



Kentucky Board of Dentistry

312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101
Louisville, KY 40222

Minutes of Meeting

Sept. 14, 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*, Leslie Horn*, Justin Kolasa*, Thadler Schroeder*, Katherine von Lackum*, and Lory Dean Wilson*

Members Absent: None

Ex-Officio Members Present: Joseph Evans* (WKU), Julie McKee* (KDPH), and Allison Wright* (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 Mary Ellen Murphy*

*Indicates participation via video conference.

APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

Jeff Allen welcomed Dr. Leslie Horn as the new voting member on the Board. He also recognized Dr. Joseph Evans from Western Kentucky University as the new ex-officio hygiene program representative and Dr. Allison Wright as the new ex-officio University of Kentucky representative. Mr. Allen reminded the Board that the public member seat was still vacant and that hopefully someone would be named to that position soon. Following introductions, Crystal Holloway administered the oath of office to the new board members.

Mr. Allen also announced the need to select new board officers. Bruce Haskell nominated Justin Kolasa to continue as board president, seconded by Brad Fulkerson. Dr. Kolasa nominated Brad Fulkerson for vice-president, seconded by Bruce Haskell. With no other nominations forthcoming, Dr. Kolasa was installed as board president and Dr. Fulkerson as vice-president for the 2024-25 board term.

Dr. Kolasa requested the board select its meeting schedule for the next year.

Motion: Schedule board meetings for the 2024-25 term to take place on the second Saturday of odd numbered months except for November, which will take place on the first Saturday. Introduced by Bruce Haskell; seconded by Lisa Johnston Arthur. Without objection, motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the July 13, 2024, meeting. Lisa Johnston-Arthur noted that the word “diamide” should be corrected to “diamine”.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the 07-13-2024 meeting as amended. Introduced by Bradley Fulkerson; seconded by Lisa Johnston-Arthur. 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 Sept. 13, 2024, meeting, twenty cases were reviewed, of which fifteen were dismissed, three were held over for further investigation, one private admonishment was issued, and one \$500 fine levied.

One charitable application was denied and one refresher course for license reinstatement was approved. Two National Practitioner Databank reports were reviewed with no action taken. Additionally, sixteen KASPER reports forwarded by the Office of Inspector General were reviewed, all of which were found to be appropriate.

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

Dr. Fulkerson also reported that the administrative hearing scheduled for Oct. 17 has been cancelled. Finally, a temporary suspension issued by the LEC has been appealed by the licensee and is still under consideration.

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 revision to 201 KAR 8.563 approved at the last meeting has been submitted for legislative review.

The public comment period is now open and a public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 28. If no comments are received, the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee will take it up in November. If comments are received, it will be rescheduled so the Board can file a response to the comments.

Dental Community Health Worker Committee: Dr. Kolasa reported that the proposed regulation 201 KAR 8.610 that was approved at the last meeting has also been submitted for legislative review. It is on the same review schedule as 201 KAR 8.563.

EXTERNAL REPORTS

Dr. McKee reported on the release of the 2024-2028 State Health Improvement Plan. She indicated that, while dentistry was not a significant part of the plan, it is identified as an area where more access to care is needed. The report also calls for health-related licensing boards to develop uniform data collection and reporting processes.

Dr. McKee also briefly discussed the Kentucky Oral Health Coalition’s policy goals, indicating that the organization is not quite ready to release its formal policy priorities for the 2025 General Assembly.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit: Mr. Allen discussed the upcoming Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit in Louisville. He said all board members who expressed an interested in participating should have received confirmation of their registration. Anyone else who wants to attend should let him know as soon as possible.

Legislative & Legal: Mr. Allen reported that the Dental Compact Commission held its first meeting on Aug. 28 but did not make any policy decisions. They are targeting fall of 2025 for states to begin accepting compact applications.

Financial: To date, revenues for FYE25 were approximately \$61 thousand compared to expenses of approximately \$159 thousand, leaving a current deficit of about \$97 thousand and a cash balance of \$1.93 million. Dental hygiene license renewal begins in October, which will generate most of the revenue for the rest of the year.

Renovations & Office Upgrades: Mr. Allen indicated that he was very close to receiving final approval on all office upgrades, including renovations, furniture, and A/V equipment. Work on these projects should be underway prior to the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kolasa reported that he has agreed to serve on the KDA's Medicaid Technical Advisory Committee.

Dr. Horn asked if serving as an expert witness in a legal case would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Allen advised that doing so would be acceptable if she announced the potential conflict in advance and abstained from voting on issues that might be related to the case.

Bruce Haskell asked the board to consider allowing internationally-trained dentists who do not currently qualify for a unrestricted license to be able to practice on a restricted license in underserved areas. No action was taken on Dr. Haskell's proposal following discussion of how such a policy might affect Kentucky's dental schools.

Motion: Move to adjourn. Introduced by Bradley Fulkerson; seconded by Kate von Lackum. Without objection, motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.