

Kentucky Board of Dentistry

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- MINUTES OF MEETING -

March 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Board's President, Dr. Geoffrey Ball. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL – Crystal Holloway

Members Present: Andrew Farmer, DMD; Brad Fulkerson, DMD; Chris Mattingly, DMD; Donna Ruley, RDH; Geoffrey Ball, DMD; Lisa Johnston, RDH; Mariam Fallahzadeh, DMD; Teresa Boyd, DMD; and Yvonne Bach

Members Absent: Louis Beto, DMD

Ex-Officio Members Present: Jill Keaton, DMD (Big Sandy); Julie McKee, DMD (Dept. for Public Health); and Tim Daugherty (University of Louisville)

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Deborah Ray, DMD (University of Kentucky)

Also Present: Beth Nicely (KYDHA), Crystal Holloway (KBD), Jeff Allen (KBD), Jerry Caudill (Avesis), Lynn Phillips (KYDHA), Mark Moats (KDA), Peter Rosene (KBD Legal Counsel), and Richard Whitehouse (KDA)

COVID-19 Update – Julie McKee

Dr. McKee reported on state government's response to the coronavirus pandemic, including new resources such as the COVID-19 hotline, kyCovid19 website and Gov. Beshear's daily press conferences.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jeff Allen

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the 01/11/2020 meeting for approval.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the 1/11/2020 board meeting as presented. Motion introduced by Donna Ruley; seconded by Brad Fulkerson. All were in favor; motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jeff Allen

Mr. Allen presented the financial report as of 01/10/20, noting that revenues were high due to the recent license renewal period for dentists.

LEGAL REPORT – Peter Rosene

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TeleDentistry Committee: Serving on the committee are Robert Zena, Donna Ruley, Julie McKee, and Chris Mattingly. Donna Ruley reported that the public comment period for the proposed 201 KAR 8:590 is now open and that the public hearing is scheduled for March 27. The committee will consider any comments received and bring back a final version for the Board's approval.

Sedation and Anesthesia Committee: Serving on the committee are Geoffrey Ball, Louis Beto and Brad Fulkerson. Geoffrey Ball reported that several public comments were received in response to the proposed revision of 201 KAR 8:550, including at the public hearing on Jan. 24. After carefully considering all comments, the committee made several edits, which Dr. Ball reviewed with the Board.

Motion: Approve the second draft of 201 KAR 8:550 as presented. Motion introduced by Brad Fulkerson; seconded by Chris Mattingly. All were in favor; motion approved.

Fee & Fines Committee: Serving on the committee are Mariam Fallahzadeh, Brad Fulkerson, and Louis Beto. Jeff Allen reported that the committee conducted an initial review of 201 KAR 8:520 and plans to recommend changes to this regulation. A proposed revision will likely be presented to the Board later in the year.

Law Enforcement: Serving on the committee are Brad Fulkerson, Chris Mattingly, and Geoffrey Ball. Jeff Allen reported that at its March 13 meeting, the committee reviewed eleven cases, of which five were dismissed, four were deferred for further investigation, and two required infection control re-inspections. Two flagged license applications were also reviewed and approved.

Sixteen dentists are currently enrolled in the Board's Well-Being program, with only two being out of compliance.

Strategic Planning Committees:

Serving on the Administrative Committee are Brad Fulkerson, Chris Mattingly, and Andrew Farmer. This committee has yet to meet but plans to do so soon.

Serving on the Communications Committee are Teresa Boyd, Yvonne Bach, Donna Ruley, and Julie McKee. Some committee projects, like creating a social media presence, are underway. Others are still in development.

Serving on the Relationships Committee are Julie McKee, Donna Ruley and Suzi Fallahzadeh. This committee has met once and continues to develop ideas.

Serving on the Continuing Education Committee are Geoffrey Ball, Louis Beto, Lisa Johnston, Jill Keaton, and Jerry Caudill. This committee has met to discuss a plan for CE audits and hope to present something to the Board later this year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jeff Allen

Financial Report: The financials for the first eight months of the fiscal year were reported. Mr. Allen noted that cash on hand was at its peak due to the recently concluded license renewal process for dentists and that revenues and expenses were normal for this point in the year.

Board Election:

Mr. Allen reported that 573 votes were cast for election to the board seat coming open on July 1, 2020. The top three names receiving votes were Drs. William Collins, Katherine King, and Brent Kidd. These nominees will be submitted to Gov. Beshear's office for consideration and vetting.

Legislative Update: Mr. Allen reviewed bills filed during the current 2020 General Assembly that could affect dentistry. Of particular note was House Bill 502, which establishes a Controlled Substance Advisory Council, which would have a single dentist member. The KDA submitted a letter voicing their concerns for this bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn. Motion introduced by Brad Fulkerson; seconded by Donna Ruley. All were in favor; motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.