

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held day one of its regular meeting on June 4, 2025. The KBE met both virtually and in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

Chair Sharon Robinson welcomed all board members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. ET.

II. Roll Call

Chair Robinson asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Holly Bloodworth, Harold McKinney, Juston Pate, Julie Pile, Randy Poe, Sharon Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Lu Young, Lawrence McCrobie, Preston Graham, and Jamie Link.

III. Public Comment Session

Chair Robinson stated that the Public Comment Segment is limited to 10 speakers at a maximum of 3 minutes each. No one submitted items via the KBE email inbox, and no one attended in-person to comment.

IV. Internal Board Business (Action/Discussion)

A. Summary Minutes for March 26, 2025 KBE Regular Meeting Day 1, March 27, 2025 KBE Regular Meeting Day 2, and May 29, 2025 KBE Awards Committee Meeting

The minutes of the March 26, 2025, KBE Regular Meeting Day 1; March 27, 2025, KBE Regular Meeting Day 2; and May 29, 2025, KBE Awards Committee Meeting were distributed to members in advance. Chair Robinson asked for any corrections to any of the minutes. There were no corrections. Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve all of the meeting minutes. The motion was made by Holly Bloodworth and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

B. 2025-2026 KBE Non-Voting Student and Teacher Members

Chair Robinson spoke about the annual item to approve new non-voting student and teacher board members. She outlined the process as explained in 701 KAR 5:160 and explained the rationale for the recommended candidates. Chair Robinson then called for a motion to approve the selection of teacher candidate #2 to serve as the 2025-26

non-voting KBE member. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote. Chair Robinson said that the student advisory council identified 3 candidates for consideration, however, the council's top choice was determined ineligible for the position. Chair Robinson recommended that the board review the other 2 candidates and return to this item at the June 5, 2025 KBE meeting.

C. Membership Renewal for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)

The board discussed renewing their membership with the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), highlighting several benefits of membership from previous years. With several supportive comments made, Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the renewal of NASBE membership. The motion was made by Harold McKinney and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

D. KBE Member Out of State Travel Approval

Chair Robinson said that per the KBE Policy Manual, "All out of state travel for which reimbursement is sought shall be approved in advance by the board by the Finance Cabinet through KDE." Vice Chair Young said that she requests approval to attend the 2025 Southern Regional Education Board Making Schools Work Conference next month in New Orleans. Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve Vice Chair Young's out of state travel request. The motion was made by Juston Pate and seconded by Lee Todd. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

E. Appointment to KBE Awards Committee

Chair Robinson said that per KBE policy, the KBE chair, with approval of the board, shall name members and chairs for all committees. She said that she requested Julie Pile to serve as Chair of the KBE Awards Committee, who has agreed. Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve Julie Pile's appointment as the new chair of the KBE Awards Committee. The motion was made by Randy Poe and seconded by Steve Trimble. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

F. Recipient of the 2025 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

On behalf of the KBE Awards Committee, Chair Diane Woods presented the information related to the award description. Chair Woods shared that the committee met on Thursday, May 29 and determined that candidates 19 and 22 best met the criteria of the award. Chair Woods moved to approve candidates 19 and 22 as the recipients and asked the chair for the board's approval to recognize the recipients at the board's August regular meeting. The motion did not require a second as it came from the committee. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Hearing Officer's Report-** KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
- B. Litigation Report-** KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
- C. Certification of Non-Public Schools-** KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D.
- D. School District Indirect Cost Rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 -** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
- E. Perkins Policy and Procedure Manual, Education Administration-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. and KDE Program Manager Lori Looney
- F. Certification of 702 KAR 3:020, Bond issue approval-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- G. Certification of 702 KAR 3:030, Insurance requirements-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- H. Certification of 702 KAR 3:080, Fidelity bond, penal sum for treasurer, finance officer, and others-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- I. Certification of 702 KAR 3:135, Bidding procedures-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- J. Certification of 702 KAR 3:250, Preschool grant allocations-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- K. Certification of 702 KAR 3:270, SEEK funding formula-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- L. Certification of 702 KAR 3:275, School district tax rate formulas-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- M. Certification of 702 KAR 3:285, School district Medicaid providers-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz

