



Kentucky Board of Dentistry
312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste. 101
Louisville, KY 40222

Minutes of Meeting

Jan. 13, 2024

This regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry took place in person at the board office and via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) by the Board's vice president, Dr. Justin Kolasa. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lisa Johnston Arthur, William Collins, Rebecca Green, Bruce Haskell, Frank Kinnaird*, Justin Kolasa, Thadler Schroeder, Katherine von Lackum, and Lory Dean Wilson

Members Absent: Bradley Fulkerson

Ex-Officio Members Present: Paula Collins (UofL), Mary Jones (BCTC), and Deborah Ray (UK)

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Julie McKee (DPH)

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

Also Present: Richael Cobbler (CRDTS), Mark Edwards (CRDTS), and Catrice Opichka (CRDTS)

*Indicates participation via video conference.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Allen presented the draft minutes of the Nov. 04, 2023, meeting. There were no questions or corrections.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the 11-04-2023 meeting as presented. Introduced by Rebecca Green; seconded by Lisa Johnston Arthur. Without objection, motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement Committee: On the committee are Bradley Fulkerson, Justin Kolasa, and William Collins. Dr. Kolasa reported that at its Jan. 12, 2024, meeting, three cases were reviewed, all of which were dismissed. Five National Practitioner Databank reports were reviewed with two identified for further investigation. One self-reported incident of patient-hospitalization was reported with no action taken. Two reinstatement requests were reviewed. One of these was denied, the other was approved with an agreed order to include a \$1,000 fine and two years of probation. The Well-Being Committee reported that all well-being program participants were in compliance.

Licensing Committee: On the committee are Justin Kolasa, William Collins, Margaret Hill, Bruce Haskell, Lori Dean Wilson, and Lisa Johnston Arthur. Mr. Allen reminded members that the Board amended its draft revision of 201 KAR 8:533 to include the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) as an acceptable clinical exam for licensure. That amended regulation has been filed with the Legislative Research Commission.

The next step is the open comment period and public hearing. The committee will consider those comments and recommend any revisions to the board for a second draft.

Mr. Allen also noted that all license application forms were being updated as part of the revision.

Dental Compact Committee: On the committee are Justin Kolasa, Bradley Fulkerson, William Collins., Thadler Schroeder, Bruce Haskell, and Lisa Johnston Arthur. Dr. Kolasa reported that the committee met twice to consider the competing dental compact proposals of the American Association of Dental Boards (AABD) and the Council of State Governments (CSG).

Dr. Kolasa reported that he and Mr. Allen met with Rep. Cand

Jerry Caudill of Avesis and Steve Robertson of the Kentucky Dental Association were asked to provide their organizations' positions on a dental compact.

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

Richael Cobler, Executive Director, Central Dental Testing Service: Ms. Cobler provided an update on CRDTS activities, particularly the launch of their new remediation and refresher course facility. She also discussed the organizations position on dental compacts and the importance of demonstrating hand skills in a clinical examination.

Jill Keaton, Dean, UPike Tanner College of Dental Medicine: Dr. Keaton introduced herself as the new dean of the Tanner College of Dental Medicine at the University of Pikeville. She provided an update of the school, including the recent purchase of a building and preparations for CODA compliance. She stated that 2025 is still the target date for the first cohort.

REFRESHER COURSE CURRICULUM FOR DENTAL HYGIENE

Mary Jones reported that Bluegrass Community and Technical College was developing a refresher course curriculum for dental hygienists and requested guidance from the Board.

Dr. Kolasa appointed an ad hoc committee to consider a dental hygiene refresher course curriculum and make recommendations to be Board at the next meeting. The committee will be chaired by Katherine von Lackum and include Mary Jones, Lisa Johnston Arthur, and Lori Dean Wilson.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative & Legal Report: Dr. Kolasa provided an update on the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council.

Dr. Collins discussed the new Community Dental Health Worker CDT Code. In response, Dr. Kolasa said he would create an ad hoc committee to research the new code and make recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Allen reported that licensure compact bill shad been filed for massage therapists and EMS workers but not yet for dentistry.

Financial Report: To date, revenues for FYE24 were approximately \$767,000 compared to expenses of approximately \$372,000, leaving a current surplus of about \$394,000 and a cash balance of \$1.9 million.

Mr. Allen also reviewed the agency's 2024-26 biennial budget as provided for in the governor's state budget proposal, noting that it was mostly unchanged from what the Board originally requested from the State Budget Director's Office. The General Assembly will consider the proposal and pass a state budget during the 2024 legislative session.

Administrative Hearing Update: Mr. Allen reminded members that an administrative hearing was scheduled for the morning of Jan. 25.

License Renewal Report: The dentist license renewal period closed on Dec. 31, although reinstatement requests from late renewals are still being processed. To date, 2,961 out of 3,317 dentists have renewed their license for 2024-25. Mr. Allen indicated this renewal rate was in line with that of previous years.

Proposed Renovations and Equipment: Mr. Allen reviewed quotes provided by Jefferson Develop for new paint and carpet in the office. He is hoping to amortize these costs over the course of a two-year lease if Jefferson Development would agree not to increase the rent during that period.

Mr. Allen is also researching video conference equipment for the boardroom.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Haskell asked the Board to consider taking a position on Medicaid reimbursement fees. Mr. Allen indicated that he would review the request with the Board's legal counsel.

Drs. Kolasa and Collins expressed concern about pharmacists not transferring prescriptions to other pharmacies if they are out of stock.

Motion: Move to adjourn. Introduced by Lisa Johnston Arthur; seconded by Katherine von Lackum. Without objection, motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.