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KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruth Martin, RN
Audria Denker, RN
Hope Jones, RN
Sara Ferguson, APRN
Karen Sherfey, LPN
Anne Venio, RN
Miriam Haas, RN
Monica Kennison, RN

MEMBERS – VIDEO/AUDIO PHONE CONFERENCE:

Ashley Adkins, Citizen-at-Large
Amber Powell, RN
Jana Bailey, APRN
Susan Ellis, RN
Jennifer Harpe-Bates, APRN
Darlena Jones, RN
Karen Sherfey, LPN
Alisha Clemons, APRN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jane Smith, Citizen-at-Large

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, KBN
Jeff Prather, General Counsel, KBN
Joe Lally, Deputy Executive Director, KBN
Erica Klimchak, Administrative Assistant, KBN
Anna Adams, Administrative Services Supervisor, KBN
Elaina Deren, Paralegal, KBN

John Michul, Staff Attorney, KBN
Morgan Ransdell, Hearing Officer, KBN
Bridget Smith, Program Coordinator, KBN
Melissa Haddaway, Compliance Branch Manager, KBN
Denise Vititoe, Investigation Branch Manager, KBN
JD Fleming, Legal Services Supervisor, KBN
Matt Griffin, IM Supervisor, KBN
Allison Ellerbrock, MedQuest College
Emily Wolff, MedQuest College
John Dwyer, MedQuest College
Robin Boughey, MedQuest College
Tamara Eastem, MedQuest College

**GUESTS AND STAFF –VIDEO/AUDIO
PHONE CONFERENCE:**

Andre Stuckey, Human Resources Administrator, KBN
Tina Hostuttler, Practice Branch Manager, KBN
Bruce Kepley
Angie Sowers
Kathy Khoshreza
Joy Pennington, Executive Nurse Academic Officer, KBN
Ariel Weddle
Ruby King, Credentials Branch Manager, KBN
Lisa Jones
Amy Wheeler, Staff Attorney, KBN
Brooke Bentley
Marina McWilliams, APRN Investigation Manager, KBN

CALL TO ORDER

Audria Denker, President, called the August 21, 2025 meeting of the Kentucky Board of Nursing to order at 10:04 am in person and by videoconference via Zoom software application.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Monica Kennison was sworn in by General Counsel, Jeff Prather, as an RN Board member. Dr. Kennison fills the vacancy created by Missy Bentley's term expiration.

ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Erica Klimchak, Administrative Assistant, called roll. Dr. Denker declared a quorum.

STAFF RECOGNITION – AMY WHEELER

JD Fleming, Legal Services Supervisor, recognized Amy Wheeler, KBN Staff Attorney, for 10 years of service in Kentucky state government.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A flexible agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 26, 2025 Regular Board meeting was presented. Upon a motion made by Susan Ellis, and seconded by Miriam Haas, the June 26, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Audria Denker, Board President, reported she and Kelly Jenkins attended the NCSBN Annual Conference, and provided some highlights from the meetings.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Joe Lally, Deputy Executive Director, presented the Financial Officer's Report. Upon a motion made by Amber Powell, and seconded by Ruth Martin, the Financial Officer's Report was approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's report and included information on the following:

- Operations
 - i. Next budget cycle
- KBN Outreach
- Personnel Professional Development
- Personnel
- Training for Board Members

Upon a motion made by Darlena Jones, and seconded by Karen Sherfey, the Executive Director's Report was accepted as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Jeff Prather, General Counsel, presented the General Counsel's Report. Upon a motion made by Sara Ferguson, and seconded by Miriam Haas, the report was approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL

The report of the Credentials Review Panel meeting held June 26, 2025 was presented. The Board reviewed and approved by acclamation the report as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MedQuest College, PN – Louisville Letter to KBN and KBN's Response

Jeff Prather, General Counsel, presented the MedQuest College Letter to KBN and KBN's response. The following representatives from MedQuest College addressed the Board regarding their letter:

- Allison Ellerbrock, Louisville Campus Director
- Robin Boughey, Executive Director

Joy Pennington, KBN Executive Nurse Academic Officer, provided evidence of MedQuest's progress toward meeting the requirements to be met. She reported that the staff recommendation is for the Board to consider moving MedQuest from initial to approved status, and to continue with progress reports.

- It was the recommendation of the Board that:

The MedQuest College, PN – Louisville program be moved to approved status, with quarterly progress reports continuing through 2026.

Upon a motion made by Sara Ferguson, and seconded by Jana Bailey, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

CLOSED SESSION

Kelly Jenkins read the following language before the meeting was moved to closed session:

No matters may be discussed during a closed session other than those within the scope of the topic announced prior to convening the closed session.

No final action may be taken while in closed session. After the public meeting reconvenes, final action may be taken, but final action is not required.

Upon returning to public session, any final action regarding matters discussed in closed session should be moved and voted upon.

Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j), the purpose of the closed session is for “QUASI-JUDICIAL DELIBERATIONS”

Definition: Deliberations of judicial or quasi-judicial bodies regarding individual adjudications or appointments, at which neither the person involved, his representatives, nor any other individual not a member of the agency's governing body or staff is present, but not including any meetings of planning commissions, zoning commissions, or boards of adjustment.

Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f), the purpose of the closed session is to discuss “PERSONNEL ACTIONS”

Definition: Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret.

The meeting was moved to closed session at 11:15 am to discuss Recommended Orders and personnel actions. The meeting was reconvened in open session at 11:18 am.

ACTION ON LICENSES

The President called for action on Recommended Orders.

AFTER HAVING CONSIDERED THE RECORD, THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED ORDERS WITH NO EXCEPTIONS FILED WERE ADOPTED:

Decision Number	Name	License Number
001-08-25	Acquah, Chelsea	GA LPN License No. 095343
002-08-25	Borders, Joshua	LPN License No. 2052589
003-08-25	Cain, Charles	LPN License No. 2051492

004-08-25	Lyon, Amy	RN License No. 1124901/ LPN License No. 2044324
005-08-25	Perry, Jessica	RN License No. 1177741/ LPN License No. 2048253
006-08-25	Seaton, Sarah	RN License No. 1148256/ APRN License No. 4014211

A motion to accept the orders regarding the above list of licensees was made by Anne Veno, and seconded by Susan Ellis. The motion carried with no one voting in opposition or abstaining from the vote.

**AFTER HAVING CONSIDERED THE RECORD, THE FOLLOWING
RECOMMENDED ORDERS WITH NO EXCEPTIONS FILED WERE ADOPTED:**

Decision Number	Name	License Number
007-08-25	Thomas, Jordyn	RN License No. 1178550

A motion to accept the orders regarding the above list of licensees was made by Ashley Adkins, and seconded by Miriam Haas. The motion carried with no one voting in opposition or abstaining from the vote.

Amber Powell recused herself from the closed session discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The following item was provided for information only in closed session:

- Personnel affirmations

OTHER

The following items were provided for information only:

- KBN organizational chart, updated August, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Amber Powell, and seconded by Miriam Haas, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

ATTEST

APPROVED:

Audra Denker, DNP, RN, FAAN
President

10/23/2025

Date

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