



Kentucky Board of Dentistry

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Minutes of Meeting

January 10, 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 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: Heather Cheek*, Paula Collins, Julie McKee, and Allison Wright*

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Staff/Contract Personnel Present: Jeffrey Allen, Crystal Holloway, and Kara Legg

Also Present: Jessica Ayers, Michael Barnette, Jerri Berry, Mary Ann Burch, Shanna Burress, Jerry Caudill*, Holly Davis, Julie Drury, Brad Fulkerson*, Chelsea Ernst, Lauren Hamilton, Jennifer Harrison, Mary Jones, Jill Keaton, Aimee Lamb, Matt Milliner, Beth Nicely, Nancy Place, Stephanie Riehn, Stephen Roberston, Jennifer Rudy, Donna Ruley, Samantha Shaver, Kristin Smith, Mark Talis, Rachel Talis, and Debra Tolson

* Participated via videoconference

Dr. Schroeder opened the meeting by welcoming guests and explaining how the meeting would proceed, emphasizing the importance of focused discussion and efficient use of time. He asked individuals who had signed up to speak to introduce themselves and provide brief remarks. Several attendees offered comments, primarily related to the proposed subgingival scaling registration for dental assistants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the November 08, 2025 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the 11/08/2025 Board of Dentistry meeting as presented. Introduced by Kate von Lackum; seconded by Rebecca Green. Without objection, the motion was approved.

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 eleven complaints, four of which were dismissed, and seven were held over for further investigation. Of the seven, four interviews were requested and two infection control inspections were ordered. Two National Practitioners Data Bank reports were also reviewed but with no action taken.

The Well-Being Committee reported that five of the six well-being program participants were compliant with their agreements, and a seventh participant was in the process of enrolling.

Public Health Hygiene Committee: On the committee are Justin Kolasa, Thadler Schroeder, Rebecca Green, Brad Fulkerson, and Lory Dean Wilson. Mr. Allen reported that the revisions to 201 KAR 8:563 made in response to public comments were filed with the Legislative Research Commission following the Board's November meeting. The amendment was subsequently reviewed and approved by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee on Dec. 1. It will now go before the House and Senate Health Services Committees for final review.

Consolidated Review Committee: On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Kate von Lackum, Rebecca Green, Julie McKee, and Lisa Arthur. Dr. Schroeder reminded participants that the previous CE Relief, License Eligibility, and Scope of Practice committees had been consolidated into a single review committee to unify the various regulatory and statutory proposals into a one set of drafts for consideration.

Dr. Schroeder presented the draft amendment of 201 KAR 8:533 for discussion. In addition to minor housekeeping updates, the amendment would create a pathway for internationally trained dentists to become licensed dental specialists, establish a continuing education waiver process for semi-retired dentists, and require thirty minutes of continuing education in pediatric head trauma and abuse every two years.

Motion: Approve the draft amendment of 201 KAR 8:533 as presented. Introduced by Thadler Schroeder; seconded by Bruce Haskell. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Dr. Schroeder then presented the draft amendment of 201 KAR 8:540 for discussion. The amendment would require ten hours of training each for dentists to administer neuromodulators or dermal fillers.

Motion: Approve the draft amendment of 201 KAR 8:540 as presented. Introduced by Thadler Schroeder; seconded by Kate von Lackum. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Dr. Schroeder next presented the draft amendment of 201 KAR 8:563 for discussion. In addition to minor housekeeping updates, the amendment would create a pathway for internationally trained dentists to become licensed dental hygienists, establish a continuing education waiver process for semi-retired hygienists, require thirty minutes of continuing education in pediatric head trauma and abuse every two years, extend the general supervision examination requirement from seven to eleven months, and authorize public health hygienists to provide preventative care in nursing facilities.

