

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the Awards Committee meeting on August 4, 2025. The committee met virtually. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Julie Pile welcomed the committee members and guests viewing the livestream to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. ET.

II. Roll Call

Julie Pile asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Julie Pile and Lu Young. No members were absent. GlyptusAnn Grider Jones stated that a quorum was present.

III. Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership

A. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership

Chair Pile provided an overview and brief discussion of the criteria for the Kelly Award. She said that “this award is given in the fall of each year to a Kentucky businessperson or business who has partnered with a public school or district to provide outstanding leadership that promotes school improvement and student success.” She also stated that “criteria for the award includes creating or sustaining strategic partnership between a business and school or district that leads to improved student outcomes, including but not limited to, postsecondary success and workforce outcomes; and significant contribution to a school or a district that leads or will likely lead to increased or improved educational opportunities or improved educational, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students.”

B. Review and Discussion of Nominations for the Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership

Chair Pile then explained that committee members were asked to review the candidates prior to the meeting using a provided rubric. Both members positively commented on the qualifications of candidate 8.

C. Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership

The committee determined that its top applicant was candidate 8. A vote was necessary to bring the recommendation before the full board for consideration of approval at its August 6, 2025 regular meeting. Based on

the candidate's extraordinary efforts and contributions in the area of business education partnership, Chair Pile asked the committee to entertain a motion to approve candidate 8 as the recipient of the 2025 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Pile thanked everyone for their time and a productive meeting. Chair Pile requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 P.M. ET.