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KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Audria Denker, RN
Anne Veno, RN
Jennifer Harpe-Bates, APRN
Sara Ferguson, APRN

MEMBERS – VIDEO/AUDIO PHONE CONFERENCE:

Jana Bailey, APRN
Susan Ellis, RN
Karen Sherfey, LPN
Ashley Adkins, Citizen-at-Large
Amber Powell, RN
Darlena Jones, RN
Sara Ferguson, APRN
Ruth Martin, RN
Alisha Clemons, APRN
Hope Jones, RN
Anne Veno, RN
Monica Kennison, RN
Arthur Ryan, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Miriam Haas, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, KBN
Jeff Prather, General Counsel, KBN
Joe Lally, Deputy Executive Director, KBN
Erica Klimchak, Administrative Assistant, KBN
Kelsea Williams, Legal Secretary, KBN
Andrea Reed, LSS Supervisor, KBN
Melissa Haddaway, Compliance Branch Manager, KBN

Matt Griffin, IM Supervisor, KBN
Denise Vititoe, Investigation Branch Manager
Morgan Ransdell, Hearing Officer, KBN
Andre Stuckey, Human Resources Administrator, KBN

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

Tina Hostuttler, Practice Branch Manager, KBN
Ruby King, Credentials Branch Manager, KBN
Madeline Wix, Intern, KBN
Tina Thomas, Practice/Education Consultant, KBN
Marina McWilliams, APRN Investigation Manager, KBN
Joy Pennington, Executive Nurse Academic Officer, KBN
Kathy Khoshreza
Ashelee Lohden
Valerie Jones, Education Consultant, KBN
Bruce Kepley
Amy Wheeler, Staff Attorney, KBN
Rebecca Newton
Ruthellen Arwood, Education Consultant, KBN
Bridget Smith, Program Coordinator, KBN
Andrea Wilson
Kelli Selvage
Marion Knight

CALL TO ORDER

Audria Denker, President, called the February 26, 2026 meeting of the Kentucky Board of Nursing to order at 10:01 am in person and by videoconference via Zoom software application.

ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

STAFF RECOGNITIONS – JEFF PRATHER AND ANDRE STUCKEY

Joe Lally, Deputy Executive Director, recognized Jeff Prather, General Counsel, for 20 years of service in Kentucky state government.

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, recognized Andre Stuckey, Human Resources Administrator, for five (5) years of service in Kentucky state government.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A flexible agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The report from the December 18, 2025 Regular Board meeting was presented. Upon a motion made by Sara Ferguson, and seconded by Jennifer Harpe-Bates, the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Audria Denker, Board President, announced that she will be attending the NCSBN mid-year conference in March, and there has been an ask for items to include on the Presidents' meeting agenda. If Board members have any subject item suggestions, please send them to Audria or Kelly asap.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, presented the Financial Officer's Report in Anna Adams' absence. Upon a motion made by Susan Ellis, and seconded by Karen Sherfey, 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. New software vendor
 - ii. Annual report
- KBN outreach
- Personnel professional development day
- Personnel
- Training for Board Members

Upon a motion made by Jennifer Harpe-Bates, and seconded by Sara Ferguson, the Executive Director's Report was accepted as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

Dialysis Technician Advisory Council New Member Appointment

Kelly Jenkins presented one nominee, Taylor Chase, for appointment as a new member of the Dialysis Technician Advisory Council. Ms. Chase fills a vacancy created by Tynne Strickert's resignation from the Council, and will serve the rest of the term ending in June 2028.

Upon a motion made by Ruth Martin, and seconded by Monica Kennison, Taylor Chase was appointed to the DT Advisory Council. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

KBN Letter to submit to US Department of Education Undersecretary of Education, Nicholas Kent re: Reimagining and Improving Student Education (RISE) Committee

Kelly Jenkins presented the KBN Letter to submit to US Department of Education Undersecretary of Education, Nicholas Kent re: Reimagining and Improving Student Education (RISE) Committee.

Following discussion, it was the recommendation the Board that:

The KBN Letter to US Department of Education Undersecretary of Education, Nicholas Kent re: Reimagining and Improving Student Education (RISE) Committee be accepted as written, and KBN staff be approved to submit the letter to the US DOE.

