



## Kentucky Board of Dentistry

312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101  
Louisville, KY 40222

### Minutes of Meeting

July 13, 2024

This regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry took place in person at the board office and via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) by the Board's vice president, Dr. William Collins. A quorum was present.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Lisa Johnston Arthur, William Collins, Bradley Fulkerson, Rebecca Green, Bruce Haskell, Thadler Schroeder, Katherine von Lackum\*, and Lory Dean Wilson

**Members Absent:** Frank Kinnaird and Justin Kolasa

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Mary Jones\* (BCTC), Julie McKee\* (KDPH), and Deborah Ray (UK), and Paula Collins (UofL)

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** None

**Staff/Contract Personnel Present:** Jeffrey Allen and Addison Lowry\* (McBrayer)

**Also Present:** Steve Robertson (KDA), Jerry Caudill (Avesis), Jill Keaton (UPike), and Allison Wright (UK)

\*Indicates participation via video conference.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the May 11, 2024, meeting.

*Motion: Approve the minutes of the 05-11-2024 meeting as amended. Introduced by Lisa Johnston-Arthur; seconded by Bradley Fulkerson. Without objection, motion approved.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Law Enforcement Committee:** On the committee are Bradley Fulkerson, Justin Kolasa, and William Collins. Dr. Fulkerson reported that at its July 12, 2024, meeting, eight cases were reviewed, of which five were dismissed, three held over for further investigation, and one private admonishment was issued. One reinstatement request of a former licensee with a criminal conviction was approved. Five National Practitioner Databank reports were reviewed with no action taken. The LEC also approved a request from Lincoln Memorial University to have its students participate in clinical rotations in Kentucky.

The Well-Being Committee reported that all four well-being program participants were compliant with their agreements.

Finally, an administrative hearing date has been tentatively set for Oct. 17-18. Dr. Fulkerson asked members to notify Mr. Allen if they could serve on the hearing panel on those dates.

**Dental Hygiene Licensing Regulation Committee:** On the committee are Justin Kolasa, Lisa Johnston, William Collins, Lori Dean Wilson, Kate von Lackum, and Rebecca Green. Dr. Collins presented the latest draft of 201 KAR 8:533. Mr. Allen noted that it was essentially the same document as what was reviewed at the May meeting with the addition of silver diamine fluoride for public health hygienists.

*Motion: Approve the draft 201 KAR 8:563 as presented. Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by William Collins. Without objection, motion approved.*

Dr. Collins also indicated that Dr. Kolasa would like to set up a committee to review the requirements for courses in local anesthesia, medical emergencies, IV lines, and laser debridement, which all require board approval. He said to let Mr. Allen know if anyone is interested in participating on that committee.

**Dental Community Health Worker Committee:** On the committee are William Collins, Brad Fulkerson, Justin Kolasa, Lori Dean Wilson, and Julie McKee. Dr. Collins presented the latest draft of the dental community health worker regulation and discussed the committee's work with the Departments for Public Health and Medicaid Services.

*Motion: Approve the draft dental community health worker regulation as presented. Introduced by William Collins; seconded by Bruce Haskell. Without objection, motion approved.*

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Board Elections & Appointments:** Mr. Allen announced that the governor has yet to make appointments for the open board seats. The finalists for the dentist seat are Drs. Leslie Horn, Susan King, and Will Yoder. The next meeting date will be Sept. 14 at 9:00 a.m., at which time the Board will schedule its meetings for the rest of the year.

**Board Member Per Diem:** As requested at the previous meeting, Mr. Allen reviewed the reimbursement rates for the federal government and the Kentucky Dental Association as references for considering a per diem policy for the Board.

*Motion: Authorize the Board president to approve reimbursement rates for board member travel on a case-by-case basis. Introduced by Bradley Fulkerson; seconded by Lisa Johnston-Arthur. Without objection, motion approved.*

**Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion:** Mr. Allen summarized his discussions with the executive director of the Executive Branch Ethics Commission regarding the possibility of board members participating as examiners for the testing organizations that administer clinical examinations. Her informal opinion was that board members may serve as examiners only if they do so in their capacity as a board member and may be compensated by the Board in accordance with KRS 313.0202(7), but not by the testing organizations. After discussion, members opted to hold off on requesting a formal opinion from the commission.

**Charitable Donation:** As requested at the May meeting, Addison Lowry discussed her research into the Board possibly making a charitable donation. She indicated that using state dental board funds for

purposes other than dental board functions could be interpreted as improper. She, therefore, recommended against the Board taking such action.

**Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit:** Mr. Allen discussed the upcoming Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit in Louisville. The event will include the annual meetings of the American Association of Dental Boards as well as CDCA-WREB-CITA. He asked members to let him know if they plan on attending and he will set it up.

**Legislative & Legal:** Mr. Allen announced that the proposed revision to 201 KAR 8:533 had passed out of the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services and was now in effect. He also provided a brief update on the Dental Licensure Compact.

**Financial:** FY24 ended on June 30 with total revenues at approximately \$2.03 million compared to expenses of approximately \$765 thousand, leaving a year-end surplus of about \$510 thousand and a cash balance of \$2.03 million.

**Renovations & Office Upgrades:** Mr. Allen reviewed the proposed remodeling plans for the boardroom. He and Dr. Kolasa will continue to move forward with the renovation of the office.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Steve Robertson from the KDA reported that Murray State was pursuing a dental hygiene program and that there is a push to expand responsibilities of public health hygienists.

*Motion: Move to adjourn. Introduced by Bradley Fulkerson; seconded by Lisa Johnston-Arthur. Without objection, motion approved.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.