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## KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING

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### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**June 18, 2026**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Audria Denker, RN  
Anne Veno, RN  
Jennifer Harpe-Bates, APRN  
Hope Jones, RN  
Miriam Haas, RN

#### **MEMBERS – VIDEO/AUDIO PHONE CONFERENCE:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Darlana Jones, 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  
Melissa Haddaway, Compliance Branch Manager, KBN  
Matt Griffin, IM Supervisor, KBN  
Morgan Ransdell, Hearing Officer, KBN  
Andre Stuckey, Human Resources Administrator, KBN

Rachel Williamson, Resource Management Analyst III, KBN  
Sara Marvin, Budget Support Specialist, KBN  
Lisa Sosnin, Compliance Nurse Investigator, KBN  
Bridget Smith, Program Coordinator, KBN  
Jill Cambron, Program Coordinator, KBN  
Lakan Wadsworth, Staff Attorney, KBN  
Dru Perkins, Nurse Practice Consultant, KBN  
Beverly Granger, Law Clerk Intern, KBN  
Michelle Gary, Practice/CE Program Coordinator, KBN  
Tina Hostuttler, Practice Branch Manager, KBN

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

Valerie Jones, Education Consultant, KBN  
Yuliet Gonzalez Naranjo  
John Edwards  
Boone Simmons  
Susan Lawson, Nurse Investigator, KBN  
Marina McWilliams, APRN Investigation Manager, KBN  
Liz Sturgeon  
Ruby King, Credentials Branch Manager, KBN  
Andrea Reed, Legal Services Supervisor, KBN  
Joy Pennington, Executive Nurse Academic Officer, KBN  
Tina Thomas, Practice Education Consultant, KBN  
Elaine Fisher  
Courtney Pitts  
Ann Shepherd, Education Consultant, KBN  
Tonya Bragg-Underwood  
Amy Wheeler, Staff Attorney, KBN  
Sheila Melander  
Angie Grubbs  
Jessie Gibson, Nurse Investigator, KBN  
Dana Scruse-Thompson, Program Coordinator, KBN  
Elizabeth Shreve, Nurse Investigator, KBN  
Joseph Edwards, Administrative Assistant, KBN  
Amanda Roberts, Nurse Investigator, KBN

**CALL TO ORDER**

Audria Denker, President, called the June 18, 2026 meeting of the Kentucky Board of Nursing to order at 10:00 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.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A flexible agenda was adopted.

**STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, recognized Joy Pennington, Executive Nurse Academic Officer, for five (5) years of service in Kentucky state government.

Audria Denker, KBN Board President, recognized Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, for five (5) years of service in Kentucky state government.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The report from the April 16, 2026 Regular Board meeting was presented. Upon a motion made by Miriam Haas, and seconded by Karen Sherfey, the April 16, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

### **KBN PRESIDENT ELECTION – FY2026-2027**

Erica Klimchak, Administrative Assistant, conducted the presidential election via electronic ballot. Audria Denker was re-elected president for FY26-27.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Audria Denker, Board President, announced she and Kelly Jenkins will be attending the NCSBN national meeting in August. She also mentioned the Operation Nightengale court cases, and recognized KBN staff for their outstanding job in protecting the Commonwealth, and upholding the KBN mission statement.

### **FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT**

Kelly Jenkins, Executive Director, presented the Financial Officer’s Report, in Administrative Services Supervisor Anna Adams’ absence. Upon a motion made by Jennifer Harpe-Bates, and seconded by Monica Kennison, 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
- KBN outreach
- Personnel professional development day
- Personnel
- Training for Board Members

Ms. Jenkins also provided an overview of recent personnel changes. Additionally, she noted that the Kansas Board of Nursing will be on-site at KBN July 7-8 for process improvement assistance.

Upon a motion made by Ashley Adkins and seconded by Amber Powell, the Executive Director’s Report was accepted as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

### **Approval of Dialysis Technician Advisory Council nominee for vacant seat**

Dr. Denker explained that there is one open DT member seat on the DT Advisory Council that requires approval. After discussion and presentation of background materials, the following nominee was selected to serve on the DT Advisory Council:

- Michelle Goodwin, DT

Upon a motion made by Karen Sherfy, and seconded by Hope Jones, the nominee outlined above was accepted as a new DT Advisory Council member. 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 Anne Veno, and seconded by Jennifer Harpe-Bates, the report was approved as written. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

Mr. Prather also provided an overview of a Powerpoint from his presentation at KNA Legislative Day.

