



Kentucky Board of Dentistry

312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101

Louisville, KY 40222

Minutes of Meeting

May 09, 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, Leslie Horn*, Doug Neuman, Thadler Schroeder, Jenna Schulten, Kate von Lackum, and Lory Dean Wilson

Members Absent: Bruce Haskell and John Hurley

Ex-Officio Members Present: Julie McKee*

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Heather Cheek, Paula Collins, Jill Keaton*, and Allison Wright

Staff/Contract Personnel Present: Jeffrey Allen and Kara Legg

Also Present: Jennifer Harrison, John Landis, Catrice Opichka, and Stephen Robertson*

* Participated via videoconference

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen presented the draft minutes of the March 14, 2026, meeting for consideration.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the 03/14/2026 meeting as presented. Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by Lisa Arthur. 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 reported that the committee met on May 05 and reviewed fourteen complaints, ten of which were dismissed. Of the remaining four, two private admonishments were issued, and two were held over for further investigation. One license application request and one reinstatement request were reviewed, both being held over for further investigation.

The Well-Being Committee reported that six of the seven well-being program participants were compliant with their agreements.

Consolidated Review Committee: On the committee are Thadler Schroeder, Kate von Lackum, Rebecca Green, Julie McKee, and Lisa Arthur. Dr. Schroeder briefly reviewed the proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8.533, 540, and 550, indicating that all three were filed with the Legislative Research

Commission in March. The public comment period will run through the end of May, with a public hearing set for May 21 at noon.

Dr. Schroeder also reported on the proposed revisions to 201 KAR 8.563, which were filed in April. The public comment period will run through the end of June, with a public hearing set for June 23 at noon.

If public comments are received for any of the proposed revisions, the Board will review them and decide if any additional changes should be made as a result.

EXTERNAL REPORTS

Central Regional Dental Testing Service: Ms. Catrice Opichka gave a presentation on the CRDTS CARE Program, which provides dental reeducation and remediation services.

Rooted in Health Initiative: Dr. John Landis gave a presentation on the Rural Health Transformation Grant and the Rooted in Health program.

Kentucky Dental Association: Dr. von Lackum provided a brief update on KDA activities on Dr. Robertson's behalf.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financial Report: Mr. Allen gave a financial report for the first ten months of the fiscal year. Approximately \$1.053 million in revenue has been collected against \$497 thousand in expenses, with a current surplus of \$557 thousand and reserves of \$2.31 million. He noted that the Board's financial position was sound and on par with budget expectations.

Legislative Report: Mr. Allen provided an update on the actions of the 2026 General Assembly. He reviewed several relevant bills that were filed during the session, including House Bill 776, which revised the Dental Practice Act.

CE Audit: He also reported that the Board's annual CE audit was nearly complete. As per Board policy, five percent of recent dentist renewals were randomly selected to verify their continuing education. So far, of the 154 licensees audited, 94% have responded and are fully compliant.

Board Elections: Mr. Allen reported that twenty dentists and four hygienists were nominated for the three board seats opening on July 1. A total of 896 votes were cast in the dentist election along with 247 votes in the hygienist election. The following six dentists and three hygienists received the most votes and have been submitted to the governor's office for consideration:

- William R. Allen, Jr, DMD
- Mark Andrew Kuzma, Jr, DMD
- Bruce Haskell, DMD, PhD
- Robert Donald Heine, DMD
- Jacob Weigle, DMD, MS
- W. Michael Sexton DMD, MD
- Lory Dean Wilson, RDH
- Holly Turner, RDH
- Kelly Griffin, RDH

He also announced that, because of the passage of HB776, Pikeville University is now an ex officio board member and that Medquest College will occupy the second hygiene program ex officio seat.

Well-Being Program: The AllOne Health agreement to provide well-being assistance to licensees has been finalized and signed. Mr. Allen and Dr. Robertson discussed options to promote the program.

Board Staffing: Mr. Allen announced that the Board's long-time Compliance Specialist, Uconda Schoolfield, recently passed away after an extended illness, making this a very difficult time for the staff. He will be posting the job soon to find a replacement.

He also asked the Board to consider pay increases for current staff members to get them up to or near the statewide salary midpoint for their respective positions.

OLD BUSINESS

Committees: Dr. von Lackum reported that she would be forming the following committees that had been recently proposed, and asked for anyone interested in serving to let Mr. Allen know:

- Standard of Care
- Student Loan Repayment
- Dental Assisting
- Mobile Dentistry
- Tele-Dentistry

She also agreed to create a Staff Salary Committee to consider Mr. Allen's request for staff pay increases.

Child Abuse Continuing Education: Dr. Haskell reported that he had completed his voiceover work for the 30-minute course in child abuse and pediatric head trauma.

Motion: Move to Adjourn. Introduced by Thad Schroeder; seconded by Lisa Arthur. Without objection, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

APPROVED 07/11/2026:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JA', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey Allen, Executive Director