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

Dr. Schroeder then presented the draft amendment of 201 KAR 8:571 for discussion. The amendment would create a supragingival scaling registration for dental assistants that requires a board-approved course as well as prior registration in coronal polishing. Dr. Schroeder announced that the Board would discuss the proposal but would not be calling for a vote. Board members engaged in a discussion of the proposed language with representatives from the Kentucky Dental Association (KDA) and Kentucky Dental Hygienists' Association (KYDHA). Dr. Schulten presented research on the scaling assistant program in Kansas and other states. As a consensus was not forthcoming, the Board agreed to send the draft amendment back to the Consolidated Review Committee for further review.

Lastly, Dr. Schroeder presented the draft amendment of KRS 313. In addition to minor housekeeping updates, the amendment would revise several statutory definitions, require at least three voting board members to be general dentists, give an ex officio board seat to all Kentucky dental schools, create a second ex officio seat for Kentucky's dental hygiene degree programs, require the Board to purchase liability insurance, and allow specialists to practice general dentistry under limited conditions. Board members again engaged in a discussion of the proposed language with representatives from the KDA and KYDHA. Ms. Legg discussed options for developing draft language regarding ownership of dental practices.

Motion: Remove "subgingival" from the proposed revisions to KRS 313.010(5) and .045(7)(a). Introduced by Lisa Arthur; seconded by Lory Wilson. The motion failed 2-4.

Motion: Remove KRS 313.045(7)(a) entirely from the proposed revisions to KRS 313 and approve the proposed draft as amended pending development of final language regarding ownership of dental practices. Introduced by Jenna Schulten; seconded by Bruce Haskell. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Dr. Schroeder indicated that he would call a special board meeting to consider final language regarding ownership of dental practices.

EXTERNAL REPORTS

Department for Public Health: Dr. McKee provided an update on the department's Oral Health Strategic Plan. She also announced that bills had been filed in the General Assembly to repeal the state's water fluoridation requirements. Dr. Haskell asked the Board to consider issuing a statement in support of water fluoridation. Dr. Schroeder asked Dr. Haskell if he would draft such a statement, to which he agreed.

American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX): Mr. Allen reported that ADEX is requesting that the Board appoint a dentist and a dental hygienist to their Council of Examiners. Dr. Schroeder asked Mr. Allen to collect information on the responsibilities and expected time commitment of appointees.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Admin. & Financial: Mr. Allen reviewed the financial statements for the first six months of the fiscal year, noting approximately \$442 thousand in revenue against \$325 thousand in expenses, and \$1.87 million in reserve. He indicated that revenue will still increase significantly once all remaining license renewal income is reported.

Dr. Schroeder asked about the possibility of using the Board’s reserves to create a student loan repayment fund to address dental workforce shortage areas. Mr. Allen responded that he and Ms. Legg would research it and report back. Dr. Schroeder also indicated that he would establish a committee for this purpose.

Mr. Allen reported that 2,977 of 3,332 dental licenses were renewed for 2026-27. This represents a renewal percentage of 89%, which is comparable to rates from other recent dentist renewal years.

He also announced that the 2026 General Assembly was underway with several notable bills filed or expected to be filed. Dr. Robertson discussed the KDA’s legislative priorities as well as Kentucky’s recently approved Rural Health Transformation grant. In anticipation of the regulatory oversight needs that would likely emerge from the grant’s implementation, Dr. Schroeder indicated that he would establish committees for mobile dentistry and teledentistry.

OLD BUSINESS

AllOne Health Well-Being Proposal: Ms. Legg reported on contract negotiations with AllOne Health, indicating a final draft for the Board’s consideration was nearing completion.

Child Abuse Continuing Education: Dr. Haskell reported on his progress developing a 30-minute course in child abuse and pediatric head trauma to meet the proposed continuing education requirements for dentists and dental hygienists.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. von Lackum asked the Board to consider capturing information about why dentists and dental hygienists do not renew their licenses.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVED 03/14/2026:



Jeffrey Allen, Executive Director