

Morgan County Board of Education Organizational Meeting

January 05, 2026 6:30 PM

Please note that as authorized under KRS 61.823 and KRS 61.826, the Morgan County Board of Education, located at 155 University Drive, West Liberty, KY 41472, will hold an Organizational Meeting via videoconference on January 5, 2026, at 6:30 PM. This same site will be the primary location where the public can attend and observe the meeting, and all members of the board can be seen and heard, including those attending by videoconference.

1. Organizational Meeting...Selection of Chair pro tem.

Chair pro tem, Jesse Clinger, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Election of 2026 Board Chairman

Order #9957. - Motion Passed: Nominated for the 2026 Board Chairman: Jesse Clinger (the only board member nominated). Mr. Clinger was elected 2026 Board Chairman by a vote of acclamation passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

3. Appointment of Board Secretary

Order #9958. - Motion Passed: Appointed Dr. Ralph W. Hamilton as the 2026 Board Secretary passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. Ricky Pennington.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

4. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at: 5:31 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Esther Cain-Via Videoconference
Mr. Jesse Clinger
Mr. Michael Gevedon
Mr. James Lane
Mr. Ricky Pennington

Rebecca McCoy, Board Attorney, Present

5. Adoption of Agenda

Order #9959. - Motion Passed: Adopted Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes

Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

6. Election of Vice-Chairman

Order #9960. - Motion Passed: Nominated for 2026 Vice-Chairman: Esther Cain (the only board member nominated). Mrs. Cain was elected 2026 Board Vice-Chairman by a vote of acclamation passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

7. Appointment of Board Treasurer

Order #9961. - Motion Passed: Appointed Lori Stamper as the 2026 Board Treasurer passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

8. 2026 Board Attorney

Order #9962. - Motion Passed: Hired Rebecca McCoy with White Peck Carrington, LLP as the 2026 Board Attorney passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. Michael Gevedon.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

9. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

Order #9963. - Motion Passed: Approved the 2026-27 Board Meeting Schedule passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. Michael Gevedon.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

10. Managing Government Records: A Cooperative Undertaking and The Kentucky Open Records & Open Meetings Acts: A guide for the public and public agencies

Dr. Ralph W. Hamilton provided copies of Managing Government Records: A Cooperative Undertaking and the Kentucky Open Records & Open Meetings Acts: A guide for the public and public agencies and invited them to ask any future questions pertaining to the document.

11. Reading of Proclamation: January, Board Member Recognition Month

West Liberty City Council Member, Sarah Beth Legg proclaimed January Board Member Recognition Month.

12. Adjournment

Order #9964. - Motion Passed: Approved adjournment at 6:36 PM passed with a motion by Mrs. Esther Cain and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes



Board Chairman



Secretary

