

GLMS Board Highlights

January 9, 2026

- Dr. Thomas Higgins, President, welcomed Board members to the meeting and introduced In-Training Delegate and Board member, Dr. Andrew Ray.
- Dr. Christopher Jones, Secretary, reviewed the minutes from the November Board meeting and the Board approved.
- Dr. Lewis Hargett, Board Chair, welcomed and acknowledged KMA President, Dr. Jiapeng Huang who gave the KMA report. Scope of practice continues to be a major legislative issue for KMA. To work on this, they recently hosted a statewide specialty society roundtable with representatives from many specialties including dermatology, anesthesiology, family medicine, psychiatry and more. KMA lobbyists and physician leadership have had several meetings with groups such as PAs, pharmacists, and psychologists. Another issue being driven at the national level is changes to the vaccine schedule. KMA has joined AMA and other groups to express serious concern over changes, and the State Department of Health sent a notice that they will not be implementing those changes locally. KMA was instrumental in providing physicians to appear on KET to provide expertise on this subject. KMA continues to focus on the Small Steps, Big Impact campaign with physician ambassadors; this campaign will continue through 2026. Efforts will center on healthy actions people can take to improve heart health.
- Dr. Higgins shared several upcoming GLMS meetings: First, the Policy & Advocacy Team will meet on Jan. 12 via Zoom to discuss legislative issues with KMA's Cory Meadows. The Nominating Committee will meet on Jan. 15 via Zoom to create the 2026 ballot. The Legislative Reception will be on February 3 at 7 p.m. at Angel's Envy. A Private Practice 101 event will feature four physicians on a panel discussion for ULSOM students regarding the current landscape of private practice. Finally, he reminded of the Physicians' Day at the Capitol on Feb 18 in Frankfort.
- Dr. Rejith Paily, Treasurer, provided an investment RFP update. Our previous investment advisor, The Mather Group, had suggested a fee rate increase to .87% (including internal fees), which prompted GLMS and the Foundation to issue an RFP for alternate investment advisors. As the result of the RFP process, the GLMS Investments have been moved to Cerity Partners. They offered a very competitive weighted advisor fee rate of .33% and a low-cost internal fee rate that is in the range of .07%-.11%. This change will save GLMS approximately \$16,000/year based on our investment balance as of 12/31/25.
- Bert Guinn, GLMS CEO/EVP, shared some administrative updates including the retirement of Lisa Nethery, Outgoing CFO, as of Feb. 1. Other staff promotions/revised roles include Sam Huff (Financial Administrator), Amanda Hall (Chief Operating Officer), Kathryn Vance (Communications Manager) and Kimberly Risinger (Foundation Program Coordinator).
- Bert also shared that KMA's Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI) is back for 2026 after taking a break in 2025. The Board voted to approve covering the costs of three GLMS members for this program.

- Dr. John Roberts, GLMS Foundation Chair, reminded the Board to get their tickets and encourage colleagues to get tickets for the Foundation Doctors' Ball which will be held on March 7 at Ashbourne Farms. The Board voted to approve purchasing a GLMS table of eight seats.
- Dr. Jeffrey Bumpous, ULSOM Dean, shared that there is a new Provost for UofL, Dr. Katie Cardarelli, who was previously the Dean of School of Public Health and Information Sciences. There is also a new Chair of the Department of Neurology, Dr. Adolfo Ramirez-Zamora. Through the National Institutes of Health, ULSOM now has funding of four COBRE grants. They also received notification of an MSTP grant, MD/PhD funding support that is renewable, and the first of such grants at UofL. At the university level, Carnegie status was recently reaffirmed as an R1 and R1 Community Engaged University, one of about 80 universities in the nation that hold that designation.
- Dr. Stephanie McGee, President of Falls City Medical Society, shared that they are currently working to coordinate a program with Central High School to help improve SAT scores and improve chances of getting into college and medical school.
- Dr. John Roberts, GLMS Foundation Chair, shared his appreciation for all involved with the GLMS and GLMS Foundation RFP process. He said there were several guiding principles they followed throughout the process including preservation of principle, respect for existing relationships and not putting "all eggs in one basket." There were eight RFPs submitted and those were narrowed to two groups for GLMS Foundation, Cerity and Stock Yards Bank.
- Secondly, he informed the Board that the Foundation will pivot from having specific committees, and instead any member of GLMS may bring forward a project to the Foundation Board, and if of interest to the Foundation mission, they will take on the project as a whole.
- Dr. Monalisa Tailor, AMA Delegate, shared with the Board the November 2025 passing of Dr. Kelly McCants, cardiologist with Norton Healthcare. Dr. Tailor also commended the Falls City Medical Society for presenting a resolution in Dr. McCants' honor, presented by Dr. Giavonne Rondo. Dr. Hargett asked the Board to take a moment of silence in his honor.
- The AMA Interim Meeting was in November; several resolutions were passed with a large focus on AI and the impact that it's having on medical practice and potential downcoding that could be occurring from insurance companies. There were several modifications made to existing policies in regard to immunization practices to reflect the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices to reflect their recommendations prior to May 2025. At the meeting they also got to meet the new AMA CEO, Dr. John White, an internal medicine physician.
- Dr. Sam Yared, Senior Physicians Chair, shared that they are still doing the Senior Physicians Committee presentations each month, with many new programs coming in 2026. If you missed any presentations, the videos are available online or a recap can be found in *Louisville Medicine* magazine.
- Dr. Kris Bryant reported on behalf of the Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness Department by acknowledging that the Department for Health and Human Services announced sweeping changes to the childhood immunization schedule, reducing the number of routinely

recommended vaccines to 10 and moving other vaccines to high-risk children only. The Kentucky Department of Public Health and LMPHW recommend that everyone continue to follow the American Academy of Pediatrics schedule for childhood vaccinations. She also noted that changes to the federal schedule is to move flu vaccine for children from "routinely recommended" to "talk to your doctor." The CDC has declared this season moderately severe so far. There have been nine pediatric flu deaths in the country, with one in Kentucky. Flu vaccination rates in Jefferson County are only about 28%, lower than the national average.

- Jay Davidson, Executive Chairman of The Healing Place, shared that on October 28, they opened a partnership with Dare to Care food distribution in the food desert on the West End. As of Jan. 9, they have provided food for 2,311 families and will continue the food distribution. The Healing Place has fully established the integrative program, enhancing the recovery program with clinical services for psychotherapy, psychoeducation and psychological interventions.