa and Fulkerson, who will each serve a four-year term on the board.

**Officers:** Dr. Fulkerson nominated Dr. Ball to continue serving as board president. There were no other nominations.

*Motion: Reappoint Dr. Geoffrey Ball to the position of president of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. Introduced by Bradley Fulkerson; seconded by Suzanne Fallahzadeh. All were in favor; motion approved.*

Dr. Ball nominated Dr. Boyd for board vice-president. There were no other nominations.

*Motion: Appoint Dr. Teresa Boyd to the position of vice-president of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. Introduced by Geoffrey Ball; seconded by Bradley Fulkerson. All were in favor; motion approved.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the May 8, 2021 meeting.

*Motion: Approve the minutes of the 05-08-2021 meeting as presented. Introduced by Teresa Boyd; seconded by Lisa Johnston. All were in favor; motion approved.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Law Enforcement Committee:** Serving on the committee are Brad Fulkerson, Geoffrey Ball, and Teresa Boyd. Dr. Fulkerson reported that at its July 9, 2021 meeting the Law Enforcement Committee reviewed five complaints. Of these, three were dismissed, one private admonishment was issued, and one was held over for further investigation. In addition, one patient hospitalization and one National Practitioner Data Bank alert were reviewed but no action was taken.

He also announced that all 15 Well-Being Committee participants were in compliance and that three had been successfully discharged from the program.

**Vaccine Committee:** Serving on the committee are Teresa Boyd, Geoffrey Ball, Bill Collins, Chris Mattingly, and Julie McKee. Dr. Boyd reported that emergency regulation 201 KAR 8:505E was reviewed by the Administrative Regulatory Review Committee on May 11. The regulation was approved but some committee members did express mild concerns.

She also reported that legal counsel has drafted an advisory opinion that vaccines fall within the scope of practice. The committee is recommending the document's approval.

*Motion: To approve Advisory Opinion 21-01 as presented. Introduced by Teresa Boyd; seconded by Lisa Johnston. Eight were in favor, one opposed; motion approved.*

**Fees & Fines Committee:** Serving on the committee are Geoffrey Ball, William Collins, Miriam Fallahzadeh, Bradley Fulkerson, and Donna Ruley. Dr. Ball reported that the board-approved revision to 201 KAR 8:520 has been filed with Legislative Research Commission (LRC). Public comments opposed to the charitable license fees have already been received. The public hearing is scheduled for Aug. 24.

**Licensure Committee:** Serving on the committee are Geoffrey Ball, William Collins, Miriam Fallahzadeh, Bradley Fulkerson, and Donna Ruley. Mr. Allen reported that he recently filed Letters of Certification with the LRC to officially give notice of our intent to revise both 201 KAR 8:532 and 562. We have over a year to submit the proposed revisions. So far, no major changes are planned. Topics under consideration include tightening up some continuing education rules, eliminating sections on duplicate licenses to reflect the fee elimination, and clarifying differences between reinstating expired and retired licenses.

The committee has also decided to develop a proposed regulation for mobile dental units, which it will pursue first.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**COVID-19 Update:** Mr. Allen reported that, while several COVID-related executive orders have been rescinded, the original order declaring a state of emergency remains in place. Therefore, some mask mandates and other restrictions are still in effect, especially in healthcare. However, state office restrictions have been lifted and the Board staff is fully back in the office.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Allen provided a final year-end report for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Finances appear to have been only mildly affected by pandemic. Revenue for the year was \$518,571 and expenses were \$711,151, with a final balance was -\$192,580. This negative balance should be offset the following year as dentist renewal fees come due. Mr. Allen projected an overall surplus for the 2020-22 fiscal biennium. Cash on hand is \$1.34 million.

**2021-22 Meeting Schedule:** Mr. Allen requested that the new Board set its meeting schedule for the rest of the year.

*Motion: To establish the following meeting dates for the Board of Dentistry: 09/11/2021, 11/06/2021, 01/08/2022, 03/12/2022, 05/14/2022, and 07/16/2022. Introduced by Andrew Farmer; seconded by Bradley Fulkerson. All were in favor; motion approved.*

**Board Staff Review:** Mr. Allen provided the Board with a general evaluation of staff members and discussed potential salary increases.

*Motion: To go into Executive Session under KRS 61.810 (f). Introduced by Bradley Fulkerson; seconded by William Collins. All were in favor; motion approved.*

*Motion: To come out of Executive Session. Introduced by Justin Kolasa; seconded by Teresa Boyd. All were in favor; motion approved.*

*Motion: To implement a 7% salary increase for all staff. Introduced by William Collins; seconded by Bradley Fulkerson. All were in favor; motion approved.*

## **BOARD ORIENTATION & PLANNING**

**Board Overview:** Mr. Allen presented an orientation session on the history, mission, and operations of the Board of Dentistry.

**Licensee Survey:** Mr. Allen gave a presentation on the results of the Board's 2021 licensee survey.

**Strategic Planning:** Mr. Allen led attendees in conducting a SWOT analysis followed by a GAP analysis. The results of those analyses were used to develop a set of preliminary SMART goals. Mr. Allen indicated that he would use the goals and develop a draft strategic plan for the Board to review at its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.