



Kentucky Board of Dentistry

312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101

Louisville, KY 40222

Minutes of Meeting

November 08, 2025

This regular meeting of the Board of Dentistry took place at the board offices. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. (ET) by the Board's president, Dr. Thadler Schroeder. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: John Hurley

Ex-Officio Members Present: Julie McKee, Paula Collins, and Heather Cheek

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Allison Wright

Staff/Contract Personnel Present: Jeffrey Allen and Kara Legg

Also Present: Jennifer Harrison, Mary Jones, Jill Keaton, Steve Roberston, and Stephanie Riehn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the September 13, 2025 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the 09/13/2025 Board of Dentistry meeting as presented. Introduced by Thad Schroeder; seconded by Bruce Haskell. Without objection, the motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Admin. & Financial: Mr. Allen reviewed the financial statements for the first four months of the fiscal year, noting nothing unusual. He indicated that the current operating deficit would be eliminated once the dentist license renewal revenue is received.

Mr. Allen also reviewed the Board's 2026-28 budget request, which has been submitted to the State Budget Director's office and will be incorporated into the governor's state budget proposal. The budget request contains nothing unusual and maintains similar revenue and expense numbers as in previous budgets. The General Assembly will need to approve the state budget when it convenes for the 2026 session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement Committee: On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Jenna Schulten, and Kate von Lackum. At its Jan. 06 meeting, the LEC reviewed nine complaint cases, five of which were dismissed, and three were held over for further investigation. A private admonishment was issued in the remaining case. Two referrals from the Public Protection Cabinet and the Department of Insurance were also held over to investigate further.

The Well-Being Committee reported that five of the six well-being program participants were compliant with their agreements. The non-compliant participant was issued a license suspension by the LEC due to significant violations of their well-being contract. This individual has since been arrested on several charges related to the alleged substance abuse.

Advisory Opinion Committee: On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Rebecca Green, Bruce Haskell, and Kate von Lackum. Dr. Schroeder reviewed Advisory Opinion Request 25-01 related to the use of skin lasers as well as the Board's draft response, which was first presented and discussed at the September meeting. Dr. Haskell presented his research on skin lasers, which suggested that aesthetic dermatological procedures might indeed be within the dental scope of practice, contrary to the opinion of the original draft response. After further discussion, the Board took no action.

Dr. Schroeder also reviewed Advisory Opinion Request 25-02 related to the application of tooth gems, which was first presented at the September meeting. He then presented the draft response opinion requested by the Board at that meeting. After discussion, the Board reaffirmed its prior position that tooth gems fall within the scope of dental practice.

Motion: Approve Advisory Opinion 25-02 as presented. Introduced by Thad Schroeder; seconded by Rebecca Green. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Public Health Hygiene Committee: On the committee are Justin Kolasa, Thadler Schroeder, Rebecca Green, Brad Fulkerson, and Lory Dean Wilson. Mr. Allen presented the public comments received during the open comment period regarding the revisions to 201 KAR 8:563 that were filed with the Legislative Research Commission earlier in the year. He also reviewed the minor changes recommended by the committee in response to the comments.

Motion: Approve the revisions to 201 KAR 8:563 as amended in response to public comment. Introduced by Thad Schroeder; seconded by Rebecca Green. Without objection, the motion was approved.

CE Relief Committee: On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Jenna Schulten, and Lisa Arthur. Dr. Schulten presented the committee's proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8:533, which establish a continuing education waiver for semi-retired licensees, as was discussed at the September meeting. Minor edits were made to the draft during the discussion.

Motion: Approve the CE Relief Committee's proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8:533 as amended. Introduced by Bruce Haskell; seconded by Leslie Horn. Without objection, the motion was approved.

License Eligibility Committee: On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Jenna Schulten, Lory Wilson, Doug Neuman, and Kate von Lackum. Dr. von Lackum presented the committee's proposed

revisions to 201 KAR 8:533, which include changes to licensure eligibility for internationally trained dentists. Minor edits were made to the draft during the discussion.

Motion: Approve the License Eligibility Committee's proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8:533 as amended. Introduced by Bruce Haskell; seconded by Thadler Schroeder. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Dr. von Lackum next presented the committee's proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8:563, which include changes to licensure eligibility for internationally trained dentists. Several revisions were made to the draft during the discussion, and no vote was taken.

Scope of Practice Committee: On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Jenna Schulten, Rebecca Green, Kate von Lackum, and Julie McKee. Dr. von Lackum presented the committee's proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8:563, which allows trained hygienists to administer neuromodulators. It also changes some rules related to general supervision. Several revisions were made to the draft during the discussion, and no vote was taken.

Dr. von Lackum presented the committee's proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8:571, which creates a supragingival scaling registration for trained dental assistants. Several revisions were made to the draft during the discussion, and no vote was taken.

Dr. von Lackum presented the committee's proposed revisions to KRS 313, which include changes to the Board's structure, license eligibility, scope of practice, and other administrative matters. Several revisions were made to the draft during the discussion, and no vote was taken.

Dr. Schroeder announced that he would consolidate the various committees into a single review committee to incorporate the changes discussed and present a single, final version for consideration at the next meeting.

EXTERNAL REPORTS

Kentucky Dental Association: Dr. Robertson reported on the KDA's legislative efforts to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates and other issues expected to arise during the 2026 General Assembly. He also discussed the possibility of prohibiting vertical integration and asked the Board to consider including it in any proposed amendments to KRS 313.

Motion: Develop proposed language to limit vertical integration of dental clinics. Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by Thad Schroeder. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Department for Public Health: Dr. McKee provided updates on the department's proposed radiation regulations, the Oral Health Strategic Plan, and the Rural Health Transformation Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

AllOne Health Well-Being Proposal: Ms. Legg reviewed her legal memo regarding the proposed mental health services contract offered by AllOne Health. She reported that the Board does have the authority to enter into the contract; however, several revisions to the language would need to be made to address the fact that the Board is a state government agency, not a private company. Ms. Legg will

work with Mr. Allen, Dr. Robertson, and AllOne Health to develop a final draft of the contract for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Child Abuse Continuing Education: Dr. Haskell reported on the research into his proposal to require licensees to take continuing education in child abuse and head trauma. The Board agreed to incorporate a .5 hour CE requirement into the ongoing revisions of 201 KAR 8:533 and 201 KAR 8:563 for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

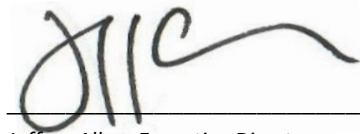
Grin Grant Proposal: Mr. Allen reported that the Board can disregard Grin Grant's proposal to create a dental implant specialty for the time being, as the organization just announced that it was pursuing a pilot project instead.

MedQuest College Request: Mr. Allen presented MedQuest College's request to be part of the rotation of dental hygiene programs with an ex officio seat on the Board. He noted that KRS 313.020(1) already gives this right to all hygiene programs in Kentucky. The Board agreed that MedQuest College is automatically in the rotation and, therefore, no motion is necessary to approve the request.

Motion: Move to adjourn. Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by Thad Schroeder. Without objection, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 01:05 p.m.

APPROVED 01/10/2026:



Jeffrey Allen, Executive Director