



Kentucky Board of Dentistry

312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101

Louisville, KY 40222

Minutes of Meeting

July 11, 2026

This regular meeting of the Board of Dentistry took place at the Board offices. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. (ET) by the Board's vice president, Dr. Kate von Lackum. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lisa Arthur, Rebecca Green, Bruce Haskell, Don Heine, Leslie Horn, Doug Neuman, Jenna Schulten*, Kate von Lackum, and Lory Dean Wilson

Members Absent: John Hurley

Ex-Officio Members Present: Heather Cheek, Jamie Ely, Julie McKee, and Allison Wright

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Paula Collins and Jill Keaton

Staff/Contract Personnel Present: Jeffrey Allen and Kara Legg

Also Present: Jerry Caudill, Chelsea Ernst, Jennifer Harrison, Alice Keithley, Melanie Nelson, Beth Nicely, and Stephen Robertson

* Participated via videoconference

BOARD OPERATIONS

Dr. von Lackum congratulated Bruce Haskell and Lory Wilson for their reappointment to the board and welcomed Don Hiene as the newly appointed member replacing Thad Schroeder. She also introduced Jamie Ely as the newest ex officio member. Following introductions by the new members, Mr. Allen administered the oath of office.

Dr. von Lackum asked board members to fill out the annual ethics disclosure forms. Mr. Allen passed out copies of the form and collected them once completed.

Dr. von Lackum also announced the need to elect board officers. Mr. Allen discussed the process for electing a new president and vice president.

Motion: Nominate Kate von Lackum as a candidate for board president. Introduced by Jenna Schulten; seconded by Bruce Haskell. Without objection, the nomination was approved.

Motion: Nominate Jenna Schulten as a candidate for board vice president. Introduced by Kate von Lackum; seconded by Leslie Horn. Without objection, the nomination was approved.

There being no other nominees, Drs. von Lackum and Schulten were elected by acclamation and installed as president and vice president, respectively.

With new members sworn in and officers elected, Dr. von Lackum asked the board to set a meeting schedule for the 2026-27 term. She noted that the board has historically met on the second Saturday of odd-numbered months. The board agreed to follow that pattern except for May 08, which would conflict with graduation day for most of the state's dental programs.

Motion: Convene a meeting of the Board of Dentistry at 9:00 a.m. Eastern on the following dates: Sept. 12, 2026; Nov. 14, 2026; Jan. 09, 2027; March 13, 2027; May 15, 2027; and July 10, 2027. Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by Don Heine. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Dr. von Lackum also announced plans to schedule a board retreat, possibly at the Sept 12 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the May 09, 2026, meeting for consideration.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the 05/09/2026 meeting as presented. Introduced by Bruce Haskell; seconded by Lory Wilson. Without objection, the motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement Committee: On the committee are Jenna Schulten and Kate von Lackum. Dr. von Lackum reported that the committee met on July 07 and reviewed nine complaints, six of which were dismissed. Of the remaining three, two were held over for further investigation, and one private admonishment was issued. Two license reinstatement requests were reviewed; both were denied.

Dr. Haskell suggested allowing specialists to sit in on LEC meetings as needed to offer subject matter expertise, to which Dr. von Lackum agreed.

The Well-Being Committee reported that five of the six well-being program participants were compliant with their agreements.

Consolidated Review Committee: On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Kate von Lackum, Rebecca Green, Julie McKee, and Lisa Arthur. Mr. Allen briefly reviewed the proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8.533, 540, and 550. He attended the June 09 meeting of the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee, which had no concerns with the revisions. Final approval will occur once they are considered by the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services.

Mr. Allen also announced that the public comments period for 201 KAR 8.563 was closed and summarized the two public comments that were received. After discussion, the Board elected not to revise the proposed amendment in response to the comments. The Board also had no concerns with the minor edits suggested by the Legislative Research Commission.

Dr. McKee asked the Board to consider eventually eliminating the prohibition on fee splitting.

Dental Assisting Committee: On the committee are Kate von Lackum, Jenna Schulten, Rebecca Green, Lisa Arthur, Jerry Caudill, Steve Robertson, and Chelsea Ernst. Dr. von Lackum summarized the committee's June 29 meeting. Dr. Schulten reviewed draft language to establish scope and training standards for assistant scaling. Board members discussed the provisions of the draft as well as general workforce shortage concerns. Dr. Neuman and Ms. Cheek asked to be on the committee.

Loan Repayment: On the committee are Kate von Lackum, Jenna Schulten, Rebecca Green, Julie McKee, and Jennifer Harrison. Dr. von Lackum summarized the committee's June 30 meeting.

Standard of Care: On the committee are Kate von Lackum, Lisa Arthur, Doug Nueman, Jenna Schulten, Bruce Haskell, Rebecca Green, and Steve Robertson. Dr. von Lackum summarized the committee's July 01 meeting. Dr. Horn asked to be added to the committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financial & Admin. Report: Mr. Allen gave a financial report for the end of the fiscal year. About \$1.26 million in revenue was collected in FY26 against \$702 thousand in expenses, resulting in a surplus of approximately \$555 thousand and reserves of \$2.3 million.

Mr. Allen reported that Rhonda Caldwell has been hired as the Board's new Compliance Specialist.

Also, John Hurley, the Board's public member, has resigned his seat. Mr. Allen is working with the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to find a replacement.

Legislative & Regulatory Report: Mr. Allen reported on actions of the 2026 General Assembly that will affect the Board, including requirements to collect workforce participation data during the license renewal process as well as to create a pre-application process to determine license eligibility for potential applicants with criminal records.

Finally, Mr. Allen summarized ADEX's recent announcement that they will incorporate the DLOSCE into their own exam, meaning the DLOSCE will no longer exist as a standalone licensure examination.

OLD BUSINESS

Child Abuse Continuing Education: Dr. Haskell reported that he was still waiting for voiceover work to be completed on the 30-minute course in child abuse and pediatric head trauma.

NEW BUSINESS

Refresher Course: Ms. Ely reviewed MedQuest College's proposed hygiene refresher course.

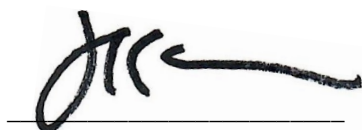
Motion: Approve MedQuest College's dental hygiene refresher course for license reinstatement pursuant to 201 KAR 8.563, Section 8(2). Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by Kate von Lackum. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Kentucky Dental Association: Steve Robertson provided an update on Medicaid reimbursement.

Motion: Move to Adjourn. Introduced by Kate von Lackum; seconded by Don Heine. Without objection, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED ON SEPT. 12, 2026:



Jeffrey Allen, Executive Director