

**The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee meeting on February 4, 2026. The committee met virtually via Microsoft Teams. Members of the public were 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 Holly Bloodworth welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:48 P.M. E.T.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Review Item**

**A. We Lead Computer Science Report and KDE Update on Computer Science (CS)**

We Lead Computer Science Chief Executive Officer Alicia Sells, KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli, and KDE CS Lead Sean Jackson presented the update on We Lead CS efforts for 2024-2025. Sells described the origins of We Lead CS, which began as an initiative to expand computer science access in rural Kentucky and was later established as a statewide virtual career academy by the General Assembly, with a mission to increase competitiveness, expand access, and prepare students for tech careers. According to Sells, We Lead CS emphasizes work-based learning, including industry certifications, virtual job shadowing, mock interviews, and employer feedback on student projects. The program collaborates with an employer advisory board and local Chambers of Commerce to align curriculum with workforce needs. Sells and Jackson responded to board member questions regarding teacher employment, post-secondary outcomes, support for ELL students, and We Lead CS program capacity.

**IV. Adjournment**

Chair Bloodworth requested a motion to adjourn the committee. The motion was made by Lee Todd and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed with a roll call vote, 5-0 (Bloodworth- yes, Pate-yes, Pile- yes, Todd-yes, Young-yes). The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M. E.T.