- N. **Certification of 702 KAR 3:310, Differentiated compensation-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- O. **Certification of 702 KAR 4:100, Emergency school loan fund; repayments-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- P. **Certification of 702 KAR 5:010, Pupil transportation: technical assistance and monitoring-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- Q. **Certification of 702 KAR 5:020, Program cost calculation-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- R. **Certification of 702 KAR 5:060, Buses; specifications and purchases-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- S. **Certification of 702 KAR 5:100, Handicapped, reimbursement for-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- T. **Certification of 702 KAR 5:120, Blind and deaf pupils, reimbursement for-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- U. **Certification of 702 KAR 5:150, Transportation of preschool children-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz
- V. **Certification of 704 KAR 3:490, Teachers' Professional Growth Fund-** KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Tucker, Ph.D., KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Marinelli, and KDE Policy Advisor Sarah Medley
- W. **Certification of 704 KAR 3:510, Advanced Placement-** KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Tucker, Ph.D., KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Marinelli, and KDE Policy Advisor Sarah Medley
- X. **Certification of 704 KAR 3:015, Kentucky ALL STARS for Preschool Programs-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- Y. **Certification of 704 KAR 3:285, Programs for the gifted and talented-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- Z. **Certification of 704 KAR 3:420, Preschool associate teachers-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper

- AA. Certification of 707 KAR 1:270, Kentucky Special Education Mentor Program-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- BB. Certification of 707 KAR 1:290, Free appropriate public education-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- CC. Certification of 707 KAR 1:300, Child find, evaluation, and reevaluation-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- DD. Certification of 707 KAR 1:320, Individual education program-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- EE. Certification of 707 KAR 1:350, Placement decisions-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- FF. Certification of 707 KAR 1:360, Confidentiality of information-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- GG. Certification of 707 KAR 1:370, Children with disabilities enrolled in private schools-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- HH. Certification of 707 KAR 1:380, Monitoring of recovery funds-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper
- II. Certification of 703 KAR 3:205, Management improvement program-** KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D. and KDE Policy Advisor Matthew Courtney, Ed.D.
- JJ. Certification of 702 KAR 3:190, Maximum class sizes-** KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D. and KDE Policy Advisor Matthew Courtney, Ed.D.
- KK. Certification of 702 KAR 3:246, School council allocation formula: KETS District Administrative System Chart of Accounts-** KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D. and KDE Policy Advisor Matthew Courtney, Ed.D.
- LL. Certification of 704 KAR 3:292, Education of migratory children-** KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D. and KDE Policy Advisor Matthew Courtney, Ed.D.
- MM. Certification of 705 KAR 4:081, FFA Leadership Training Center-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.

- NN. Certification of 780 KAR 2:030, Steering and advisory committees for area technology centers primarily serving secondary students-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- OO. Certification of 780 KAR 2:110, Student medical and accident insurance-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- PP. Certification of 780 KAR 3:010, Classification plan-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- QQ. Certification of 780 KAR 3:040, Special appointments-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- RR. Certification of 780 KAR 3:060, Probationary periods-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- SS. Certification of 780 KAR 3:065, Certified and equivalent service administrative regulations-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- TT. Certification of 780 KAR 3:075, Sick leave sharing procedures for certified and equivalent service-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- UU. Certification of 780 KAR 3:090, Records and reports-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- VV. Certification of 780 KAR 6:090, Disciplinary actions-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.
- WW. Certification of 704 KAR 7:130, Minority teacher recruitment-** KDE Associate Commissioner Meredith Brewer, Ph.D. and KDE Division Director Todd Davis

Chair Robinson said that “KDE staff identified items in the consent agenda as those that are non-controversial in nature. Consent Agenda Items F through WW are requests for certification of the noted administrative regulations to avoid expiration. All of these regulations are currently in effect and nearing their 7-year expiration date. Staff have reviewed these regulations and determined they should be certified to remain in effect. If the regulations are not certified, they will expire and become ineffective.”

