

Awards Committee Meeting
Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40601
Video Teleconference Meeting Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held an awards committee meeting on February 3, 2022 via video teleconference. Members of the public were encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The committee conducted the following business:

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Patrice McCrary welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. ET. Chair McCrary reminded members that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Additionally, Chair McCrary stated that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.
2. **Roll Call:** Chair McCrary asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Claire Batt, Patrice McCrary, Solyana Mesfin and Lu Young.

3. **2022 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education**

- A. **Review of Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Robinson Award:** Chair McCrary read the description and reminded the committee members of the criteria of the award.

Dr. Samuel Robinson was a former member of the KBE (1991-2004) who made diversity and equity in public education his life's work. A noted educator and civil rights leader, Robinson began his career in Kentucky in Louisville in 1960. His diverse background in public education included everything from principal at Shawnee High School to President of the Lincoln Foundation. Robinson also was a well-known community figure as Louisville navigated the Civil Rights era. Each year, the KBE grants this award to a Kentuckian or a Kentucky organization demonstrating extraordinary efforts and contributions in the area of educational diversity and equity. The criteria for receiving this award includes, but is not limited to, the successful efforts in closing socioeconomic and/or racial achievement gaps; and significantly improving student learning, student achievement, or other measured outcomes among students of color or economically disadvantaged students.

- B. **Review and Discussion of Applications for the Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education:** Chair McCrary asked each member to present their top two candidates for consideration and discussion. Candidates were referred to by number and the members narrowed their top picks down to one candidate and after evaluation and discussion determined the candidate that would be brought forth for consideration of approval by the full board at its February 9, 2022 regular meeting.

- C. **Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education:** Chair McCrary stated that based on the candidate's extraordinary efforts and contributions in the area of educational diversity and equity, candidate number 3 is recommended as the recipient of the 2022 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education. The motion to approve was made by Claire Batt, seconded by Solyana Mesfin. Candidate 3 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. **Adjournment:** Chair McCrary asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Claire Batt. The meeting adjourned by a unanimous roll call vote at 3:50 p.m. ET.