The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the Awards Committee meeting on January 30, 2025. The committee met virtually. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Diane Woods welcomed the committee members and guests viewing the livestream to the meeting.

II. Roll Call

Chair Woods asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Julie Pile, Lu Young, and Diane Woods.

III. Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education

A. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education

Chair Woods provided an overview and brief discussion of the criteria for the Robinson Award. She said that each year, "the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) grants this award to a Kentuckian or a Kentucky organization demonstrating extraordinary efforts and contributions in the area of educational diversity and equity. The criteria for receiving this award includes, but is not limited to: successful efforts in closing socioeconomic and/or racial achievement gaps; and significantly improving student learning, student achievement, or other measured outcomes among students of color or economically disadvantaged students."

B. Review and Discussion of Nominations for the Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education

Chair Woods then explained that committee members were asked to review the candidates prior to the meeting using a provided rubric. All members positively commented on the qualifications of candidate 10/13 and candidate 11.

C. Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education

The committee determined that its top applicants were candidate 10/13 and candidate 11. A vote was necessary to bring the recommendation before the full board for consideration of approval at its February 5, 2025, regular meeting. Based on the candidates' efforts and success in the area of diversity and equity, Chair Woods asked the committee to entertain a motion to approve candidate 10/13 and candidate 11 as the recipients of

the 2025 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Woods thanked everyone for their time and a productive meeting. Chair Woods requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Julie Pile and seconded by Lu Young. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.