Chair Robinson remarked that the consent agenda items were distributed to members in advance of the meeting for review, however, if an item is moved, the chair may decide to take up the matter immediately or move it to a discussion item later in the agenda. None of the items were moved and Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Holly Bloodworth and seconded by Juston Pate. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

VI. Review Items

A. Kentucky United We Learn Assessment and Accountability Framework 4.0

KDE Commissioner Robbie Fletcher and KDE Division Director Jennifer Stafford presented the update. The presenters explained that during the March 2025 Kentucky Board of Education's regular meeting, board members approved Kentucky United We Learn Framework 3.0 with suggested edits to move into the advocacy phase. Additionally, the board asked the department to go back to the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) and the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) for feedback on the edited framework, which is now Framework 4.0. Commissioner Fletcher and Stafford presented a summary of feedback given by SCAAC and LSAC on Framework 4.0 to the KBE. The KBE received a copy of the final framework prior to the meeting.

B. KDE Strategic Plan Update

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd and KDE Strategic Analyst Abigail Jacob provided the update. Board members heard about the results of the most recent customer service survey administered by the department in March. They said the survey provides KDE with valuable data that is used to show progress in the strategic plan. Results that directly impact the strategic plan were also shared.

C. 2025 Perkins V State Plan

KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. Program Manager Lori Looney, and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D. presented the update. The presenters shared that the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) received the state allocation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 under Title I of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins V) from the United States Department of Education Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) on

May 6, 2025. The OCTE uploaded Kentucky's Perkins V State Plan to the federal portal on May 7, 2025, with the incorporated allocation of \$22,018,247.

D. Audit Report and Expense Reports for the Kentucky Board of Education and Commissioner of Education

KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Karen Wirth presented a review of the annual KDE Audit and expenses for the Commissioner of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education.

Next, Chair Robinson dismissed the members of the board to committees.

The United We Learn Committee met in the State Board Room. The State Schools Committee met in conference room 516. Chair Robinson noted that agendas and committee information is accessible through the KBE portal.

VII. United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee

a. Vibrant Learning Experiences Across KY

VIII. State Schools Committee

b. Area Technology Centers Update

Return from the KBE committees to the main board meeting room.

Chair Robinson called the board to order.

IX. Action/Discussion Items

A. Report on United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee on Action/Discussion Items

United We Learn Committee Chair Holly Bloodworth provided an update on the committee's meeting. Bloodworth shared that the committee heard from KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D., KDE Division of Innovation Director Sarah Snipes, and KDE Regional Innovation Specialist Alexa Hardin regarding vibrant learning experiences designed by educators across the Commonwealth in places such as Tates Creek High (Fayette), South Marshall Middle (Marshall), and Rowan County Senior High (Rowan).

B. Report on State Schools Committee on Action/Discussion Items

State Schools Committee Chair Randy Poe provided an update on the committee's meeting. Poe shared that the committee heard from KDE

Division Director Beth Engle regarding various projects ongoing at Kentucky's area technology centers such as the Glockner Dare to Dream Pitch Contest at Russell ATC and the Ladies in Leadership program at Meade County College and Career Center.

C. Procedures for the Certification of Nonpublic Schools

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D., Davis Kessler, Superintendent, Diocese of Owensboro (KyNPSC), and Kendra McGuire, Superintendent, Diocese of Covington (KyNPSC) presented the procedures. The presenters explained that the Kentucky Nonpublic Schools Commission has prepared a policy manual that is in full alignment with the requirements set out under 704 KAR 3:315. The policy manual includes several policies that were provided to board members in advance. Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the procedures for the Certification of Nonpublic Schools developed by the Non-Public Schools Commission pursuant to 704 KAR 3:315. The motion was made by Juston Pate and seconded by Randy Poe. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

D. Preschool Per-child Rates

KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper presented the item. Hylton said that each spring, the Kentucky Board of Education establishes the per-child rates for the Kentucky Preschool Program for the upcoming school year based on the appropriation provided by the General Assembly. She also said that the General Assembly appropriated \$84,481,100 to the state-funded preschool program for each year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium. The preschool program is level funded for 2025-2026. Kentucky's preschool enrollment decreased last year. The average number of children enrolled on December 1 and March 1 went from 20,292 in school year 2023-2024 to 19,409 in school year 2024-2025. Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the preschool per-child funding rates for 2025-2026. The motion was made by Randy Poe and seconded by Steve Trimble. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

