

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE) STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control Appointment

**Date:** June 2026

**Action Requested:** Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

**Held In:** Full Board State Schools United We Learn

### SYNOPSIS OF WHAT YOU WILL BE SHARING:

To take action to appoint an at-large member to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control.

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends Mr. Randy McCallon for re-appointment to the KHSAA Board of Control.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics.

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

In July 1993, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) appointed a Commission on Interscholastic Athletics to study the optimum methods and best practices to deliver quality high school interscholastic athletic programs. At the January 1994 KBE meeting, the Commission on Interscholastic Athletics presented a report outlining recommendations for improvement of the governance of interscholastic athletics. One of the recommendations of the Commission adopted by the KBE was the amendment of the KHSAA Constitution to require the appointment to the Board of Control of four outside, at-large members recommended by the Commissioner of Education.

702 KAR 7:065 designates KHSAA as the KBE's agent to manage middle and high school interscholastic athletics. "To remain eligible to maintain the designation as the agent to manage interscholastic high school athletics, the KHSAA shall: (1) Accept four (4) at-large members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education to its high school Board of Control." The KHSAA Constitution, incorporated by reference in 702 KAR 7:065, provides that "[t]hese members are to be at-large appointments recommended by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education. These appointments shall not be an employee of any members school or its central administration or the administration of the Kentucky Department of Education."

The KHSAA Constitution further requires that "[m]embers of the Board of Control shall serve a four-year term of office unless filling an unexpired term created by the death or resignation of a member, in which case the balance of the remaining term is the term in office. The term year for the Board of Control is July 1 through June 30." Furthermore, "[n]o member is eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive four-year terms with no further limits as to lifetime eligibility."

#### *Summary of Issue:*

Current KBE appointed at-large members serving on the KHSAA Board of Control are: Randy McCallon (Murray), Term Expires 6/30/26

Mandi Hudson (Georgetown), Term Expires 6/30/27  
Chuck Mullins (Hazard), Term Expires 6/30/28  
Gavin Washington (Versailles), Term Expires 6/30/29

The KBE must appoint an at-large KHSAA Board of Control member to fill the seat currently held by Randy McCallon. Having served one term on the Board of Control, Mr. McCallon is eligible for re-appointment.

The Commissioner recommends Randy McCallon for re-appointment to the KHSAA Board of Control. Mr. McCallon is a retired educator and coach, serving 10 years in the classroom before he became an administrator. He is a former college and high school student-athlete as well as a former coach of three different sports at the KY K-12 middle and high school levels, while also teaching in the classroom. He has served in the roles of high school assistant principal, principal, director of pupil personnel, assistant superintendent, and superintendent prior to his retirement in 2017. Mr. McCallon spent most of his career in Calloway County Schools, but also worked in Shelby and Carlisle Counties. While the Commissioner received strong applications for appointment, Mr. McCallon's experience in K-12 interscholastic athletics, coupled with his previous Board of Control service, cause him to be the most uniquely qualified for appointment.

*Budget Impact:*

Approval of this appointment to the KHSAA Board of Control has no fiscal impact on the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) or KBE.

*Groups Consulted and a Brief Summary of Responses:*

On February 3, 2026, KDE advertised the Board of Control vacancy and called for applications. Each applicant was required to provide at least two letters of support for their appointment to the KHSAA Board of Control.

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