# **Kentucky Psychological Association**

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# **KPA's Strategic Priorities**

Membership	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Leadership	
		Development	

# **Kentucky Psychological Association Regular Board Meeting**

Date: March 7, 2025 Time: 1:00PM

Location: Louisville, KY & Zoom Videoconference

#### **Minutes - DRAFT**

#### **Attendance Board Members:**

Kari Jones (President)	Present	A.J. Steele (Past President)	Present	Federico Aldarondo President Elect	Present
Sarah Nolan, M.A. (Secretary)	Present	Lisa Steelsmith (Treasurer)	Present		

### **Attendance Central Office Staff:**

Eric Russ, Ph.D. (Executive Director)	Present	Sarah Burress (Director of	Present	Megan Paxton, Ph.D. (Director of	Present
		Operations)		Professional Affairs)	

### **KPA Board Members/Representatives In Attendance:**

Bluegrass Region Representative: Megan Marks, PhD Appalachian Region Representative: Byron Tharpe, MA Ohio Region Representative: Collin Davidson, PhD

Early Career Psychologist Representative: Catherine Veillon, PsyD Rural Practice Interest Section Representative: Nathan Ratliff, MA., LPP Diversity Interest Section Representative: Clinton Nowicke, PsyD

Clinical Section Representative: Ashley Belcher, PsyD At Large Representative: Melissa Hayden, PsyD At Large Representative: Demi Lincoln, PsyD Masters Representative: Matthew Davis, EdS

Education & Training Interest Section Representative: Andri Yennari, PhD

KPAGS Representative: Miranda Weathers APA Council Representative: Felicia Smith, PhD

Meaning & Connection Ambassador: Patti Weiter, PsyD

# **KPA Board Members/Representatives Not Attendance w/Notice:**

KPA Western-Central Representative: Michael Farina, PhD

KPA Academic Representative: Rick Grieve, PhD

Incoming Health Psychology Interest Section Representative: Ian Boggero, PhD

### **Not Present-No Notice Received:**

Child & Adolescent Representative: Catherine Huffman, PsyD

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	CONCLUSION
President's Remarks	President calls the meeting to order at 1:03PM	
Welcome & Introductions		
Approval of previous meeting minutes	Meeting Minutes from December 2024 were shared and reviewed.	Motion made by Federico Aldarondo to approve meeting minutes as presented, motion passed unanimously.
Last Quarter Financial Report	Lisa Steelsmith shared Q2 Financial Report. Lisa would like to focus on KPA values and how those align or misalign with expenditures; the Finance Committee will also focus on this. Lisa shared graphs of the current	Motion made by Byron Tharpe to approve the Financial Report as

	breakdown of how income is spread across operating expenses, values, and KPA Mission. We will also explore additional grant opportunities but there is also increased competition due to more agencies applying for additional funds.  Kentucky Psychological Association-Balance Sheet: Budget vs. Actual, Profit & Loss reviewed  Kentucky Psychological Foundation: Balance Sheet, Budget vs. Actual, Profit & Loss, Combined KPA/KPF P&L with Prior Year reviewed.  Credit card statements were reviewed, and all expenses were accounted for and reasonable.	presented, motion passed unanimously.
Budget Requests	Sarah Burress requested that those with financial needs to support events for constituents to notify her by the end of the month for any budget requests	
Executive Director Report-Russ	Membership trending upward, CE Events-please promote events on the calendar, Convention planning going well, "Together we Thrive." Interested persons in presenting, please submit a proposal, KPF-we added a new person to the KPF Board; we are still looking for more board members, we are looking for grants/donors for an internship, Communication: we are getting good traffic regarding our advocacy efforts, Be sure to submit articles for the KPA Newsletter, We are looking for grants to support KPA efforts, Registration for the Student Conference is open-we want information spread to undergraduates and graduates students-please share this information if you are involved in the academic realm. Central Office is efficient but may be behind some due to past weather/illness.	No action needed.
Director of Professional Affairs Report-Paxton	Topics discussed at the national level include: AI in practice, Masters Level licensure	
PSLC Report-Jones	Main conversations on Masters licensure but little movement.	
APA Council of Representatives-Smi th	This past meeting, Masters licensure was a main focus, the proposed competencies for masters and doctorate licensees were reviewed but it did not pass. These competencies entail accreditation standards, licensing standards, scope of practice standards and more. APA did good work on its commitment to promote justice, dignity, fairness, and advocacy. APA Council	No action needed.

