

**KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

ZOOM  
January 20, 2026  
9:00 A.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Dr. Rachel Gold called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The following members of the KDA Board were present:

Dr. Thomas Carroll  
Dr. Ansley Depp  
Dr. Tony Distler for Dr. Paul Lavelle  
Dr. Stetson Earl  
Dr. Andy Elliott  
Dr. Rachel Gold  
Dr. Matt Johnson  
Dean Jill Keaton  
Mr. Travis Lex (student)

Dr. Julie McKee  
Dr. Matt Milliner  
Dr. BJ Millay  
Dr. Kaitlyn Patel  
Dr. Jonathan Rich  
Dr. Samantha Shaver  
Dr. Alma Ljljevic-Tucakovic for  
Dean Margaret Hill  
Ms. Sydney Wahl (student)

- 2.** Guests included **Dr. Fred Howard, Dr. Gina Davis and Mr. Jeff Allen** of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. Staff members present were **Dr. Stephen Robertson and Mr. Todd Edwards.**
- 3. INVOCATION.** Dr. Andy Elliott gave the invocation.
- 4. MINUTES.** The minutes of the November 15, 2025, meeting of the Executive Board were approved.

**NOTE:** All reports are presented in the minutes as they were submitted by their authors. No editing in the form of spelling or grammar has been attempted.

**5. PRESIDENT REPORT. Dr. Samantha Shaver** gave the following report.

**President's Report 1/20/2026**

Since our last board meeting I have had the pleasure of attending...

Purchase Dental Society meeting in Calvert City 11/20/2025

Eastern Dental Society meeting hosted by Tanner College of Dental Medicine in Ashland 12/4/2025

KY Voices for Health meeting in Lexington 12/9/2025

KY Oral Health Coalition meeting in Louisville 12/12/2025

KY Board of Dentistry meeting in Louisville 1/10/2026

Components

Ask that I receive info on meetings scheduled so travel arrangements can be made.

Again asked that each component identify a "membership point person" so we may increase our efforts

Asked that each component may sure their officers list is up to date with the KDA.

Upcoming meetings

1/27/2026 Motenson's (Darren, Steve and I)

7/24/2026 Women's Dental Forum (still in planning stages)

8/20-22/2026 KDA Annual Meeting

Workgroups

Presidential WG's being developed...

Association Mgt Groups – Matt Milliner

Review of areas where we may find cost-savings – Rachel Gold

ADA Payback Plan – me

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Shaver, DMD,FAGD

**6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT. Dr. Stephen Robertson** gave a verbal report.

**7. KENTUCKY BOARD OF DENTISTRY. Mr. Jeff Allen** gave the following report.

**Board of Dentistry  
KDA Report 01/20/2026**

The Board of Dentistry met on Jan. 10, 2026 to consider several regulatory and statutory revisions.

The Board approved the following amendments to 201 KAR 8.533:

- Allows specialty licensure of foreign-trained dentists w/ a 2 yr CODA specialty program.
- Requires 0.5 CE hours in Pediatric Head Trauma/Child Abuse every 2 years.

The Board approved the following amendments to 201 KAR 8.540

- Requires ten hours of training to administer neuromodulators.
- Requires ten hours of training to administer dermal fillers.
- Dentists currently doing Botox/dermal fillers have until 12.31.2027 to comply.

The Board approved the following amendments to 201 KAR 8.563

- Makes a foreign dental school degree equivalent to a CODA-accredited hygiene degree for dental hygiene licensure purposes.
- Requires 0.5 CE hours in Pediatric Head Trauma/Child Abuse every 2 years.
- Extends the general supervision patient exam requirement from seven to eleven months.
- Allows Public Health Hygienists to provide preventative care in nursing facilities.

The Board discussed but did not vote on the following amendment to 201 KAR 8.571

- Creates a supragingival scaling registration for dental assistants that requires a board-approved course and prior registration in coronal polishing.

The Board approved the following amendments to the proposed revision of 201 KRS 313

- Requires at least three of the voting dentists on the Board to be general dentists.
- Gives an ex officio board seat to all CODA-accredited dental schools in KY.
- Adds another ex officio seat representing KY's dental hygiene degree programs.
- Extends the general supervision patient exam requirement from seven to eleven months.
- Allows hygienists to take X-rays w/ a written order if the dentist is not present.
- Eliminates the prohibition on dental assistants making final impressions.
- Makes moral or ethical violations subject to disciplinary action by the Board.
- Prohibits corporations from owning dental practices.

**8. ANNUAL SESSIONS.** Dr. Gina Davis gave a verbal report.

**9. OLD BUSINESS.**

The upcoming womens forum scheduled for July 24 was discussed.

The lease of the building was discussed.

**10. FUTURE KDA BOARD MEETINGS.** The next KDA Board meeting will be March 7, 2026 at 9:00am (ZOOM) and May 30, 2026 9:00am (in person).

**11. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dr. Kevin Wall**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**