

**Kentucky Board of Education Special Meeting  
July 7, 2020 8:30 a.m. ET  
Seelbach Hilton Louisville  
500 Fourth Street  
Louisville, KY 40202  
Video Teleconference Meeting**

***Minutes***

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its special meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. ET, at the Seelbach Hilton Louisville, 500 Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202. The board conducted the following business:

**I. Call to order**

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. ET.

**II. Roll call**

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Claire Batt, Holly Bloodworth, Patrice McCrary, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Lu Young, CPE President Aaron Thompson and Allison Slone. The following members participated virtually: Alvis Johnson, Cody Pauley Johnson and Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman. Mike Bowling was absent.

KBE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker stated a quorum was present.

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE met utilizing a video teleconference. Furthermore, members of the public were not be permitted to attend the meeting in person but were encouraged to view the meeting via the KDE's Media Portal. Accordingly, Chair Young announced that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Chair Young reminded KBE members to ensure their video is streaming and that they can be seen throughout the duration of the meeting. Chair Young also informed the KBE members that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

**III. Closed Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) for Individual Candidate Interviews and Discussion of Individual Candidates Which Might Lead to the Appointment of the Next Commissioner of Education**

Chair Young asked for a motion to go into closed session for such a purpose. Patrice McCrary made a motion and Alvis Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**IV. Adjournment of Closed Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f)**

Chair Young asked for a motion to return to open session. Lee Todd made a motion and Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **V. Discussion and Action on Next Steps in Selecting a Commissioner of Education**

Since the board did not take any action in closed session, Chair Young asked for a motion to direct the KBE chair to engage in contract negotiations with the candidate identified by individual KBE members for the possible appointment of the next Commissioner of Education in the closed session. Patrice McCrary made a motion and Claire Batt seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **VI. Discussion and Action on a Resolution by the Kentucky Board of Education Regarding a Statement on Commitment to Educational Equity and Racial Justice in Kentucky Public Schools**

Chair Young asked for a motion to table the resolution by the KBE regarding a statement on commitment to educational equality and racial justice in Kentucky public schools. Alvis Johnson made the motion and Claire Batt seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Holly Bloodworth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Patrice McCrary seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.