

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control Appointment

Date: June 2021

Action Requested: ☐ Review ☐ Action/Consent ☒ Action/Discussion

Held In: ☒ Full Board ☐ Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

☐ Finance ☐ Operations Management

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action to appoint an at-large member to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner of Education recommends Dr. Gavin Washington for appointment to the KHSAA Board of Control.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

In July 1993, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) appointed a Commission on Interscholastic Athletics to study the optimum methods and best practices to deliver quality high school interscholastic athletic programs. At the January 1994 KBE meeting, the Commission on Interscholastic Athletics presented a report outlining recommendations for improvement of the governance of interscholastic athletics. One of the recommendations of the Commission adopted by the KBE was the amendment of the KHSAA Constitution to require the appointment to the Board of Control of four outside, at-large members recommended by the Commissioner of Education.

702 KAR 7:065 designates the KHSAA as the KBE's agent to manage middle and high school athletics. "To remain eligible to maintain the designation as the agent to manage interscholastic high school athletics, the KHSAA shall: (1) Accept four (4) at-large members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education to its high school Board of Control." The KHSAA Constitution incorporated by reference in 702 KAR 7:065 provides that "[t]hese members are to be at-large appointments recommended by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education. These appointees shall not be an employee of any member school or its central administration or the administration of the Kentucky Department of Education. At least one of these appointees shall be an African American and one shall be a female.

The KHSAA Constitution further requires that “[m]embers of the Board of Control shall serve a four-year term of office unless filling an unexpired term created by the death or resignation of a member, in which case the balance of the remaining term is the term in office. The term year for the Board of Control is July 1 through June 30.” Furthermore, “[n]o member is eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive four-year terms with no further limits as to lifetime eligibility.”

Summary of Issue:

Current KBE appointed at-large members serving on the KHSAA Board of Control are:

Debbie Beichler (Mt. Washington), Term Expires 6/30/23 (Female)

Darrell Billings (Clay City), Term Expires 6/30/24

Kimberly Parker Brown (Lexington), Term Expires 6/30/21 (African-American Female)

Pete Galloway (Sedalia), Term Expires 6/30/22

The KBE must appoint an at-large KHSAA Board of Control member to fill the seat currently held by Parker Brown. Having served two consecutive terms on the Board of Control, Parker Brown is not eligible for re-appointment.

The Commissioner of Education recommends the appointment of Dr. Gavin Washington (African-American Male) to the KHSAA Board of Control for a four-year term beginning 7/1/21 and ending 6/30/25. Dr. Washington currently serves as an Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for Kentucky State University’s (KSU) Department of Health and Physical Education. He teaches courses in the fields of physical education, exercise science, and sports management. Dr. Washington also serves as a Title IX investigator for KSU. Prior to his work at KSU, Dr. Washington worked as a teacher and coach in Kentucky public schools. Dr. Washington was recommended for appointment to the KHSAA Board of Control by the Executive Director of the Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, as well as by Dr. Timothy Forde, the Chair of KSU’s School of Education, Human Development, and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Washington’s application materials are attached for review.

Budget Impact:

Approval of this appointment to the KHSAA Board of Control has no fiscal impact on the Kentucky Department of Education or KBE.

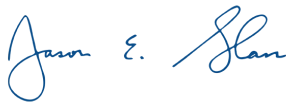
GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

No outside groups were consulted. On February 9th and March 23rd, the Kentucky Department of Education advertised the Board of Control vacancy and called for applications.

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