

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee meeting on August 7, 2025. The committee met in-person at the Paul Sawyer Public Library, 319 Wapping Street, Frankfort KY. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Holly Bloodworth welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 11:12 P.M. E.T.

II. Roll Call

Chair Bloodworth asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Holly Bloodworth, Juston Pate, Julie Pile, Lee Todd, Lu Young, and Harper Blake.

III. Review Item

A. Read to Succeed Update

Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli and KDE Director of Early Literacy Christie Biggerstaff presented the update on the implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 9 (2022), the Read to Succeed Act. The presenters explained how, as part of this legislation, the KDE is required to establish teacher academies or coaching models focused on evidence-based reading instruction, instructional materials, and assessments for teachers of students in prekindergarten through grade 3, (KRS 158.305(10)). These efforts are supported through the Read to Succeed Fund established in KRS 158.806 and are being led by KDE's Division of Early Literacy in the Office of Teaching and Learning.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Bloodworth requested a motion to adjourn the committee. The motion was made by Juston Pate and seconded by Lu Young. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 A.M. E.T.