Upon a motion made by Amber Powell, and seconded by Jana Bailey, the Board approved the recommendations. 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 Monica Kennison, and seconded by Jennifer Harpe-Bates, the report was approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL

The reports of the Credentials Review Panel meeting held December 18, 2025 and January 15, 2026 were presented. The Board reviewed and approved by acclamation the reports as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

January 15, 2026

The January 15, 2026 Education Committee meeting report was presented. The Board reviewed and approved by acclamation the report as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting. Following discussion and presentation of background materials, the following actions were taken:

Jefferson Community and Technical College, ASN – Shelbyville, site visit report

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
Approve the requirements to be met as stated in the site visit report with quarterly progress reports providing evidence to those requirements, beginning January 30, 2026, and Jefferson Community and Technical College - Shelbyville Campus ASN Program be given approval status.

Upon a motion made by Ruth Martin, and seconded by Anne Veno, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

Beckfield College, All Programs: Interim Program Administrator Extension Request

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
**The Beckfield College, All Programs: Interim Program Administrator Extension Request be approved with the following revision:
Change the date from 2025 to 2026.**

Upon a motion made by Ruth Martin, and seconded by Amber Powell, the Board approved the committee recommendation with the following amendment: change the date from 2025 to 2026. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College, ASN – Pikeville: Fulfillment of Requirements to be Met

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
Big Sandy Community & Technical College, ASN – Pikeville be moved from initial to approved status.

Upon a motion made by Ruth Martin, and seconded by Karen Sherfey, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

PRACTICE COMMITTEE

January 16, 2026

The January 16, 2026 Practice Committee meeting report was presented. The Board reviewed and approved by acclamation the report as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from

voting. Following discussion and presentation of background materials, the following actions were taken:

Advisory Opinion Statements

Text Messaging, Patient Care Orders, and AOS #14 Roles and Responsibilities of the Nurse in the Implementation of Patient Care Orders

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #14 Roles and Responsibilities of the Nurse in the Implementation of Patient Care Orders, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

Upon a motion made by Amber Powell, and seconded by Jennifer Harpe-Bates, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

AOS #35 Roles of Nurses in Cosmetic and Dermatological Procedures

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #35 Roles of Nurses in Cosmetic and Dermatological procedures be approved by the Board, as submitted

Upon a motion made by Amber Powell, and seconded by Alicia Clemons, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

AOS #17 Roles of nurses in the administration of “PRN” medication and placebos

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) AOS #17 Roles of Nurses in the administration of “PRN” Medication and Placebos, be approved by the Board, as submitted

Upon a motion made by Anne Veno, and seconded by Miriam Haas, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

Dialysis Technician Regulation Revisions

201 KAR 20:472

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
201 KAR 20:472 Initial approval for dialysis technician training programs is to be amended, by the Board, as submitted.

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

201 KAR 20:474

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
201 KAR 20:474 Continuing approval and periodic evaluation of dialysis technician training programs be amended, by the Board, as submitted.

Upon a motion made by Amber Powell, and seconded by Monica Kennison, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

January 15, 2026

The January 15, 2026 Consumer Protection Committee meeting report was presented. The Board reviewed and approved by acclamation the report as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting. Following discussion and presentation of background materials, the following actions were taken:

Recommendations from the KARE Subcommittee

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
The Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort for Nurses (KARE) Program be restructured and reduced from five years to a minimum of three years.

Upon a motion made by Ashley Adkins, and seconded by Monica Kennison, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

Agreed Order Template Revisions

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
The Agreed Order template revisions be approved as presented.

Upon a motion made by Ashley Adkins, and seconded by Jennifer Harpe-Bates, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

No report

LICENSED CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report

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 10:51 am to discuss Recommended Orders and personnel actions. The meeting was reconvened in open session at 10:56 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
019-02-26	Blaize, Amy	RN License No. 1155382
020-02-26	Brewster, Jacqueline	RN License No. 1103045
021-02-26	Gallin, Rustem	RN License No. 1111673
022-02-26	Green, Tina	RN License No. 1165229
023-02-26	Hale, Olivia	LPN License No. 2045990
024-02-26	Hooper, Laurie	RN License No. 1164586
025-02-26	Murphy, Crystal	LPN License No. 2042742
026-02-26	Nale, Erica	TN LPN License No. 77992
027-02-26	Otter, Karen	RN License No. 1084064/ LPN License No. 2026521
028-02-26	Vessels, Terry	RN License No. 1155443/ RN APP No. 298283
029-02-26	Wells, Brittany	RN License No. 1145891

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

- Personnel affirmations

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A brief update on HB280 in the 2026 legislative session was provided
- A brief update on Operation Nightingale was provided

OTHER

The following items were provided for information only:

- KBN organizational chart, updated February 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Jennifer Harpe-Bates, and seconded by Sara Ferguson, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.

ATTEST

APPROVED:

Audra Denker, DNP, RN, FAAN

President

4/16/2026

Date

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