



POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

Principal: Keylie Paige Fears
 Agency Name: HIGGINS INSURANCE INC Bond Number: 999461540
 Obligor: Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Education
 Bond Amount: (\$300,000.00) Three Hundred Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: that The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire (herein collectively called the "Company"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint **Carolyn Banks** in the city and state of **Seattle, WA**, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Company in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of the Company has been affixed thereto this 11th day of February, 2026.



The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

By: *Nathan J. Zangerle*
 Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA ss
 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

On this 11th day of February, 2026, before me personally appeared Nathan J. Zangerle, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
 Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
 Montgomery County
 My commission expires March 28, 2029
 Commission number 1126044
 Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By: *Teresa Pastella*
 Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-law and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, which is now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

Certificate of Designation – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization – By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature or electronic signatures of any assistant secretary of the Company or facsimile or mechanically reproduced or electronic seal of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney or bond issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company do hereby certify that this power of attorney executed by said Company is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Company this 11th day of February, 2026.



By: *Renee C. Llewellyn*
 Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

For bond and/or Power of Attorney (POA) verification inquiries, please call 610-832-8240 or email HOSUR@libertymutual.com.