



## Kentucky Board of Dentistry

312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101

Louisville, KY 40222

### Minutes of Meeting

Nov. 2, 2024

This regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry took place via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) by the Board's president, Dr. Justin Kolasa. A quorum was present.

#### ROLL CALL

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

**Members Absent:** Leslie Horn

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Joseph Evans\* (WKU), Julie McKee\* (KDPH), and Allison Wright\* (UK)

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Paula Collins (UofL)

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

**Also Present:** Steve Robertson\* (KDA), Jerry Caudill\* (Avesis), Jill Keaton\* (UPike), and Beth Nicely\* (KYDHA)

\*Indicates participation via video conference.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the Sept. 14, 2024 meeting. Dr. Haskell asked that the minutes be amended to clarify that his proposal was to allow internationally-trained dentists to practice in underserved areas on a restricted license, not an unrestricted license.

*Motion: Approve the minutes of the 09-14-2024 meeting as amended. Introduced by Bruce Haskell; seconded by Rebecca Green. Without objection, motion approved.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Law Enforcement Committee:** On the committee are Bradley Fulkerson, Justin Kolasa, and Thadler Schroeder. Dr. Fulkerson reported that at its Nov. 1, 2024, meeting, eight cases were reviewed, of which four were dismissed, three were held over for further investigation, and one immediate temporary suspension was issued for significant infection control violations.

One National Practitioner Databank report was reviewed with no action taken.

Two incident reports of patient deaths following and/or during sedation were reviewed, one of which is being investigated further.

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

**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. Kolasa reported that the public comment period for 201 KAR 8.563 is now closed. No public comments were received, either in writing or at the public hearing. The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee will review it at its Nov. 13 meeting.

**Dental Community Health Worker Committee:** Dr. Kolasa reported that the public comment period for 201 KAR 8.610 is now closed. One public comment was received from the Kentucky Dental Association, which believes some of the language is too broad. Dr. Kolasa indicated that the KDA's recommended change to the regulation was minor and that he would have the committee review it.

The Board must file a Statement of Consideration responding to the comments and indicate if the proposed regulation is being revised as a result.

**American Association of Dental Boards Conference:** Lisa Johnston-Arthur reported that she attended the AADB conference along with Bruce Haskell, Kate von Lackum, Julie McKee, and Lory Dean Wilson. The competing dental compacts were a significant issue throughout the event. Licensure of internationally trained dentists, cosmetics dental procedures by non-licensees, and licensee addiction and well-being were also discussed.

## EXTERNAL REPORTS

**Kentucky Dental Association:** Executive Director Steve Robertson updated the Board on recent and upcoming KDA activities. He noted that the 2025 General Assembly begins on Jan. 7 and will be a 30-day "short" session. The KDA's priorities are to pass clean-up of statutory language related to insurance and oppose the removal of the fluoride mandate for local water supplies. He believes the fluoride bill will be pushed hard this legislative session.

Dr. Robertson also discussed a wellness program that could benefit licensees and asked the Board to consider supporting it. Dr. Kolasa announced that he would create a Wellness Committee to consider the issue. Drs. Haskell, Green, von Lackum, and Robertson agreed to serve.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**New Staff Member:** Mr. Allen announced that Bailey Biggs had been hired as the Board's new Licensing Specialist.

**Dental Hygiene Renewal:** Dental hygiene license renewal opened on Oct. 15. To date, about 250 renewals have been received so far out of nearly 3,000 licensees. Mr. Allen noted that most renewals come in at the very end of the year.

**Legislative & Legal:** Mr. Allen reported that, in addition to the AADB meeting, he also attended the DCA-WREB-CITA meeting and American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) meeting.

He has also invited the executive director of the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) to the next meeting to discuss the upcoming SRTA-CRDTS merger.

The public member seat on the Board is still vacant, and there is no timeline for an appointment to be made.

**Financial:** To date, revenues for FYE25 were approximately \$99 thousand compared to expenses of approximately \$260 thousand, leaving a current deficit of \$161 thousand and a cash balance of \$1.87 million. Revenue will pick up considerably now that the dental hygiene license renewal period is open.

**Renovations & Office Upgrades:** Mr. Allen advised that all paint, carpet, baseboards, and hardware changes in the office are complete, and that new videoconferencing equipment is scheduled for installation on Nov. 14. He also said he was working on a new website for the Board. Mr. Allen reviewed the furniture quote in the meeting packet, requesting approval from the Board to move forward with the purchase.

*Motion: Move forward with the purchase of new furniture as provided for in the quote as presented. Introduced by Brad Fulkerson; seconded by Rebecca Green. Without objection, motion approved.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Allen announced that he was working on setting up Board meetings and tours at the UK, UofL, and UPike dental schools for next year.

*Motion: Move to adjourn. Introduced by Brad Fulkerson; seconded by Rebecca Green. Without objection, motion approved.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.