

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held a KBE Special Meeting on November 28, 2023. The KBE met via Microsoft Teams teleconference at 2 p.m. ET. Members of the public were permitted to watch a livestream of the meeting which could be viewed on the Kentucky Department of Education’s Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

KBE Vice Chair Lu Young welcomed all board members to the meeting and thanked them for their participation in this special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Education.

II. Roll Call

Vice Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary, Julie Pile, Randy Poe, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Lu Young, Alissa Riley, R. J. Osborne, and Secretary Jamie Link.

Vice Chair Young opened the meeting with the first item on the agenda.

III. Report and Recommendation from the RFP Evaluation Committee (Discussion Item)

Kentucky Board of Education member Steve Trimble presented the report from the RFP Committee stating that the committee met for approximately 1.5 hours on November 27, 2023, to review proposals submitted in response to the solicitation for an executive search firm for the Commissioner of Education search. The RFP Evaluation Committee included himself and board members Julie Pile and Alissa Riley. At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee took action to recommend to the full board that the highest overall scoring vendor - Vendor A - be the vendor selected for the solicitation “Executive Search Firm, KY Dept of Education Commissioner.” Due to the requirements of KRS Chapter 45A, the committee was unable to release the name of Vendor A. As such, the committee recommended that the board take action to authorize the KDE to take any necessary action pursuant to KRS Chapter 45A to negotiate and award a contract to Vendor A for the solicitation “Executive Search Firm, KY Dept of Education Commissioner.”

Vice Chair Young thanked Steve Trimble for his report. She stated that due to strict limitations contained in KRS Chapter 45A, the members of the RFP Evaluation Committee are very limited in what they can discuss regarding the proposals they reviewed. The solicitation is still considered “active” until it is closed, and committee members sign confidentiality agreements as required by KRS 45A.

IV. Selection of Firm to Conduct the Commissioner of Education Search (Action Discussion Item)

Vice Chair Young took a moment to thank the RFP Evaluation Committee members for their exemplary service and stated that they took the committee’s responsibility very seriously and have given this decision the time and consideration it deserved.

Vice Chair Young stated that coming from the committee, the motion does not require a second. She asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion on the motion. She then asked for roll call of the members present. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

V. Adjournment

KBE Vice Chair Lu Young requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Steve Trimble; seconded by Lee Todd.

Vice Chair Young closed by again thanking the RFP Evaluation Committee members for their attention to this action. The board members will be given information related to Vendor A as soon as the confidentiality terms are lifted.

Vice Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The meeting adjourned by a unanimous roll call vote.