

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the EPSB at the June 17, 2025, meeting.

**Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB)
Minutes
Kentucky Department of Education
300 Sower Boulevard, 5th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601**

Call to Order

Vice Chair C.J. Fryer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. ET. Vice-Chair, Fryer read the EPSB Mission Statement.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present during the June 17, 2025, EPSB meeting: Scottie Collier, Elijah Edwards, Cathy Gunn, Jacqueline Mayfield, Lori McKeehan, Justin Mitchell, Corinne Murphy, and Vice Chair Fryer.

CPE: Amanda Ellis

Report from Commissioner

Commissioner Fletcher gave an update on current projects happening across the state.

Report from Council on Postsecondary Education

Amanda Ellis gave an update from the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Report from Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Meredith Brewer gave an OELE update.

Report from the Chair

Vice-Chair Fryer shared that on June 4, the EPSB met with the Kentucky Board of Education to hear a presentation on the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness and how the office serves both boards. Chair Snell and Vice Chair Fryer have a follow-up meeting with the KBE chairs in July to talk about potential areas for collaboration and next steps.

Consent Items

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Option 9 Application, Augusta Independent Schools, and Northern Kentucky University

Option 9 Application, Beechwood Independent Schools, and Northern Kentucky University

Option 9 Application, Bellevue Independent Schools, and Northern Kentucky University

Option 9 Application, Dayton Independent Schools, and Northern Kentucky University

Option 9 Application, Owen County Schools, and Northern Kentucky University

Option 9 Application, Walton-Verona Independent Schools, and Northern Kentucky University

Option 9 Application, Scott County Schools, and Midway University

Option 9 Application, Campbell County Schools, and University of the Cumberlands

Option 9 Application, Lyon County Schools, and University of the Cumberlands

Option 9 Application, Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative and University of Louisville

Bellarmino University Program Approval: English as a Second Language
Western Kentucky University Program Approval: Family and Consumer Science
Western Kentucky University Program Approval: School Social Worker
Boyce College: Approval of Proficiency Plan
University of the Cumberlands: Approval of Proficiency Plan
Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative: Continuing Education Option (CEO) Plan II Proposal
Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative: Continuing Education Option (CEO) Plan II Numeracy Proposal
Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services: Numeracy Continuing Education Option (CEO) Plan II Numeracy Proposal
West Kentucky Educational Cooperative: Numeracy Continuing Education Option (CEO) Plan II Proposal

2025-031

Motion made by Dr. Justin Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Amanda Ellis to approve items.

Vote: Unanimous

Information/Discussion Item

Recommendations from the Certification Structure Workgroup

Todd Davis gave an update on the recommendations from the Certification Structure Workgroup

Action Items

Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation Partnership Agreement

2025-032

Motion made by Dr. Corrine Murphy, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

Numeracy Rubric

2025-033

Motion made by Mr. Elijah Edwards, seconded by Ms. Lori McKeethan to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 5:040. Extension of Student Teacher Waivers

2025-034

Motion made by Dr. Corrine Murphy, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

Kentucky Educator Mentorship Program

2025-035

Motion made by Mr. Elijah Edwards, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to approve items.

Vote: Unanimous

Procedures Relating to EPSB Action on a Certificate Holder's Certification, Amendment

2025-036

Motion made by Mr. Scottie Collier, seconded by Ms. Lori McKeethan to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

Waivers

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Renewal Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for an Auto-Technology Teacher

2025-037

Motion made by Dr. Justin Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Renewal Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for John Booth

2025-038

Motion made by Ms. Lori McKeehan, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to approve items.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Renewal Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Marc Hill

2025-039

Motion made by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield, seconded by Dr. Corrine Murphy to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 3:090. Request to Allow the Previous School Leaders Licensure Assessment to meet the Requirements for Issuance of a Principal Certificate for Amy Torres

2025-040

Motion made by Mr. Elijah Edwards, seconded by Dr. Corrine Murphy to deny.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:120. Request to Waive Emergency Certificate Requirements for Carroll County Schools

2025-041

Motion made by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield, seconded by Ms. Lori McKeehan to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:120. Request to Waive Emergency Certificate Requirements for Graves County Schools

2025-042

Motion made by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield, seconded by Mr. Elijah Edwards to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 4:030. Request to Waive GPA Requirements for Out-of-State Candidate

2025-043

Motion made by Dr. Corrine Murphy, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 6:010. Request to Waive Ten Year Praxis Recency Requirement for Cody Boggs

2025-044

Motion made by Mr. Elijah Edwards, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

Alternative Route to Certification Applications

Haley Forman, Business and Marketing, Grades 8-12

2025-045

Motion made by Ms. Corrine Murphy, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to deny.

Vote: Unanimous

Angel Miller, Music, All Grades

2024-046

Motion made by Dr. Corrine Murphy, seconded by Ms. Lori McKeehan to approve.

Vote: Unanimous

Julia Thompson, Math, Grades 5-9 and 8-12

2025-047

Motion made by Mr. Eli Edwards, seconded by Dr. Amanda Ellis to approve items.

