



Kentucky Board of Dentistry

312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101

Louisville, KY 40222

Minutes of Meeting

May 10, 2025

This regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry took place at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) by the Board's president, Dr. Justin Kolasa. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

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

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

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

Also Present: Stephen Robertson (KDA) and William Scarfe (UofL)

*Indicates participation via video conference.

At the opening of the meeting, Drs. Paul Collins and William Scarfe welcomed board members to the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Mr. Jeffrey Allen administered the oath of office to new public member John David Bradley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the March 8, 2025 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the 05/08/2025 meeting. Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by Brad Fulkerson. Without objection, the motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement Committee: On the committee are Bradley Fulkerson, Justin Kolasa, and Thadler Schroeder. Dr. Fulkerson reported that at its May 9, 2025, meeting, six cases were reviewed, five of which were dismissed and one held over for further investigation. Two charitable license applications were reviewed and approved. Three National Practitioner Databank reports were reviewed with no action taken. Three investigative reports from the KCHFS Office of Inspector General were reviewed with no action taken. The Well-Being Committee reported that all five well-being program participants were compliant with their agreements.

Expanded Duties Committee: On the committee are Justin Kolasa, Brad Fulkerson, Lori Dean Wilson. Dr. Kolasa reported that the committee explored opportunities to increase access to care by creating new expanded duties opportunities in the dental hygiene and dental assistant regulations. He reviewed the various options discussed by the committee but noted that, upon further research, it was determined that most of them could not be implemented through the regulatory process and would instead require statutory changes. Therefore, the committee was not able to provide any recommendations for regulatory revisions in this regard.

There was, however, progress made toward the committee's other goal, which was to revise the rules for public health hygiene registration. Dr. Kolasa reviewed the draft revision of 201 KAR 8:563, noting that the changes are intended to strengthen the program and prevent abuse should the legislature eventually authorize public health hygiene for entities outside of the Department for Public Health.

Motion: Approve the draft revision of 201 KAR 8:563 as presented. Introduced by Brad Fulkerson; seconded by Thadler Schroeder. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Ethics Committee: Brad Fulkerson, Justin Kolasa, Lisa Johnston Arthur, and Bruce Haskell are on the committee. Dr. Fulkerson presented the draft Code of Ethics & Conflict of Interest Form for discussion.

Motion: Approve the draft Code of Ethics & Conflict of Interest Form as presented. Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by Kate Von Lackum.

Motion: Amend the original motion to require the form to be completed annually by board nominees and current members. Introduced by Thadler Schroeder; seconded by Kate Von Lackum. Without objection, the amendment was approved.

Without objection, the original motion was approved as amended.

Dr. Fulkerson also reported that the committee supported term limits for ex-officio members but did not have a specific recommendation to offer. He indicated that the Board's legal counsel opined that any such policy should not be enforced retroactively but that new terms could be for a shorter period than four years. No action was taken following a discussion of potential policies for ex-officio terms.

EXTERNAL REPORTS

University of Louisville: Dr. Collins reported on the school's graduation ceremonies taking place later that day. She also discussed the loss of three dental students who passed away during the year. This was followed by a discussion on how to get more dental students to stay in Kentucky.

Kentucky Dental Association: KDA executive director Steve Robertson provided a wrap-up of the 2025 General Assembly and discussed next year's legislative session, at which passing Medicaid

reimbursement reform would be crucial. KDA is also still working on a potential wellness program focusing on mental health.

Department for Public Health: Dr. McKee provided an update on the Radiation Health Branch's revision of X-ray regulations, which will retain the lead shielding requirement. She also reported that the department is adjusting to the loss of Commissioner Stack, who is being elevated to cabinet secretary, as well as the shuttering of the CDC's Division of Oral Health.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Admin. & Financial: For the first ten months of the fiscal year, revenues were approximately \$465 thousand compared to expenses of approximately \$681 thousand, leaving a current deficit of \$215 thousand and a cash balance of \$1.8 million. This deficit is in line with expectations.

Legislative & Legal: Mr. Allen reported that the 2025 General Assembly adjourned on March 28, with little legislation passing that would affect the Board. He noted that next year's legislative session will be a 60-day "long session" which will allow more time for bills to move through the legislative process.

Continuing Education Audit: Mr. Allen reported on the CE audit, which was nearing completion. Of the 2,735 hygiene license renewals, 141 were selected for audit. Of those, 97% were fully compliant, 2% were partially compliant, and 1% were granted an extension due to the recent floods.

Board Nominations: Mr. Allen reviewed the list of 14 nominees vying for the two dentist seats coming open on the Board. Online voting is currently underway and ends May 16. The top six names will go to the governor's office for consideration. He also reminded everyone that new officers must be elected at the next meeting following the appointment of new members.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kolasa offered parting remarks as outgoing president. He also thanked Dr. Fulkerson for his board service, highlighting his contributions as the Board's president and vice president as well as Law Enforcement Committee chair.

Motion: Move to adjourn. Introduced by Brad Fulkerson; seconded by Thadler Schroeder. Without objection, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED 07/12/2025:



Jeffrey Allen, Executive Director