

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the Awards Committee meeting on March 20, 2025. The committee met virtually. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Diane Woods welcomed the committee members and guests viewing the livestream to the meeting.

II. Roll Call

Chair Woods asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Julie Pile and Diane Woods. Lu Young also attended the meeting for discussion but did not participate in any motions or votes as she stated she was unable to turn on her camera. GlyptusAnn Grider Jones stated that a quorum was present.

III. Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy

A. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy

Chair Woods provided an overview and brief discussion of the criteria for the Karem Award. She said that each year in the spring, “the Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy is given to state policymakers, education leaders or citizens who have made notable, state-level contributions to the improvement of Kentucky’s public education system. Criteria for the award includes: demonstrated leadership in policy development, passage or implementation resulting in increased educational opportunities for students; improved educational, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students; and/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 Nominations for the Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy

Chair Woods then explained that committee members were asked to review the candidates prior to the meeting using a provided rubric. All members positively commented on the qualifications of candidate 4.

C. Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy

The committee determined that its top applicant was candidate 4. A vote was necessary to bring the recommendation before the full board for

consideration of approval at its March 26, 2025, regular meeting. Based on the candidates' extraordinary efforts and contributions in the area of education policy, Chair Woods asked the committee to entertain a motion to approve candidate 4 as the recipient of the 2025 Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy. The motion was made by Julie Pile and seconded by Diane Woods. The motion passed with a roll call vote. Lu Young did not vote.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Woods thanked everyone for their time and a productive meeting. Chair Woods requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Julie Pile and seconded by Diane Woods. The motion passed with a roll call vote. Lu Young did not vote.