### **CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL**

The reports of the Credentials Review Panel meetings held April 16, 2026 and May 21, 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**

#### **May 21, 2026**

The May 21, 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:

#### **Program accreditation status review**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**All Programs of Nursing included in the report, and listed below – with the exception of: American National University, Jefferson Community and Technical College PN Program, and Hazard Community and Technical College – be tabled until the November 2026 Education Meeting:**
  - Ashland Community and Technical College, PN – Ashland
  - Bluegrass Community and Technical College, PN – Danville
  - Bluegrass Community and Technical College, PN – Lexington
  - Big Sandy Community and Technical College, PN – Pikeville
  - Big Sandy Community and Technical College, ASN – Prestonsburg, Pikeville
  - Galen College, PN – Louisville, Pikeville
  - Gateway Community and Technical College, ASN – Edgewood
  - Maysville Community and Technical College, ASN – Cynthiaana, Maysville, Mt. Sterling
  - Maysville Community and Technical College, PN – Maysville, Morehead
  - Medical Career and Technical College, PN – Richmond
  - MedQuest College, PN – Lexington, Louisville
  - Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, PN – Cumberland
  - Sullivan University, ASN – Lexington, Louisville
  - Sullivan University, PN – Louisville

**Additionally, it is the recommendation of the Committee that:  
The Jefferson Community and Technical College, PN – Carrollton, Louisville accreditation extension request be temporarily granted until further discussion at the November 2026 Education Committee meeting.**

**AND that:**

**The Hazard Community and Technical College, PN – Hazard accreditation extension request be temporarily granted until further discussion at the November 2026 Education Committee meeting.**

Upon a motion made by Ruth Martin, and seconded by Jana Bailey, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition.

Audria Denker and Susan Ellis abstained from the vote due to conflicts of interest.

#### **MedQuest College, Louisville - PN Program Site Visit**

- It was the recommendation of the committee to:  
**Approve the requirements to be met for the MedQuest PN Program - Louisville, KY, be approved and that bi-annual progress reports be submitted by the program beginning August 31, 2026.**

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

#### **University of Pikeville, ASN – Pikeville: Site Visit Report**

- 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.

#### **Hazard Community and Technical College, Jackson and Hazard - PN and ASN Site Visit**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**The requirements to be met for the Hazard Community and Technical College ASN and PN programs, Hazard, Ky., and Jackson, Ky., be accepted as written, the program be required to submit quarterly progress reports beginning September 30, 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.

#### **American National University, Pikeville, KY - ASN Program Site Visit**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**The American National University, ASN program, Pikeville, KY, be granted continual approval status with enrollment suspension through November 2026 until an NCLEX pass rate of 80% has been achieved. to include bi-monthly progress reports providing supportive evidence concerning the program's progress in fulfilling the requirements to be met, to be submitted beginning August 2026, and the Education Committee will review progress at the November meeting, and reconsider the enrollment suspension.**

**Additionally, ANU's Accreditation Extension request be tabled until the November 2026 Education Committee meeting.**

**Note: ANU agreed to suspend enrollment until the November 2026 Education Committee meeting.**

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.

#### **Western Kentucky University - CRNA Program Proposal**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**The Western Kentucky University – CRNA Program Proposal 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.

Jana Bailey and Jennifer Harpe-Bates abstained from the vote due to conflicts of interest.

#### **University of Kentucky – CRNA Program Letter of Intent**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**The University of Kentucky – CRNA Program Letter of Intent be approved as written.**

Upon a motion made by Ruth Martin, and seconded by Hope Jones, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition.

Jana Bailey and Jennifer Harpe-Bates abstained from the vote due to conflicts of interest.

#### **PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

##### **May 22, 2026**

The May 22, 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 #33 Roles of Nurses in the Delegation of Tasks to Paramedics in a Hospital Emergency Department**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #33 Roles of Nurses in the Delegation of Tasks to Paramedics in a Hospital Emergency Department, 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 #34 Roles of Nurses in Maintaining Confidentiality of Patient Information**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:

**Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #34 Roles of Nurses in Maintaining Confidentiality of Patient Information, 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**

- 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 Jana Bailey, the Board approved the committee recommendations. No one voted in opposition or abstained from voting.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

No report

**DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

No report

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The report of the Governance Committee meeting held May 21, 2026 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:

**Executive Director Evaluation**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**The Executive Director Evaluation, 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.

**Employee Engagement Survey**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**The Employee Engagement Survey, 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.

**Delegation of Authority**

- It was the recommendation of the committee that:  
**The Delegation of Authority document be approved as written, and shall be signed by the president-elect at the August 2026 Board meeting.**

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.

**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 11:15 am to discuss Recommended Orders and personnel actions. The meeting was reconvened in open session at 11:26 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:**

| <b>Decision Number</b> | <b>Name</b>      | <b>License Number</b>   |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 032-06-26              | Houk, Jessica    | LPN License No. 2046252 |
| 033-06-26              | Shannon, Crystal | LPN License No. 2050060 |
| 034-06-26              | Tackett, Tanya   | LPN License No. 2039581 |

A motion to accept the orders regarding the above list of licensees was made by Ashley Adkins and seconded by Jennifer Harpe-Bates. 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

## **INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Staff Retirement Recognitions:**

- Kelly Jenkins recognized Deputy Executive Director, Joe Lally's retirement
- Tina Hostuttler, Practice Branch Manager, recognized Practice/CE Program Coordinator, Michelle Gary's retirement

## **OTHER**

The following items were provided for information only:

- KBN organizational chart, updated June 2026

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.

## **ATTEST**

**APPROVED:**

*Audra Denker, DNP, RN, FAAN*

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President

8/27/26

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