



## Kentucky Board of Dentistry

312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101

Louisville, KY 40222

### Minutes of Meeting

March 14, 2026

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, Doug Neuman, Thadler Schroeder, Jenna Schulten, Kate von Lackum, and Lory Dean Wilson

**Members Absent:** Leslie Horn and John Hurley

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Heather Cheek\* and Julie McKee

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Paula Collins and Allison Wright

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

**Also Present:** Jerry Caudill, Chelsea Ernst, Jennifer Harrison, Jill Keaton, Stephen Prisby\*, Stephen Roberston, and Mark Talis

\* Participated via videoconference

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the January 06 regular meeting and January 26 special meeting. It was noted that the date listed for the January 26 meeting was incorrect.

*Motion: Approve the minutes of the 01/06/2026 meeting as presented and the 01/26/2026 meeting as amended. Introduced by Thad Schroeder; seconded by Bruce Haskell. Without objection, the motion was approved.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Law Enforcement Committee:** On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Jenna Schulten, and Kate von Lackum. Dr. von Lackum discussed the nature of many of the complaints that the Board receives and the potential to create policies that could prevent some of them.

*Motion: Establish a committee to draft Board policies regarding patient documentation, diagnosis, and treatment plans. Introduced by Kate von Lackum; seconded by Thad Schroeder. Without objection, the motion was approved.*

At its March 10 meeting, the LEC reviewed twenty-one complaints, eleven of which were dismissed. Ten were held over for further investigation. Of those ten, four records requests and one infection control inspection were ordered. Two National Practitioners Data Bank reports were also reviewed, with one held for further investigation.

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 Thadler Schroeder, Rebecca Green, and Lory Dean Wilson. Mr. Allen reported that the revisions to 201 KAR 8:563 went into effect on February 05 after having been reviewed and approved by the required legislative committees. He further indicated that the committee, having completed its work, could now be dissolved.

**Consolidated Review Committee:** On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Kate von Lackum, Rebecca Green, Julie McKee, and Lisa Arthur. Dr. Schroeder reported that the proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8.533 and 201 KAR 8.540, which were approved at the January meeting, have been filed with the Legislative Research Commission. The public comment period for both will run through the end of May, with a public hearing set for May 21 at noon. The Board will then review the comments received and decide if any further changes should be made as a result.

Dr. Schroeder also reported on the proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8.563, which were also approved at the last meeting but not yet filed with the Legislative Research Commission because it contains provisions that first require changes to KRS 313. He indicated that the regulation would be filed once the practice act update was approved by the legislature.

Dr. Schroeder reminded attendees that 201 KAR 8.571 was not voted on and was instead sent back to the committee. No further action has been taken since.

Mr. Allen and Dr. Schroeder summarized the progress on the proposed update to KRS 313, which was filed as House Bill 776. Some of the language was changed during the lengthy legislative process, but it still retains most of its original provisions. House Bill 776 passed the House of Representatives 96-0 and is now in the Senate awaiting committee assignment.

## EXTERNAL REPORTS

**Department for Public Health:** Dr. McKee provided an overview of the Rural Health Transformation Grant but noted that most of the details were still being worked out and were not yet available for public disclosure.

*Motion: Establish a committee to consider regulatory revisions to help facilitate implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Grant. Introduced by Kate von Lackum; seconded by Jenna Schulten. Without objection, the motion was approved.*

**Kentucky Dental Association:** Dr. Robertson provided an update on the KDA's activities and legislative priorities during the 2026 General Assembly so far. The association's focus has been on increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates, but several other legislative initiatives are also being actively pursued.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Allen provided the financial report for the first eight months of the fiscal year. Approximately \$1.05 million in revenue had been collected against \$497 thousand in expenses, with a current surplus of \$553 thousand and reserves of \$2.3 million. He noted that the Board's financial position was sound and on par with budget expectations.

He also announced that the Board's annual continuing education audit was about to launch. As per Board policy, five percent of recent renewals will be randomly selected to verify compliance with their CE requirements. Documentation can be submitted by mail or through CE Broker.

Mr. Allen reminded attendees that the board seats currently held by Thad Schroeder, Bruce Haskill, and Lory Dean Wilson have terms expiring on June 30, 2026. He asked the incumbents to confirm if they wish to seek re-appointment. A call for nominations will go out in late March, with the online election occurring in April. The top three names for each seat will then be submitted to the governor's office for consideration and hopeful appointment in time for the July 11 meeting.

He also reported that, in accordance with the Board's directive, a liability insurance policy had been purchased and was now in effect. The policy is through AXA and includes coverage for Public Officials Liability as well as Employment Practices Liability.

Finally, Mr. Allen provided an update on the actions of the 2026 General Assembly. He reviewed several bills filed during the session that could impact the Board of Dentistry.

## OLD BUSINESS

**AllOne Health Well-Being Proposal:** Ms. Legg reported on the negotiations with AllOne Health to provide mental health services for licensees. She indicated that the language of the customer service agreement was complete except for deciding on the length of the agreement.

**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.

**ADEX Council on Examinations:** Mr. Allen reminded attendees that the Board asked for additional information about serving on the American Board of Dental Examiner's Council on Examinations. He noted that the requested information was included in the meeting packet. Stephen Prisby, the ADEX regulatory affairs director, also provided an update on recent ADEX activities. Drs. von Lackum and Greene agreed to serve on the Council.

**Advisory Opinion 25-01:** Dr. Schroeder announced that Advisory Opinion Request 25-01 was still unresolved and needed a formal response from the Board. He reminded members that the draft of Advisory Opinion 25-01 was presented at the November 2025 meeting but was not voted on. The Board agreed in principle to the contents of the opinion, including that the scope of practice for laser procedures be limited to the head and neck.

*Motion: Establish a committee to review and make final edits to Advisory Opinion 25-01 before publishing. Introduced by Thad Schroeder; seconded by Bruce Haskell. Without objection, the motion was approved.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Neuman expressed concern that periodontal disease was being underdiagnosed and asked the Board to consider addressing the issue through an advisory opinion or other public statement. After discussion, the Board agreed to incorporate this issue into the new committee looking into documentation, diagnosis, and treatment plans.

Dr. von Lackum announced that the American Dental Association was offering a course on mental health as part of its participation in a coalition of national organizations focused on the healthcare workforce's mental well-being.

*Motion: Move to Adjourn. Introduced by Thad Schroeder; seconded by Bruce Haskell. Without objection, the motion was approved.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**APPROVED 05/09/2026:**



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*Jeremy Allen, Executive Director*