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Dear Mr. Proffitt:

As the Executive Director of the Kansas Dental Board, I hereby submit for your consideration the Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 budget document for the agency. It has been prepared in accordance with the budget instructions. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information and explanation included in this budget request are correct and complete. If you or your team have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

s/ B. Lane Hemsley

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Mission. The mission of the Kansas Dental Board is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare through licensure, regulation, inspection, investigation, and professional enforcement of the dental and dental hygiene professions. The Dental Board is charged with performing its duties with the highest standard of ethics and professional accountability, regulating effectively and efficiently, and investigating aggressively, but fairly, to balance the interests of the public and dental professionals.

Operations. The Board is entirely funded by licensees through licensing, renewals, and permit fees. The agency retains 90% of all revenues received. The remaining 10% and all fines are paid directly to the State General Fund (SGF). In FY 26, the Board paid over $83,000 to the SGF.

The Board grants licenses, specialty licenses, sedation permits, and mobile dentistry permits to dentists. The Board also grants licenses and extended care permits to hygienists. All the licenses and permits are issued in accordance with Kansas statutes and regulations. The Board requires certain qualifications at the time of initial licensure and renewal. A jurisprudence examination pertaining to the Dental Practices Act is administered to qualified candidates who, upon successful completion, are licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the state. Licensed dentists and dental hygienists in Kansas must renew biennially with the Board and meet mandatory continuing education requirements. A percentage of the renewals are audited to ensure compliance with the continuing education requirements.

The Board investigates complaints regarding negligent, incompetent, fraudulent, or unethical dental and dental hygiene practice. After investigations and findings of violations under the Dental Practices Act, the Board may discipline the licensee to revoke, suspend, or restrict a license. Additionally, the Board may grant a period of probation or assess an administrative fine. Licensees who may be impaired by physical, mental, or substance abuse issues may be referred to, or ordered into, the dental impaired provider program.

The Board employs a staff of three: (1) Executive Director; (2) Senior Administrative Specialist; and (3) Senior Administrative Assistant. The staff issue new licenses, process renewals, complete verifications to other state boards, respond to public records requests, answer practice questions from licensees, process complaints, organize board meetings, respond to correspondence, and perform other administrative functions for the Board. A contract dentist investigates complaints and performs sanitation inspections of dental offices throughout the state.

Statutory History. In 1943, the Kansas Legislature passed the Dental Practices Act, K.S.A. 65-1421 *et seq*. The Kansas Dental Board was established to enforce the Act, K.S.A. 74-1404 *et seq*. The first dentist was licensed in 1885 and the first dental hygienist was licensed in 1936. In 1998, the Kansas Legislature amended the statute to expand the Board from five to nine members. The Board is composed of six dentists, two dental hygienists, and one public member, all of whom are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. No member may be appointed for more than two consecutive four-year terms. No one is eligible to serve on the Board who is also an officer of the Kansas Dental Association or the Kansas Dental Hygiene Association. The Board meets approximately four times a year.

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AGENCY OVERVIEW OF BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATE

The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029 will allow the agency to operate at a much more efficient, secure level than in the past. With the oversight of OITS, the state's IT department, the Board has completed the decommissioning of an antiquated licensing system for purposes of a necessary migration to a cloud-based licensing software system. During FY 2025 and FY 2026, the Board steadily worked with OITS, which selected a third-party vendor to create a new licensing database for several licensing agencies. With the oversight and assistance of OITS, the Board has reached the deployment and implementation phases of the project. OITS and the third-party vendor achieved initial soft-launch and full system deployment in August 2026. The new cloud-based licensing software system is currently working efficiently and effectively as designed.

PROGRAM GOALS

The duty of the board is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by regulation of the dental and dental hygiene professions in Kansas. The following is data on the performance of the board:

Performance Measures:

	CY 24	CY 25	CY 26	CY 27	CY 28	CY 29
	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
Total number of dentist licensees	2176	2203	2250	2300	2350	2350
Total number of dental hygienist licensees	3134	3230	3300	3350	3350	3400
Number of new dentists licensed	126	134	125	125	125	125
Number of new dental hygienists licensed	188	182	165	165	165	165
Number of complaints	118	149	100	100	100	100
Number of disciplinary actions	4	21	5	5	5	5
Number of disciplinary actions set for hearing	2	1	2	2	2	2
Number of sanitation inspections for dentists	360	360	360	360	360	360
Cost per sanitation inspection	$110	$110	$110	$110	$125	$125
Average cost of dentist's voluntary correction	$125	$125	$125	$125	$125	$125
Average cost of Board ordered correction	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000	$2,500	$2,500

Expenditure Justification:

FY 2027 requested budget is $511,542.
FY 2028 requested budget is $535,000.
FY 2029 requested budget is $545,000.

Salaries and Wages. The agency has 3.0 FTE described above.
Current Year FY 2027: $254,702 represents the amount needed to maintain existing staff. This amount accounts for the Legislature's salary enhancement for state employees during the 2026 legislative session.
Future Resources FY 2028: $269,521 represents the amount needed to maintain existing staff.
Future Resources FY 2029: $269,702 represents the amount needed to maintain existing staff.

Contractual Services. The main expenses under contractual services are: (1) A dentist sanitation inspector and complaint investigator; (2) a contract attorney; and (3) office rent with additional storage space in the LSOB.
Current Year FY 2027: $256,840 represents the amount needed to maintain existing services.
Future Resources FY 2028: $265,479 represents the amount needed to maintain existing services.
Future Resources FY 2029: $275,730 represents the amount needed to maintain existing services.

Commodities. This category includes office supplies and equipment. The budget for this category remains stable.

Capital Outlay. The main expenses in capital outlay include computer systems and support equipment.
Current Year FY 2027: No major purchases are anticipated.
Future Resources FY 2028: No major purchases are anticipated.
Future Resources FY 2029: No major purchases are anticipated.

Hospitality Fund.
Current Year FY 2027: $1,000 represents the amount needed to maintain existing services.
Future Resources FY 2028: $1,000 represents the amount needed to maintain existing services.
Future Resources FY 2029: $1,000 represents the amount needed to maintain existing services.

Special Litigation Reserve Fund. No fund transfers into the special litigation fund are anticipated. The Dental Board, through two separate external law firms highly skilled in administrative law, was able to resolve some long-standing litigation during FY 26 without accessing the special litigation fund. All future fund expenditures are subject to review and approval by the Budget Director, who must determine that any delay would be detrimental to the Board.