E. Work-Based Learning Placements for State Accountability

KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. and KDE Work-Based Learning (WBL) Coordinator Tina Brogli presented the item. Hargis explained that data for qualifying work-based learning courses that were associated with a valid course code are submitted through Infinite

Campus. WBL placements that did not take place as a course during the school day in which the school had direct involvement, were aligned with a credential or associate degree, and provided a minimum of 300 hours of on-the-job experience must be submitted through an application to the KBE. The WBL application committee reviewed submissions and made recommendations for approval by the KBE. A rationale for denial is included with any submission that has not been recommended for approval. Upon KBE review and approval of the committee's recommendations, the application submitter will be notified of approval or denial, and approved placements will be included in accountability reporting for the 2024-2025 school year. A spreadsheet with the committee's recommendations was provided to board members in advance. Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the recommendations for the 2024-2025 applications for work-based learning placements to receive career-ready status in the accountability system. The motion was made by Randy Poe and seconded by Lu Young. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

F. Amendments to 704 KAR 8:080, Required academic standards in career studies and financial literacy

KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., KDE Program Consultant Sharon Collins, and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D. presented the proposed amendments. Following a discussion with the full board, Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the standards for 704 KAR 8:080, Required academic standards in career studies and financial literacy. The motion was made by Juston Pate and seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote, however, this motion was adjusted in the June 5, 2025 KBE meeting to clarify approval of the amendments to the regulation.

G. Amendments to 704 KAR 8:030, Required Academic Standards for Health

H. Amendments to 704 KAR 8:050, Required Academic Standards for Physical Education

KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Tucker, Ph.D., KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli, KDE Division of Program Standards Director Chrystal Rowland and KDE Policy Advisor Sarah Medley presented the proposed amendments to both regulations. Following a discussion with the full board, Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the amendments to 704 KAR 8:030, Required Academic Standards for Health.

The motion was made by Diane Woods and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote. Next, Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the amendments to 704 KAR 8:050, Required Academic Standards for Physical Education. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Harold McKinney. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

I. Amendments to 704 KAR 4:010, Physical Education

KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Tucker, Ph.D., KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli, and KDE Policy Advisor Sarah Medley presented the proposed amendments. Following a discussion with the full board, Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the amendments to 704 KAR 4:010, Physical Education. The motion was made by Juston Pate and seconded by Steve Trimble. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

J. Amendment to 702 KAR 5:130, Vehicles designed to carry nine (9) passengers or less, standards for

KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter, and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz presented the proposed amendment. Following a discussion with the full board, Chair Robinson called for a motion to approve the amendment to 702 KAR 5:130, Vehicles designed to carry nine (9) passengers or less, standards for. The motion was made by Julie Pile and seconded by Juston Pate. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Next, Chair Robinson called for a short recess to welcome members of the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) for the next agenda item. The board reconvened at 3:37 P.M. E.T.

X. Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness (OELE) Overview

KDE Associate Commissioner Meredith Brewer, Ph.D., and KDE Deputy General Counsel Norah Softic presented to the board. Brewer said that the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness was created through an executive order from then-Gov. Matt Bevin in August 2018 which moved the administrative functions of the EPSB to KDE. She said their work includes branches dedicated to educator certification and educator preparation, along with the Division of Educator Recruitment and Development, which houses the GoTeachKY teacher recruitment and retention campaign and the Kentucky Teacher of the Year program. Softic provided an overview of EPSB disciplinary process, which she

explained has the authority and responsibility to establish standards and requirements for obtaining and maintaining a teaching certificate. EPSB can take disciplinary actions against educators for misconduct based on violations of KRS 161.120, which includes the Professional Code of Ethics. Discussion between EPSB and KBE board members centered around the quality of educator preparation programs, how those fit into what is being assessed in schools, and how to improve collaboration with both boards, especially as it relates to teacher recruitment and retention. Members of both boards plan to have more meetings with each other and with other stakeholder groups in the future to discuss these topics and more.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Robinson thanked everyone for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Harold McKinney and seconded by Steve Trimble. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 P.M. E.T.

XII. KBE-Education Professional Standards Board Join Dinner (No Business Conducted)