

**The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on May 6, 2026. The KBE 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 Sharon Robinson welcomed all board members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 P.M. ET.

**II. Roll Call**

Chair Robinson asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Holly Bloodworth (arrived at 1:18 P.M. ET), Harold McKinney, Juston Pate, Julie Pile, Randy Poe, Sharon Robinson, Steve Trimble, Lu Young, Secretary Jamie Link, and Alfonso De Torres Núñez. Harper Blake and President Aaron Thompson were absent. KDE Director of Education Policy GlyptusAnn Grider Jones, Ph.D., stated that a quorum was present.

**III. Board Working Session**

**A. Legislative Update and Discussion of Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) Priorities**

Commissioner of Education Dr. Robbie Fletcher introduced the meeting focus and presenters. He stated, "With direction and input from board leadership, today's conversation is designed for KBE members to review the outcomes of the 2026 legislative session in relation to the board's 2025-2026 priorities, consider a proposed strategic planning timeline for the upcoming biennium, and to ask questions."

KDE General Counsel Todd Allen provided a high-level overview of the Kentucky Board of Education's statutory roles, authority, and the legislative process, including the impact of recent bills on administrative regulations. Additionally, KDE Director of Government Relations Dr. Brian Perry reviewed the outcomes of the 2026 legislative session, focusing on House Bill 257, changes to assessment and accountability, and the planning timeline for implementing new requirements.

Dr. Perry also reviewed the KBE's recent priorities, legislative achievements, and ongoing challenges, including educator workforce initiatives, funding, and statutory updates. He discussed legislative changes impacting board operations including a new confirmation requirement for the board chair, changes to waiver authority, and updates

to Kentucky's education accountability system. Dr. Fletcher discussed plans for communicating legislative updates to superintendents, and ensuring board members are prepared for upcoming legislative initiatives and responsibilities. Both Dr. Perry and Dr. Fletcher emphasized the importance of ongoing relationship building with legislators, including plans for outreach and advocacy to ensure board priorities are understood and supported in future sessions.

#### **IV. Board Comments and Member Sharing**

Chair Robinson said the next item on the agenda was board member comments and sharing. It is an opportunity for board members to raise issues not included on the agenda for the purposes of clarification, referral to a committee, or scheduling for future board review and/or action if such is the consensus of the board. Chair Robinson mentioned that the July 1, 2026 board meeting will be cancelled, and requested input from board members on topics for the September and November virtual meetings.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Chair Robinson thanked everyone for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Juston Pate. The motion passed with a roll call vote, 8-0 (Bloodworth-yes, McKinney- yes, Pate- yes, Pile- yes, Poe- yes, Robinson- yes, Trimble- yes, Young- yes). The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M. E.T.