KPA Bylaws Amendments/Comm ittee Chair Approval	did pass a resolution that secures psychological assessment data and keeps it confidential.  Russ-Thank you those board members and other Kentucky Psychologists who are participating in these national conversations regarding Masters level licensure.  The bylaws amendments have passed are officially included.  Joel Goodrich stepped down from the Ethics Committee, Chris Dewhurst presented as the new chair for Board approval.	Motion made by Lisa Steelsmith to approve the appointment, motion approved unanimously.
Advocacy Report  DISCUSSION ITEM:	Individuals felt well prepared for Legislative meetings despite unexpected schedule changes. We are heading toward the end of the short legislative session. Psychology KBEP Reform bill will not happen this session, Conversion Therapy-only overturned Governor's Executive Order, Licensure Boards are still able to hold licensees accountable for practicing conversion therapy, HB4-Plan to testify against it, but it likely will still head to the Senate.  KPA Convention: Together we Thrive, November 14-16, 2025 Hilton	No action needed.
KPA Convention DISCUSSION ITEM:	Downtown Lexington, The All Access Pass and Prepayment plans are active.  We will try the reform bill next session, KBEP continues to be challenging,	No action needed.
KBEP Updates	the most recent meeting was 3.5hrs, they did submit a letter against the Conversion Therapy bill, the board is in severe financial state-they have a large deficit and there are increased legal costs due to hourly attorney charges, they established a work group and it is anticipated that they will raise licensure fees. There are also impressions that the board is not functioning well internally. The board needs investigators for disciplinary actions.	
DISCUSSION ITEM: Eastern Ky Support	There are significant needs, especially internship opportunities, as many of the internship sites have been damaged by the floods.	
DISCUSSION ITEM: Response to Federal Challenges	There are practitioners that are feeling unsafe now with their federal jobs, and they may need assistance transitioning into the private sector. For individuals in the teaching environment, we are required to be careful in the content in courses in both public/private because students/schools are receiving federal aid. KPA could host more Town Hall events about these issues. Students and ECPs are also feeling anxious and emotionally heavy about these changes as well. Lisa proposed establishing a small group to offer pro-bono peer support to those affected.	

DISCUSSION ITEM:	Reported concerns about other licensees outside of Psychology conducting	
Assessment	Autism assessment, there are a limited number of providers providing	
Issues-Belcher	thorough psychological assessment-funding through medicaid cut as well	
	for assessment. KPA can provide more education on a psychoeducation on	
	what a thorough psychological evaluation includes. We can also educate	
	community members on how to critique evaluations done and how to make	
	sure they are receiving what they need.	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEM:</b>	In January 2026, we will launch a revamped program for Leadership	
Leadership	Academy. Commitment may range from 1-5hrs/week and connected with a	
Academy-Lincoln	mentor, will have access to webinars, will participate in advocacy efforts and	
	present at convention, goal is to advertise the program at convention this	
	year. We are looking for people to present during the seminars.	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEM:</b>	June 6-7, 2025-we are still looking at places to host. If you need financial	
Annual Leadership	assistance, please let Sarah Burress know.	
Retreat		
<b>DISCUSSION ITEM:</b>	Board expectations were shared and reviewed. If you are planning socials,	
Board Member	please share information as soon as possible so KPA can advertise in	
Expectations	advance.	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEM:</b>	We are working on updating the psychological services locator, but we need	
KPA Member	updated information from members. Please send communication to	
Communication	constituents to update their information. All listserv addresses are listed on	
	the Board agenda.	
	Patti Weiter wished to create a private social media group for KPA Members	
	for members to find value in connecting with other psychologists across the	
	state. Facebook/Meta initial goal, and we can explore other media options	
	after gathering baseline data of usage from members.	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEM:</b>	KPA Board Member Quarterly Reports were shared and reviewed	
Board Member	electronically.	
Quarterly Reports		

Adjournment: Motion was made by Collin Davidson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:50PM; Next Meeting Scheduled for June 6-7, 2025 at the In Person Retreat, Location TBD.