

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the Awards Committee meeting on May 29, 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, Lu Young, and Diane Woods. GlyptusAnn Grider Jones stated that a quorum was present.

III. Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

A. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

Chair Woods provided an overview and brief discussion of the criteria for the Grissom Award. She said that “the KBE gives the award each year to a Kentuckian or a Kentucky organization to honor outstanding dedication to improving achievement for students with disabilities..” She also stated that “Criteria for the award include: leadership or implementation of innovative practice in curriculum, instruction or assessment that leads to improved learning, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students with learning or behavior differences; and, district or schools demonstrating significant improvement or sustained excellence in learning or behavior outcomes for students with learning or behavior differences.”

B. Review and Discussion of Nominations for the Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

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 candidates 19 and 22.

C. Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

The committee determined that its top applicants were 19 and 22. A vote was necessary to bring the recommendation before the full board for consideration of approval at its June 4, 2025 (originally stated as August 2025), regular meeting. Based on the candidates’ extraordinary efforts and

contributions in the area of special education, Chair Woods asked the committee to entertain a motion to approve candidates 19 and 22 as the recipients of the 2025 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call 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 Lu Young. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.