

**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 July 25, 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:

I. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Patrice McCrary welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. ET. Chair McCrary reminded members that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Chair McCrary stated that for items that require a vote, a roll call was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

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

III. **2022 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership**

A. **Review of Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Kelly Award:** Chair McCrary read to the committee members the criteria of the award.

Joseph W. Kelly Award is given in the fall of each year to a Kentucky businessperson or business who has partnered with a public school or district to provide outstanding leadership that promotes school improvement and student success. This person should be creating or sustaining strategic partnership between a business and school or school district that leads to improved student outcomes, including but not limited to, postsecondary success and workforce outcomes; and makes significant contributions to a school or a district that leads in improved educational opportunities or improved educational, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students.

B. **Review and Discussion of Applications for the Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership:** Chair McCrary asked each member to present their top three candidates for consideration and discussion. Nominations were referred to by number and the members narrowed their top three picks down to two nominations. After a concentrated effort of evaluation and discussion, the committee determined that nomination 7 and nomination 4 would be brought forth for consideration of approval by the full board at its October 10, 2023, regular meeting.

C. **Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership:** Chair McCrary stated that based on the two equal, but different selected nominations of extraordinary efforts and contributions in the area of education leaders or citizens who have made notable, state-level contributions to the improvement of Kentucky's public education system that the two nominations submitted will be awarded. Chair McCrary requested a motion to be made to accept committee selected nomination 7 and nomination 4 to be recommended as the two recipients of the 2023 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership. The motion to approve was made by JoAnn Adams, seconded by Lu Young. Nomination 7 and 4 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

IV. **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.