

**Kentucky Board of Education Special Meeting
July 10, 2020 9:30 a.m. ET
Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601
Video Teleconference Meeting**

Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its special meeting on Friday, July 10, 2020, via video teleconference at 9:30 a.m. ET. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to order

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9:30 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, Alvis Johnson, Cody Pauley Johnson, Patrice McCrary, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, CPE President Aaron Thompson and Allison Slone. 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. Action/Discussion Items

A. Amendment to 702 KAR 7:125E, Pupil Attendance (First Reading)

KDE Interim General Counsel Todd G. Allen, KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director David Cook presented the proposed emergency amendment to 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance. The emergency administrative regulation was filed to allow school districts the ability to provide and receive funding for a variety of instructional delivery models to meet the needs of their students and communities in light of continued COVID-19 risks and necessary prevention measures. This was an emergency regulation and, by law, did not require a second reading.

Alvis Johnson made a motion to waive a second reading and approve the amendment to 702 KAR 7:125E, Pupil Attendance. Sharon Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Amendment to 702 KAR 3:270E, SEEK Funding Formula (First Reading)

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, KDE Division Director David Cook and KDE Interim General Counsel Todd G. Allen presented the proposed emergency regulation, 702 KAR 3:270E, SEEK Funding Formula. This emergency administrative regulation was filed to allow school districts the ability to provide and to receive funding for a variety of instructional delivery models to meet the needs of their students and communities in light of continued COVID-19 risks and necessary prevention measures. This was an emergency regulation and, by law, did not require a second reading.

Patrice McCrary made a motion to waive a second reading and approve the amendment to 702 KAR 3:270E, SEEK Funding. Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Approval of Waiver of Section 5(2) of 705 KAR 2:140, Equalization of Funding for Locally-Operated Area Vocational Centers and Vocational Departments

KDE Associate Commissioner David Horseman and KDE Assistant Director Kiley Whitaker requested a waiver of section 5(2) of administrative regulation 705 KAR 2:140, in light of COVID-19 and the potential funding impact on local school districts. This waiver eliminates LAVEC budget uncertainties for the 2020-2021 academic year and will allow school districts to know their final budget prior to the start of the school year.

Alvis Johnson made a motion to approve the waiver of section 5(2) of administrative regulation 705 KAR 2:140, Equalization of funding for locally-operated area vocational centers and vocational departments. JoAnn Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

IV. Internal Board Business

A. Discussion and Action on a Statement by the Kentucky Board of Education on Commitment to Educational Equity and Racial Justice in Kentucky Public Schools (Action/Discussion Item)

Chair Young read the resolution titled “Kentucky Board of Education Resolution Affirming Its Commitment to Racial Equity in Kentucky Public Schools” and allowed members time for discussion and remarks.

Holly Bloodworth made a motion to approve the statement on commitment to educational equity and racial justice in Kentucky public schools. Patrice McCrary seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Announcement of the New Commissioner of Education (Information Item)

Chair Young announced that Dr. Jason Glass was identified by the KBE as Kentucky's next Commissioner of Education following a very extensive and productive national search. Chair Young stated that she has worked with Dr. Glass since the KBE meeting on July 7, 2020 to develop an employment contract that will be acceptable to the full board. Chair Young stated that a special called meeting will be necessary in the coming days for the purpose of adopting Dr. Glass's employment contract and will direct Jennifer Fraker, the Executive Director to the Kentucky Board of Education to schedule said meeting.

Dr. Jason Glass joined the meeting and gave brief remarks.

V. Adjournment

Cody Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Claire Batt seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.