Vote: Unanimous

Amanda Walden, Biology and Chemistry, Grades 8-12

2025-048

Motion made by Ms. Amanda Ellis, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield to approve items.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion made by Ms. Lori McKeehan seconded by Mr. Eli Edwards, to go into closed session to conduct a character and fitness review and to review potential actions relating to complaints and reports in accordance with KRS 61.810(1) (c) & (j). The Board also reviewed pending litigation.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion made by Dr. Corrine Murphy seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield, to return to open session.

Vote: Unanimous

The following board members concurred with the actions as listed below with the noted exceptions:

Scottie Collier, Eli Edwards, Amanda Ellis, Christopher Fryer, Cathy Gunn, Jacqueline Mayfield, Lori McKeehan, Justin Mitchell, and Corinne Murphy.

Attorneys present were Cody Hollan, Madison Snelling, Norah Softic, Cassie Trueblood, Thomas Wall, and Phillip West.

Initial Case Review

Case Number

1. 2556733 Mason Goins
2. 2556722 Melvin Osborne
3. 2556742 Taneesha Seay-Barrow

Decision

Further Investigation
Further Investigation
Further Investigation

4. 2556712 Matthew Hand	Further Investigation	
5. 2556737 William Jones	Further Investigation	
6. 2556690 Lisa Maglinger	Further Investigation	
7. 2556745 Jamison Woods	Further Investigation	
8. 2556743 Bryce Thomas	Further Investigation	
9. 2556734 Cecily Hunt	Further Investigation	
10. 2556731 Krista All	Further Investigation	
11. 2556747 Beth Akers	Further Investigation	
12. 2556746 Micheal Wagner	Further Investigation	<i>Ms. McKeehan Recused</i>
13. 2556717 Joshua Trosper	Further Investigation	<i>Ms. McKeehan Recused</i>
14. 2556744 Laura Twyford	Dismiss w/Prejudice	
15. 2556748	Further Investigation	
16. 2455978	Initiate Hearing	
17. 1408500	DWOP	
18. 1408520	DWOP	
19. 1409682	DWOP	
20. 1410719	DWOP	
21. 1410721	DWOP	
22. 1411771	DWOP	
23. 1411773	DWOP	
24. 1412810	DWOP	
25. 150247	DWOP	
26. 1504179	DWOP	
27. 1506295	DWOP	
28. 1507491	DWOP	
29. 1511739	DWOP	
30. 1511747	DWOP	
31. 1511751	DWOP	
32. 1511781	DWOP	
33. 1511801	DWOP	
34. 1511807	DWOP	
35. 1512861	DWOP	
36. 160255	DWOP	
37. 160279	DWOP	
38. 1603195	DWOP	
39. 1605309	Dismiss w/Prejudice	
40. 1605323	DWOP	
41. 1605333	DWOP	
42. 1606405	DWOP	
43. 1606413	DWOP	
44. 1608535	DWOP	
45. 1608545	DWOP	
46. 1608571	DWOP	
47. 1608626	DWOP	
48. 1609663	DWOP	
49. 1609685	DWOP	

50. 1609691	DWOP
51. 1609697	DWOP
52. 1609699	DWOP
53. 1609707	DWOP
54. 1609713	DWOP
55. 1610755	DWOP
56. 1610763	DWOP
57. 1610769	DWOP
58. 1610771	DWOP
59. 1610773	DWOP
60. 1610797	DWOP
61. 1610831	DWOP
62. 1611899	DWOP
63. 1611955	DWOP
64. 1703557	DWOP
65. 2556580	Dismiss w/Prejudice

Character/Fitness Review

Case Number

1. 2556868
2. 2556867
3. 2556870
1. 2556882
2. 2556884

Decision

- Approve (w/Conditions)
Approve (w/Conditions)
Approve
Defer
Approve

Agreed Orders

Case Number

1. 2456534 Kayla McHone

Decision

Accept Agreed Order stating

- a. Certificate Number 201169103 shall be revoked for seven (7) years from December 21st, 2024 to December 20th, 2031. McHone shall not be actively employed in a certified position during the revocation period. Pursuant to KRS 161.020(1)(a): No person shall be eligible to hold the position of superintendent, principal, teacher, supervisor, director of pupil personnel, or other public-school position for which certificates may be issued, or receive salary for services rendered in the position, unless he or she holds a certificate of legal qualifications for the position, issued by the Education Professional Standards Board. McHone acknowledges it is her responsibility to consult with her employer to determine any consequences to salary or employment benefits as a result of this agreement.

