

KHSAA Dance Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2017

The Dance Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Associate Commissioner Butch Cope at 2:40 p.m. Present were Sheryl Knight, Commissioner Julian Tackett, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Larrecia Williams and Bill Ahern. Lauren Gibbs-Burgess, Dawne Perkins, Erin Thompson, Ashely Udashen and Robert Vinegar joined via Telspan conference call. Absent were Nicolette Bailey, Kim Parker-Brown, Ginger Stovall and Shana Webb.

Mr. Cope updated the group that the KHSAA Board of Control has approved to conduct a Dance State Championship for the 2017-2018 school year. The Board has approved the Commissioner to sign a contract with Varsity Brands (UDA) to assist the KHSAA with the event.

Ashley Udashen, Varsity Brands (UDA) shared with the group that UDA is in the process of hiring a new judge coordinator. Once the position is filled, information will be sent out to those interested in completing the training.

Mr. Cope shared with the committee that this year the State Dance Competition will be an open competition with no regional qualification. The committee reviewed the previously agreed upon November 1 deadline for entry. This date could move earlier depending on the final date selected for state.

There was discussion regarding participation requirements. The committee was unanimous with the requirement that schools must participate in KHSAA State or out of state travel for any reason would be prohibited.

Tentatively at the first committee meeting the date of the competition was discussed as the Friday before the State Cheer at Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park. Due to facility costs and possible expansion of cheer, Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington is tentatively set to be the site with the date to be determined.

Ms. Udashen shared with the group that the assignments of judges will be done through the Judging Coordinator, working with Mr. Cope. UDA pays \$150 per judge.

Commissioner Tackett shared that Dance would be considered a sport activity. With the final adoption not until the May Board of Control Meeting for 2017, he advised the dead period would not apply.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.