

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the EPSB at the March 30, 2026, virtual meeting.

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

Call to Order

Chair Amber Snell called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. ET. Chair Snell read the EPSB Mission Statement.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present during the March 30, 2026, EPSB meeting: Elijah Edwards, Cathy Gunn, Priscilla Keller, Jacqueline Mayfield, Justin Mitchell, Nicholas Pace, Lisa Rudzinski, and Chair Snell.

CPE: Amanda Ellis

Cabinet: Michael Yoder

Action Item

March 16, 2026, EPSB Meeting Minutes
2026-021

Motion made by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield seconded by Dr. Amanda Ellis to approve the March 16, 2026, meeting minutes.

Vote: *Unanimous*

Friendly amendment made by Ms. Lisa Rudzinski seconded Mr. Mike Yoder to accept the amendments to the March 16th minutes of Ms. Lisa Rudzinski changing to abstaining from the items instead of recusing.

Motion made by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield seconded by Ms. Priscilla Keller, 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 Mr. Eli Edwards seconded by Dr. Nicholas Pace, to return to open session.

Vote: *Unanimous*

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

Eli Edwards, Amanda Ellis, Cathy Gunn, Priscilla Keller, Jacqueline Mayfield, Justin Mitchell, Corinne Murphy, Nicholas Pace, Merideth Pittman, Lisa Rudzinski, Amber Snell and Michael Yoder.

Attorneys present were Todd Allen, Cody Hollan, Madison Snelling, Norah Softic, Thomas Miller-Wall, and Phillip West.

Initial Case Review

Case Number

2557290 Almaria Baker

2557298 David Jones

2557303 Synthia Shelby

2557307 Regina Tessner

2557312 Jonathan Wyatt

2557294 Christopher Gaither

Decision

Further Investigation

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Jones is no longer employed in a certified position. Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Jones shall not maintain, seek, or accept any position of employment in Kentucky that requires the use of Certificate Number 200406171. Upon the natural expiration of Certificate Number 200406171, Jones shall neither apply for, nor be issued, a teaching, administrative or emergency certificate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future. If Jones violates this agreement, Certificate Number 200406171 shall be automatically permanently revoked, and/or any application for certification shall be denied.

Further Investigation

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Tessner shall not maintain, seek, or accept any position of employment in Kentucky that requires the use of Certificate Number 200207342. Upon the natural expiration of Certificate Number 200207342, Tessner shall neither apply for, nor be issued, a teaching, administrative, or emergency certificate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future. Any future application submitted by Tessner, or on her behalf, shall be denied.

Further Investigation

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2557295 Christopher Gaither
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2557238 Megan Kelly
2557241 Audrea Melton
2557293 Allen Dillon

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2557297 Conner Jackson

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Jackson is reprimanded for using inappropriate and disparaging language about two students. The Board reminds Jackson that as a certified educator, he has the duty to maintain the dignity and integrity of the profession. The Board will not tolerate any further misconduct from Jackson.

Jackson is not currently in the education profession. Prior to returning to certified employment, Jackson shall notify the Board in writing of his intent to return to certified employment, at least ten (10) days prior to returning to a certified position. If Jackson fails to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201231188 shall be administratively suspended for ten (10) days.

Within sixty (60) days of returning to certified employment, Jackson shall submit written proof to the Board that he has completed a training under the heading of "Educator Ethics" on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A). Any cost for said training shall be paid for by Jackson. If Jackson fails to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201231188 shall be administratively suspended until such time as the Board receives the written proof of completion.

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

2557302 Hannah Scott

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Scott is reprimanded for neglecting her duty. The Board notes that following Admissions and Release Committee protocols and ensuring parental input on IEP development and implementation are essential not only for ensuring that students receive a quality education, but also for complying with applicable

laws. The Board will tolerate no further misconduct from Scott.

Prior to August 1, 2026, Scott shall provide written proof to the Board that she has completed a training under the heading “Special Populations” on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A). If Scott fails to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 69392 shall be administratively suspended until such condition is satisfied.

Finally, Certificate Number 69392 shall be subject to the following probationary condition for two (2) years:

Scott shall not receive any disciplinary action involving violation of special education laws, policies, or procedures from any school district she is employed. If Scott fails to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 69392 shall be automatically suspended for sixty (60) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

“Disciplinary action” is defined as any termination, suspension, or public reprimand issued by any school district in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and upheld, if requested, by either a tribunal and/or arbitration process, including any appeal therefrom.

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

2557306 Brittney Smith
2557311 Stacy Wilson

Dismiss w/Prejudice
Further Investigation

2557248 Emili Terry

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 200218720 is retroactively suspended beginning June 1, 2025, to July 15, 2025, a period of forty-five (45) days. Terry shall not be actively employed in a

certified employment 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. Terry acknowledges it is her responsibility to consult with her employer to determine any consequences to salary or employment benefits as a result of this Agreed Order.

On or before June 1, 2026, Terry shall submit written proof to the Board that she has completed any training under the heading of “Educator Ethics” on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A). Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Terry. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 200218720 being administratively suspended until such time as the Board receives the written proof of completion.

Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 200218720, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following probationary conditions for two (2) years:

During the probationary period, Terry 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 Terry fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 200218720 shall be automatically suspended for a period of sixty

(60) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

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

2557292 Ricki Crain	Dismiss w/Prejudice
2557299 Terri Moore	Further Investigation
2557304 Krista Sipes	Admonish
2557309 Lindsay Wagoner	Dismiss w/Prejudice
2557305 Emily Slone	Further Investigation
2557113 Seth Faulkner	Dismiss w/Prejudice
2456324 Sarah Garrison	DWOP
2556897 Brian Mason	Initiate Hearing
2557085 Brian Mason	Initiate Hearing
2456022	Initiate Hearing

Character/Fitness Review

Case Number

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Decision

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Agreed Orders

Case Number

2556717 Joshua Trosper

Decision

Accept Agreed Order stating Certificate Number 200306505 shall be suspended for ninety (90) days from June 1, 2026 to August 30, 2026. Trosper 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. Trosper 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, Trosper 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. Three (3) courses under the “Educator Ethics” heading.

Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Trosper. If Trosper fails to satisfy any portion of this condition, Certificate Number 200306505 shall not be reinstated until such condition is satisfied.

Upon reinstatement, Certificate Number 200306505, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following permanent probationary conditions:

1. Trosper shall not participate in the administration of any test mandated either by Kentucky statute or by any regulation promulgated by the KDE. If Trosper fails to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 200306505 shall be automatically permanently revoked.

Trosper 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 (Ms. Rudzinski Recused)*

2556690 Lisa Maglinger

Accept Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 63714 is retroactively suspended beginning July 10, 2025 to July 15, 2025. Maglinger 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. Maglinger 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.

Prior to May 1, 2026, Maglinger shall submit written proof to the Board that she has completed the following trainings or courses on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A):

1. A course under the “Classroom Management” heading; and
2. A course under the “Educator Ethics” heading.

Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Maglinger. Failure to submit written proof of completion prior to May 1, 2026 will result in Certificate Number 63714 being administratively suspended until such time as Maglinger provides the written proof.

Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 63714, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following probationary conditions for two (2) years:

1. During the probationary period, Maglinger 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 Maglinger fail to satisfy this

condition, Certificate Number 63714 shall be automatically suspended for a period of thirty (30) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

Maglinger 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*

2557195 Charles Baker

Accept Agreed Order stating Baker has retired. Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Baker shall not seek or accept any position of employment in Kentucky that requires the use of Certificate Number 18491. Upon the natural expiration of Certificate Number 18491, Baker shall neither apply for, nor be issued, a teaching, administrative or emergency certificate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future. If Baker violates this agreement, Certificate Number 18491 shall be automatically permanently revoked, and/or any application for certification shall be denied.

Vote: *Unanimous*

2556934 Athena Baldwin

Accept Agreed Order stating Baldwin is hereby reprimanded for Disorderly Conduct, Second Degree conviction. The Board reminds Baldwin that, as an educator, she must exemplify the behaviors which maintain the dignity and integrity of the profession. The Board will not tolerate any further incidents of misconduct by Baldwin.

Baldwin shall be issued a Kentucky teaching certificate upon providing proof that she has met the academic and testing requirements necessary for issuance of a certificate, and has completed the following:

1. Baldwin shall submit written proof to the Board that she has completed the following trainings or courses on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A):
 - a. A course under the “Educator Ethics” heading.

Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Baldwin.

Upon issuance, Certificate Number 72787 shall be subject to a three (3) year probationary period with the following conditions:

1. During the probationary period, Baldwin 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. Failure to comply with this condition will result in Baldwin's certificate being automatically suspended pending Board review and disposition.
2. Baldwin shall not be convicted of nor enter a guilty or no contest plea to any criminal charge(s) other than minor traffic violations. A violation is not considered a minor traffic violation if it is a violation for which jail time may be imposed. If Baldwin is convicted of, or enters a guilty or no contest plea, to any criminal charge other than minor traffic violations, she shall submit this information to the Board, in writing, within thirty (30) days. Failure to comply with this condition will result in Baldwin's certificate being automatically suspended pending Board review and disposition.

Vote: *Unanimous*

2456551 Marta Bean

Accept Agreed Order stating Bean voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently surrenders Certificate Number 201243953, 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*

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Accept Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate number 200114900 is retroactively suspended beginning June 15, 2025 to July 15, 2025. Purdy 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. Purdy 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.

Prior to July 1, 2026, Purdy shall submit written proof to the Board that she has completed the following trainings or courses on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A):

1. Two (2) courses under the “Classroom Management” heading.

Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Purdy. Failure to submit written proof of completion prior to July 1, 2026 will result in Certificate Number 200114900 being administratively suspended until such time as Purdy provides the written proof.

Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 200114900, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following probationary conditions for three (3) years:

1. During the probationary period, Purdy 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. Resigning in lieu of termination shall also be a violation of this condition. Should Purdy fail to satisfy this

condition, Certificate Number 20114900 shall be automatically suspended for a period of one (1) year and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

Purdy 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*

2556688 James Cornett

Accept Agreed Order stating the Board reprimands Cornett for failing to adhere to state and local school law. The Board directs and Cornett acknowledges that he, like all teachers and school administrators, has a professional responsibility to comply with state statutes and regulations that govern the education profession, both in and out of the classroom. The Board urges Cornett to exercise better judgment going forward.

Cornett 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*

2455701 Steve Lovelace

Accept Agreed Order stating Lovelace is retired effective January 1, 2025, Lovelace shall not be employed in a certified position after January 1, 2025. Lovelace shall not seek or accept any position of employment in Kentucky that requires the use of Certificate Number 199901735. Upon the natural expiration of Certificate Number 199901735, Lovelace shall neither apply for, nor be issued, a teaching, administrative or emergency certificate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future. If Lovelace violates this agreement, Certificate Number 199901735 shall be automatically permanently revoked, and/or any application for certification shall be denied.

Vote: *Unanimous*

2355448 Sondra Combs

Accept Agreed Order stating on June 30, 2027, Certificate Number 34128 shall be voluntarily surrendered. Combs shall neither apply for, nor be issued, any teaching, administrative, or emergency certificate in the

Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future. Any such applications shall be automatically denied.

Vote: *Unanimous*

Motion made by Ms. Jacqueline Mayfield seconded by Ms. Cathy Gunn, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: *Unanimous*

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.