- b. McHone is hereby reprimanded for her lack of professional judgement regarding her discipline of her own child in the presence of other students. McHone is reminded that as a certified educator she is required to meet high ethical standards as defined by the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Certified Personnel.
- c. On or before December 20th, 2031, McHone shall provide written proof to the Board that she has been assessed by a state-certified mental health counselor, as approved by the Board, and is fit to return to the classroom, presents as capable of performing her duties as an educator, is not a danger to herself or others, and is compliant with all treatment recommendations. The assessment shall occur within the ninety (90) days prior to Respondent's submission of the assessment to the Board. At the Board's request, McHone shall sign a release of information with the evaluating provider(s) referred to herein, allowing the Board to review her evaluation and treatment records. Any expense required for assessment and follow-up shall be paid for by McHone. Certificate Number 201169103 shall not be reissued until such condition is satisfied.
- d. On or before December 20th, 2031, McHone shall provide written proof to the Board that she has been assessed by a state-certified mental health counselor, as approved by the Board, and has complied with a comprehensive anger management assessment, and is compliant with all treatment recommendations. The assessment shall occur within the ninety (90) days prior to Respondent's submission of the assessment to the Board. At the Board's request, McHone shall sign a release of information with the evaluating provider(s) referred to herein, allowing the Board to review her evaluation and treatment records. Any expense required for assessment and follow-up shall be paid for by McHone. Certificate Number 201169103 shall not be reissued until such condition is satisfied.
- e. On or before December 20th, 2031, McHone shall submit written proof to the Board that she has completed the following training courses on the

attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A):

- 1) Any one (1) course under the “Classroom Management” heading;
- 2) Any one (1) course under the “Educator Ethics” heading;
and
- 3) Any one (1) course under the “Appropriate Boundaries” heading.

Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by McHone. If McHone fails to satisfy any portion of this condition, Certificate Number 201169103 shall not be reissued until such condition is satisfied.

- f. Upon reissuance of Certificate 201169103, Certificate Number 201169103, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following probationary conditions for ten (10) years:

- 1) During the probationary period, McHone shall not receive any disciplinary action from any school district in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. “Disciplinary action” is defined as any suspension, termination, or public reprimand issued by any school district in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and upheld, if requested, by either the tribunal and/or arbitration process, including any appeal therefrom. Resigning in lieu of termination shall also be a violation of this condition. Should McHone fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201169103 shall be automatically suspended for a period of sixty (60) days and be subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

- 2) If the fit for duty evaluation recommends ongoing treatment, McHone shall submit written progress reports from the state-certified mental health counselor on July 1st of each year of the probation, indicating that she is compliant with all treatment recommendations, until she is released from treatment. If McHone fails to satisfy any of these conditions, Certificate Number 201169103 shall be administratively suspended until such conditions are satisfied.
- 3) If the evaluating anger management counselor makes any treatment recommendations regarding anger management, McHone shall submit written progress reports to the Board on July 1st each year of the probation, indicating that she is compliant with all treatment recommendations until the counselor releases her from treatment. McHone shall pay any expense incurred. If McHone fails to satisfy any of these conditions, Certificate Number 201169103 shall be administratively suspended until such conditions are satisfied.

- g. McHone is aware that should she violate KRS 161.120 in the future, the Board shall initiate a new disciplinary action and seek additional sanctions.

Vote: *Unanimous*

2. 2456283 Jason Burgess
2456284

Accept Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate number 200702521 is retroactively suspended beginning July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2026. Burgess shall not be actively employed in a certified position during the suspension period. Pursuant to KRS 161.020(1)(a): No person shall be eligible to hold the position of superintendent, principal, teacher, supervisor, director of pupil personnel, or other public-school position for which certificates may be issued, or receive salary for

services rendered in the position, unless he or she holds a certificate of legal qualifications for the position, issued by the Education Professional Standards Board. Burgess acknowledges it is his responsibility to consult with his employer to determine any consequences to salary or employment benefits as a result of this agreement.

Prior to reinstatement, Burgess shall submit written proof to the Board that he has completed the following trainings or courses on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A):

1. Two (2) courses under the “Educator Ethics” heading; and
2. Fiscal Management Training for Kentucky School Certified Personnel

Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Burgess. If Burgess fails to satisfy any portion of this condition, Certificate Number 200702521 shall not be reinstated until such condition is satisfied.

Upon reinstatement, Certificate Number 200702521, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following probationary conditions for five (5) years:

1. During the probationary period, Burgess shall not receive any disciplinary action from any school district in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. “Disciplinary action” is defined as any suspension, termination, or public reprimand issued by any school district in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and upheld, if requested, by either the tribunal and/or arbitration process, including any appeal therefrom. Resigning in lieu of termination shall also be a violation of this condition. Should Burgess fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 200702521 shall be automatically suspended for a period of one (1) year and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.
2. Burgess shall submit proof by July 1st of every year of his probation that he has

completed a training that concerns financial management. In order for the training to fulfill this requirement, Burgess shall petition the Board for pre-approval of the training by following the process outlined on page 7 of the attached list under the heading “One Time Request for Training Approval” (Attachment A). Burgess shall pay any expense incurred. If Burgess fails to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 200702521 shall be administratively suspended until such condition is satisfied.

Burgess is aware that should he violate KRS 161.120 in the future, the Board shall initiate a new disciplinary action and seek additional sanctions.

Vote: *Unanimous*

3. 2556653 Mary Balles

Accept Agreed Order stating Balles voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently surrenders Certificate Number 200130034, and agrees to not apply for, nor be issued, a teaching, administrative, or emergency certificate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future.

Vote: *Unanimous*

Motion made by Mr. Eli Edwards, seconded by Ms. Lori McKeehan, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: *Unanimous*

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.