

**Kentucky Board of Education Retreat
October 6, 2020 9:00 AM
Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601
Video Teleconference Meeting**

Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its annual retreat on October 6, 2020. 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 the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not be permitted to attend the meeting in person, but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

Chair Young welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. ET. Chair Young reminded members that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Chair Young also stated that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member. Additionally, Chair Young shared the vision of the board's July 10 resolution and reminded members that it solidified its commitment to focus on students' equitable access to excellent educators, on closing achievement gaps and creating inclusive school climates, and on helping students and educators learn how to deal with racial trauma.

II. Roll Call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Claire Batt, Holly Bloodworth, Mike Bowling, Alvis Johnson, Patrice McCrary, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Amanda Ellis on behalf of CPE President Dr. Aaron Thompson, Solyana Mesfin and Allison Slone.

Cody Pauley Johnson was absent.

KBE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker stated a quorum was present.

III. Introductory Remarks & Update on Dr. Glass' Entry Plan and KDE Commissioner Dr. Jason Glass (Information Item)

Chair Young provided introductory remarks and an update on Dr. Glass's transition and Dr. Glass shared introductory remarks with the board.

IV. Welcome, Counsel and Hopes for the New Commissioner

Dr. Glass shared updates on his transition to the department. Each board member then welcomed Dr. Glass and provided comments on their hopes for his tenure as Commissioner of Education.

V. Board Professionalism & Effectiveness Discussion (Information Item)

NASBE President Robert Hull shared boardsmanship-related training and discussed their responsibilities as board members with the members.

VI. Review of KBE Roles, Responsibilities and Authority (Information Item)

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen discussed the statutory parameters associated with the Board and the Department of Education.

VII. Break – 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

VIII. Furthering the Vision of the Board and KBE 2020-2021 Goals (Action/Discussion Item)

Dr. Glass shared context on visions and missions and asked KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd to share the background of the current strategic plan. Dr. Glass asked board members to provide feedback on the current plan and then introduced the task of setting board goals for 2020-2021. The board then broke into two working groups with the task of creating a strawman goal design. Following, the board synthesized their goals for 2020-2021. Additionally, a proposal was made for the Commissioner’s evaluation and an initial discussion was had about the Commissioner’s 2020-2021 goals.

IX. Commissioner Communication & Coordination (Information Item)

Dr. Glass shared with members the various ways the Commissioner and the department communicate with board members. Dr. Glass informed the members a survey would be provided to members at a later time to inform future communication-related methods.

X. Review of KBE Policy Manual and Possible Amendment (Action/Discussion Item)

KBE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker and KDE General Counsel Todd Allen presented proposed changes to the KBE Policy Manual for discussion and consideration of adoption.

A motion to approve the KBE Policy Manual as proposed was made by Alvis Johnson and seconded by JoAnn Adams. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

XI. Reiew and Approval of Future Meeting Dates (Action/Discussion Item)

KBE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker presented the amended meeting dates to account for changes to the August 2022 meeting date to ensure regulations can be filed with the LRC in a timely manner and the addition of 2023 dates in accordance with the KBE Policy Manual.

A motion to approve the amended KBE meeting dates. A motion was made by Mike Bowling and seconded by Lee Todd. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

XII. Adjournment

Chair Young thanked the board for a day filled with learning, visioning and goal setting. She requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Bowling moved for adjournment. Alvis Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.