

**JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT SCREENING COMMITTEE
Minutes of May 5 - 6, 2025**

Jefferson County Public Schools Superintendent Screening Committee Meeting held at
The Muhammad Ali Center, 144 North 6th Street, Louisville, Kentucky

SUPERINTENDENT SCREENING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Abdelahad, Parent/Guardian Representative
Tammy Berlin, Teacher Representative
Tricia Lister, District 2, Board Member Representative
Maddie Shepard, JCTA President, Teacher Representative
Dustin Whitis, Principal Representative
Dwan Williams, Specialist Diversity Hiring, Classified Employee Representative

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Corrie Shull
Vice-Chairman James Craig
Mr. Trevin Bass
Mrs. Linda Duncan
Mr. Taylor Everett
Ms. Tricia Lister
Ms. Gail Logan Strange

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Brown, General Counsel
Carolyn Callahan, Chief of Communications and Community Relations
Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board
Mark Hebert, Information and Communications
Ashley Lant, Assistant General Counsel

The purpose of this meeting was for JCPS Superintendent Screening Committee members to convene in executive session with the Jefferson County Board of Education to discuss and interview aspirants in the superintendent search and to hold discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f).

This meeting was held in person at The Muhammad Ali Center, located at 144 North 6th Street. This was the primary location where all members were visible and audible to the public.

The meeting recessed at the end of the day on Monday, May 5, 2025, and reconvened on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Shull and Committee Chair Shepard called the Meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the April 24 meeting. The motion carried.

III. Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to Interview Aspirants in the Superintendent Search

Chair Shepard made the following announcement.

“The Committee will now conduct a closed session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, as well as have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f).”

A motion was made and seconded to enter closed session. The motion carried.

The Committee and the Board convened jointly.

IV. Adjourn from Executive Session

By consensus, the Board and Committee agreed to adjourn the closed executive session and recess the meeting until Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

Following the collective decision to adjourn the closed executive session and recess, the following announcement was made in open session by Chair Shepard.

"The Committee met in Executive Session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, and to have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f). No action was taken while in closed session."

V. Recess

VI. Reconvene

Board Chair Shull and Committee Chair Shepard called the meeting back to order on Tuesday, May 6 at 3:39 p.m. with the following statement.

“This meeting is now called to order. We are reconvening at the appointed time, following our recess yesterday.”

VII. Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to Interview Aspirants in the Superintendent Search

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A motion was made and seconded to enter closed session. The motion carried.

The Committee and the Board convened jointly.

VIII. Adjourn from Executive Session

The Board and Committee adjourned the closed executive session by consensus.

The Board and Committee returned to open session at 8:16 p.m. and Chair Shepard made the following announcement.

“The Committee met in Executive Session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, and to have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f). No action was taken while in closed session.”

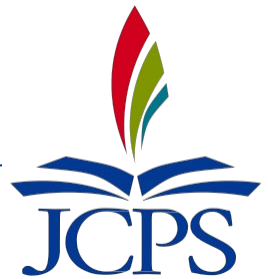
IX. Possible Consideration of a Motion

A motion was made and seconded to recommend two superintendent candidate finalists to the Board, a decision reached by committee members during closed session. The motion carried.

Following the vote by the Committee, the Board subsequently held a vote and named Benjamin Shuldiner and Dr. H. Brian Yearwood as the finalists for the District's next superintendent.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, and the meeting concluded at 8:18 p.m.



May 2, 2025

To All Members of the JCPS Superintendent Screening Committee:

The Chair of the JCPS Superintendent Screening Committee is calling a special meeting of the JCPS Superintendent Screening Committee to be held on **Monday, May 5, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.** at The Muhammad Ali Center, 144 North 6th Street, Louisville, Kentucky. Please note that this meeting will recess at the end of the day on Monday, May 5, 2025, and will **reconvene on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.** at the same location.

The purpose of this meeting is for Committee members to convene in Executive Session with the Jefferson County Board of Education to discuss and interview aspirants in the superintendent search and have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f).

This meeting will be conducted as a joint session of the Jefferson County Board of Education and the Superintendent Screening Committee. During the meeting, the Board and the Committee may convene jointly and separately for discussion, consistent with the provisions of KRS 61.810(1)(f).

The agenda is as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to Interview Aspirants in the Superintendent Search
- IV. Adjourn from Executive Session
- V. Recess
- VI. Reconvene
- VII. Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to Interview Aspirants in the Superintendent Search
- VIII. Adjourn from Executive Session
- IX. Possible Consideration of a Motion
- X. Adjournment

Any and all matters incidental to and supplementary to the foregoing may also be taken up, considered, and acted upon at the meeting.

Portions of this meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f) of the KY Open Meetings Act.

This meeting will be conducted in person. The primary location for this meeting and where all members can be seen and heard by the public, will be The Muhammad Ali Center, 144 North 6th Street.