

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the State Schools 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 Randy Poe welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:47 P.M. E.T.

II. Roll Call

Chair Poe asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Randy Poe, Alfonso De Torres Núñez, Harold McKinney, Sharon Robinson, Steve Trimble, and Secretary Jamie Link.

III. Review Item

A. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Updates - KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.

KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisory Lauren Graves, Ph.D., presented the updates. The presenters discussed the ongoing analysis and recommendations for revising the Area Technology Center (ATC) salary schedule to address recruitment and retention challenges for occupation-based instructors and administrators, with input from a diverse work group and feedback from committee members. Committee members discussed the need to adapt salary structures to current labor market conditions, emphasizing the importance of supporting teachers' economic needs and the necessity of legislative action and funding for proposed changes.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Poe thanked everyone for the updates and requested a motion to adjourn the committee. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Harold McKinney. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 P.M. E.T.