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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2026

MEMBERS – VIDEO/AUDIO PHONE CONFERENCE:

Audria Denker, RN
Jana Bailey, APRN
Susan Ellis, RN
Karen Sherfey, LPN
Amber Powell, RN
Darlena Jones, RN
Jennifer Harpe-Bates, CRNA
Ruth Martin, RN
Alisha Clemons, APRN
Hope Jones, RN
Anne Veno, RN
Monica Kennison, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alisha Clemons, APRN
Arthur Ryan, RN
Ashley Adkins, Citizen-at-Large
Sara Ferguson, APRN

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT –VIDEO/AUDIO PHONE CONFERENCE:

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
Anna Adams, Administrative Services Supervisor, KBN
Denise Vititoe, Investigation Branch Manager
Morgan Ransdell, Hearing Officer, KBN
Andre Stuckey, Human Resources Administrator, KBN

Lavale Hill, Systems Administrator, KBN
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
Boone Simmons
Kim Nooning, Paralegal, KBN
Bridget Smith, Program Coordinator, KBN
Carrie Ballard, Administrative Specialist III, KBN
Valerie Jones, Education Consultant, KBN
Rachael Silveira
Jill Cambron, Program Coordinator, KBN
Anna Marling, Compliance Nurse Investigator, KBN
Ann Shepherd, Education Consultant, KBN
Lisa Sosnin, Compliance Nurse Investigator, KBN

CALL TO ORDER

Audria Denker, President, called the April 16, 2026 meeting of the Kentucky Board of Nursing to order at 10:01 am by videoconference via Zoom software application.

ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A flexible agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The report from the February 26, 2026 Regular Board meeting was presented. Upon a motion made by Susan Ellis, and seconded by Monica Kennison, the February 26, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Audria Denker, Board President, congratulated Kelly Jenkins, KBN Executive Director, on completing the ICRS course offered by NCSBN.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Anna Adams, Administrative Services Branch Supervisor, presented the Financial Officer's Report. Upon a motion made by Ruth Martin, and seconded by Hope Jones, 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 Darlena Jones, and seconded by Amber Powell, the Executive Director's Report was accepted as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

<u>GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT</u>

Jeff Prather, General Counsel, presented the General Counsel's Report, which included an update from the 2026 regular legislative session. Upon a motion made by Monica Kennison, and seconded by Karen Sherfey, the report was approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

<u>CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL</u>

The reports of the Credentials Review Panel meeting held February 26, 2026 and March 26, 2026 were presented. The Board reviewed and approved by acclamation the reports as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

<u>EDUCATION COMMITTEE</u>

<u>March 26, 2026</u>

The March 26, 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:

<u>MedQuest, PN – Louisville: 2025 Pass Rate Update</u>

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:

  The MedQuest, PN – Louisville: 2025 Pass Rate Update Report be approved as written.

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

<u>Prelicensure Program Accreditation Status</u>

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:

  Approve the template letter as written, and allow staff to send it to affected programs.

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

<u>University of Pikeville, ASN – Pikeville: Site Visit Report</u>

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:

  The requirements to be met for the University of Pikeville ASN Program, Pikeville, KY be accepted as written, the program be required to submit quarterly progress reports beginning May 31, 2026 and that the program remain on approved status.

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

Medical Career and Technical College, PN – Richmond: Site Visit Report

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:

  The requirements to be met for the Medical Career and Technical College PN Program, Richmond, KY be accepted as written, the program be required to submit quarterly progress reports beginning May 1, 2026 and that the program remain on approved status.

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

Western Kentucky University, DNP/APRN – Bowling Green: Letter of Intent

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:

  The Western Kentucky University, DNP/APRN – Bowling Green: Letter of Intent be approved as written.

Upon a motion made by Ruth Martin, and seconded by Monica Kennison, the Board approved the committee recommendations. Three members abstained from voting; no one voted in opposition.

PRACTICE COMMITTEE

March 27, 2026

The March 27, 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

AOS #22 Roles of Nurses who Provide "Private Duty" Nursing

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:

  Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #22 Roles of Nurses who Provide "Private Duty" Nursing, be approved 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.

AOS #29 Roles of Nurses in Respiratory Nursing Practice

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:

  Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #29 Roles of Nurses in Respiratory Nursing Practice, be approved by the Board, as submitted.

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

AOS #35 Roles and Responsibilities of Nurses in Cosmetic and Dermatological Procedures – Addendum to the Practice Committee

Dr. Denker explained that the Board needs to approve revisions to an Advisory Opinion

Statement that was not included on the March Practice Committee agenda. Following discussion and presentation of background materials, the following actions were taken:

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

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
March 26, 2026
The March 26, 2026 Consumer Protection Committee meeting report was presented by Anne Veno, who served as proxy to the Practice Committee Chair in Ashley Adkins's absence. 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:

Proposed Guideline Changes

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:
  1. The proposed language for GUIDELINES FOR DISPOSITION OF CASES BY STAFF PER DIRECTION OF CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL UNSUBSTANTIATION OR LETTER OF CONCERN (CPB-06) be approved.

  2. The proposed language for GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION OF A MINOR INCIDENT (CPB-07) with amendments be approved.

  3. The proposed language for GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS (CPB-be approved.

  4. The proposed language for GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR LICENSED NURSES AND/OR APPLICANTS (CPB-3) be approved.

  5. The proposed language for GUIDELINES FOR CONSENT DECREES (CPB-2) be approved.

  6. The proposed language for GUIDELINES FOR ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT DECREE FOR PRACTICE CASES (CPB-2A) be approved.

  7. The proposed language for NOTICE OF COMPLAINT-IB and NOTICE OF COMPLAINT-CB be approved.

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

Jeff Prather, General Counsel, informed the Board that as a result of a bill that recently passed in the legislative session, additional revisions to number 3 will be required. This item will be brought back to the Practice Committee when the revisions have been drafted.

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The report of the Governance Committee meeting held March 26, 2026 was presented. The Board reviewed and approved by acclamation the report as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

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 announcedprior to convening the closed session.

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

Upon returning to public session, any final action regarding matters discussed in closed session should be movedand 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 10:44 am to discuss Recommended Orders and personnel actions. The meeting was reconvened in open session at 10:49 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
030-04-26	Burdette, Alicia	RN License No. 1118108/ LPN License No. 2041968

031-04-26	Hall, Abigail	RN License No. 1084739

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

The following items were provided for information only in closed session. There was no discussion in closed session regarding personnel affirmations.

- Personnel affirmations

OTHER

The following items were provided for information only:

- KBN organizational chart, updated April 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Darlena Jones, and seconded by Miriam Haas, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

ATTEST

APPROVED: Audria Denker, DNP, RN, FAADN 6/18/2026

President Date

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