

**Special Called Meeting**  
January 10, 2025 12:00 PM  
In Person and Teleconference  
Floyd County Board of Education Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center  
Eastern, KY



**Attendance Taken at : 12:00 PM**

**Present Board Members:**

Ms. Linda Gearheart  
Mr. William Newsome  
Dr. Chandra Varia  
Mr. Steve Slone  
Mr. Keith Smallwood

Larry Hammond, Board Secretary was in attendance, Board Attorney was not in attendance.

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Swearing in of 2025-2028 Board Members
3. Election of Officers

**Order #20592 - Motion Passed:** MOTION WAS MADE TO RETAIN ALL OFFICERS THE SAME AS THE PRIOR YEAR passed with a motion by Dr. Chandra Varia and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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| Ms. Linda Gearheart | Yes |
| Mr. William Newsome | Yes |
| Dr. Chandra Varia   | Yes |
| Mr. Steve Slone     | Yes |
| Mr. Keith Smallwood | Yes |

4. Consider/Approve the 2025 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

**Order #20593 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2025 Board of Education Meeting Calendar and to change meeting times to 6:00 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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| Ms. Linda Gearheart | Yes |
| Mr. William Newsome | Yes |
| Dr. Chandra Varia   | Yes |

Mr. Steve Slone Yes  
Mr. Keith Smallwood Yes

5. Consider/Approve board members travel for FY 2025

**Order #20594 - Motion Passed:** Approval of board members travel for FY 2025 passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Linda Gearheart Yes  
Mr. William Newsome Yes  
Dr. Chandra Varia Yes  
Mr. Steve Slone Yes  
Mr. Keith Smallwood Yes

6. Consider/Approve entering into Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, Personnel, and Expulsions), Per KRS 61.810

**Order #20595 - Motion Passed:** Approval of entering into Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, Personnel, and Expulsions), Per KRS 61.810, the time being 12:05 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Linda Gearheart Yes  
Mr. William Newsome Yes  
Dr. Chandra Varia Yes  
Mr. Steve Slone Yes  
Mr. Keith Smallwood Yes

7. Consider/Approve exiting Executive Session

**Order #20596 - Motion Passed:** Approval of exiting Executive Session, the time being 1:45 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Linda Gearheart Yes  
Mr. William Newsome Yes  
Dr. Chandra Varia Yes  
Mr. Steve Slone Yes  
Mr. Keith Smallwood Yes

As a result of the Executive Session, the Board has determined to meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 1:00 PM to interview the top three candidates.

8. Adjournment

**Order #20597 - Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn the meeting, the time being 1:48 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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| Ms. Linda Gearheart | Yes |
| Mr. William Newsome | Yes |
| Dr. Chandra Varia   | Yes |
| Mr. Steve Slone     | Yes |
| Mr. Keith Smallwood | Yes |

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY

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