

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the Awards Committee meeting on September 25, 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 2:33 P.M. ET.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Identification of Priority Area and Criteria for the 2025 KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award (Action/Discussion)

Chair Pile explained that the priority area for the award changes from year to year based on the desire of the board. She recommend that the 2025 award seek to recognize a public school district that has demonstrated a strong commitment to developing and/or implementing a localized accountability system. As stated in the “Local Accountability Design Guide and Toolkit” released by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in September 2025, “Well-designed and effectively implemented local accountability systems lead to transformed and vibrant student experiences, enhanced community engagement and partnership, and increased transparency with actionable data to inform educational improvements and decisions” (p. 4). Additionally, Chair Pile outlined the proposed criteria for the award which was distributed to committee members in advance of the meeting. All committee members commented favorably on the recommended priority and criteria.

Chair Pile then asked for a motion to approve the priority area and criteria for the 2025 KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Alfonso De Torres Núñez. 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 Alfonso De Torres Núñez seconded by Lu Young. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M. ET.