

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

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the KBE Awards Committee Meeting on March 30, 2023 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:

Call to Order: Committee Chair Patrice McCrary welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. ET. Chair McCrary reminded members that the meeting must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Additionally, Chair McCrary stated that for items that require a vote, a roll call was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

Roll Call: Chair McCrary asked for a roll call of members. The following were present: JoAnn Adams, Patrice McCrary and Lu Young.

2022 Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy

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

David Karem served on the KBE from 2009 through 2016. He served for 33 years in the Kentucky State Senate and as Chair of the Senate Education Committee. During his tenure in the Kentucky General Assembly, Karem championed the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) and led the efforts for the 4% school tax levy by school districts. This award is given in the spring of each year to state policymakers, education leaders or citizens who have made notable, state-level contributions to the improvement of Kentucky's public education system. The criteria for receiving the award includes, but is not limited to, demonstrating leadership in policy development, passage or implementation resulting in increased educational opportunities for students; improved educational, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students; or, increased capacity of teachers or school staff to better meet the academic, social or emotional needs of Kentucky 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 nominations for consideration and discussion. Nominations were referred to by number and the members narrowed their top picks down to one nomination and after evaluation and discussion determined that candidate 5 would be brought forth for consideration of approval by the full board at its April 11, 2023 regular meeting.

C. Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy: Chair McCrary stated that based on the nomination's demonstrated leadership in policy development, passage or implementation resulting in increased educational opportunities for students; improved educational, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students; or, increased capacity of teachers or school staff to better meet the academic, social or emotional needs of Kentucky students, I would ask the committee to entertain a motion to approve nomination of candidate 5 to be recommended as the recipient of the 2023 Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy. The motion to approve was made by JoAnn Adams, seconded by Lu Young. The nomination of candidate 5 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair McCrary also added special thanks to Dr. Meredith Brewer and Stacy Ball for the help to prepare for the KBE Awards Committee meetings, as well as, the award committee members for taking careful review of each nomination for the award.

Adjournment: Chair McCrary asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Joann Adams. The meeting adjourned by a unanimous roll call vote at 3:11 p.m. ET.