The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the Awards Committee meeting on September 29, 2026. The committee met virtually. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Julie Pile welcomed the committee members and guests viewing the livestream to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. ET.

II. Roll Call

Julie Pile asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Stephanie Phillips, Julie Pile, and Lu Young. No members were absent. KDE Director of Education Policy GlyptusAnn Grider Jones, Ph.D., stated that a quorum was present.

III. 2026 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

A. Identification of Priority Area and Criteria for 2026 KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award (Action/Discussion)

Chair Pile explained that the priority area for the award changes from year to year based on the desire of the board. She recommended that the 2026 award seek to recognize a public school district that has demonstrated a strong commitment to enhancing mathematics through the effective adoption and implementation of evidence-based practices, as outlined in KRS 158.8402. Additionally, Chair Pile outlined the proposed criteria for the award which was distributed to committee members in advance of the meeting. Lu Young had one amendment to the criteria, suggesting incorporating language recognizing vibrant mathematics learning experiences and mathematics competencies aligned with Portraits of a Learner as examples of engagement with partners and/or members of the community to support mathematics initiatives. The other committee members agreed with the recommended addition, and Dr. Jones said that it would be incorporated into the nomination form.

Chair Pile then asked for a motion to approve the priority area and criteria for the 2026 KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Stephanie Phillips. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote (Phillips - yes, Pile - yes, Young - yes).

IV. Adjournment

Chair Pile thanked everyone for their time and a productive meeting. Chair Pile requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Stephanie Phillips and seconded by Lu Young. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote (Phillips - yes, Pile - yes, Young - yes). The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 P.M. ET.