

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the EPSB Special Meeting on July 13, 2026. This information is provided in summary form; an official record of the meeting is available in the permanent records of the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), 300 Sower Boulevard, 5th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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

Call to Order

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. ET. Chair Snell read the EPSB Mission Statement.

Roll Call

The following Board members were present during the July 13, 2026, EPSB Special meeting: Scottie Collier, Elizabeth Dinkins, Priscilla Keller, Justin Mitchell, Pamela Morehead-Johnson, Nicholas Pace, Lisa Rudzinski, Vice Chair Fryer, and Chair Snell.

CPE: Absent

Education and Labor Cabinet: Michael Yoder

Swearing in of New EPSB Member

Leah Sharpe read the oath and swore in new board member Pamela Morehead-Johnson.

Report from the Chair

Chair Snell gave an update to the board.

Action Items

Approval of June 22, 2026, EPSB Meeting Minutes

2026-061

Motion made by Vice-Chair Fryer, seconded by Dr. Nicholas Pace to approve item.

Vote: Unanimous

Education Professional Standards Board Revised Meeting Schedule

2026-062

Motion made by Ms. Priscilla Keller, seconded by Mr. Michael Yoder to approve item.

Vote: Unanimous

Waivers

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

2026-063

Motion made by Dr. Nicholas Pace, seconded by Dr. Justin Mitchell to approve item.

Vote: Unanimous

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

2026-064

Motion made by Dr. Lisa Rudzinski, seconded by Vice-Chair Fryer to approve item.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:120. Request to Waive Emergency Certificate Requirements for Walton Verona Independent Schools

2026-065

Motion made by Dr. Justin Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Dinkins to deny item.

Vote: Unanimous

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

2026-066

Motion made by Dr. Elizabeth Dinkins, seconded by Dr. Lisa Rudzinski to approve item.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Issuance Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Joshua Kidwell

2026-067

Motion made by Vice-Chair Fryer, seconded by Mr. Michael Yoder to deny item.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Recency Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Adam Klaine

2026-068

Motion made by Dr. Justin Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Lisa Rudzinski to deny item.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Issuance Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Stephen Norris

2026-069

Motion made by Dr. Justin Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Nicholas Pace to approve item.

Vote: Unanimous

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Recency Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Charles Vaughn

2026-070

Motion made by Dr. Lisa Rudzinski, seconded by Ms. Priscilla Keller to approve item.

Vote: Unanimous

Alternative Route to Certification Applications

Brian Calnon, Business and Marketing, Grades 5-12

2026-071

Motion made by Dr. Lisa Rudzinski, seconded by Dr. Justin Mitchell to approve items. Dr. Elizabeth Dinkins recused.

Vote: Unanimous

Travis Nipper, Business and Marketing, Grades 5-12

2026-072

Motion made by Dr. Lisa Rudzinski, seconded by Dr. Justin Mitchell to approve item.

Vote: Unanimous

Ethan Stiles, Social Studies, Grades 5-9 and 8-12

2026-073

Motion made by Dr. Lisa Rudzinski, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Dinkins to deny item.

Vote: Unanimous

**DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:
MINUTES OF CASE REVIEW
July 13, 2026**

Motion made by Ms. Priscilla Keller seconded by Dr. Justin Mitchell, 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 Vice-Chair Fryer, 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:

Scottie Collier, Elizabeth Dinkins, C.J. Fryer, Priscilla Keller, Justin Mitchell, Pamela Morehead-Johnson, Nicholas Pace, Lisa Rudzinski, Amber Snell, and Michael Yoder.

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

Initial Case Review

Case Number

2657457 Jacquelyn Hamlin

Decision

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 201313792 is suspended beginning June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, a period of thirty (30) days. Hamlin 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. Hamlin 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 October 1, 2026, Hamlin shall submit written proof to the Board that she has completed two (2) trainings under the heading of “Classroom Management” on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A). Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Hamlin. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 201313792 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 201313792, 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, Hamlin 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 Hamlin fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201313792 shall be automatically suspended for a period of sixty (60) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

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

2657535 Steven Zimmer

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Zimmer is no longer working in the teaching profession. Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Zimmer shall not seek or accept any position of employment in Kentucky that requires the use of Certificate Number 200205495. Upon the natural expiration of Certificate Number 200205495, Zimmer 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 Zimmer violates this agreement, Certificate Number 200205495 shall be automatically permanently revoked, and/or any application for certification shall be denied.

2657560 Barbara Holton Moore
2657554 Brian Alessandro
2657555 Brian Alessandro

Dismiss w/Prejudice
Further Investigation
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2657524, 2657525, and
2657526 Caleb Higginbotham

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Higginbotham voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently surrenders Certificate Number 201317792, 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.

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Brooks is hereby reprimanded for neglect of duty. An educator has a duty to take reasonable measures to protect the health, safety, and emotional well-being of students. When an educator fails to maintain order while supervising students, students are at risk for both emotional and physical harm. The Board will not tolerate further misconduct from Brooks.

On or before December 1, 2026, Brooks shall submit written proof to the Board that he 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 Brooks. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 201237764 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 201237764, 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, Brooks 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 Brooks fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201237764 shall be automatically suspended for a period of thirty (30) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

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

2657567 Haleigh Conley
2657568 Cassondra Tucker
2657562 Joshua Hampton

Further Investigation
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2657514 Jeffrey Anderson

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Anderson is hereby reprimanded for embarrassing and disparaging a student. The Board reminds Anderson that he has a duty to take reasonable measures to protect the health, safety, and emotional well-being of students. Subjecting students to demeaning or aggressive behavior or using inappropriate language in their presence is unacceptable conduct for an educator. The Board will not tolerate any further incidents of misconduct from Anderson.

On or before December 1, 2026, Anderson shall submit written proof to the Board that he 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 Anderson. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 200101818 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 200101818, 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, Anderson 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 Anderson fail to satisfy this

condition, Certificate Number 200101818 shall be automatically suspended for a period of thirty (30) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

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

2657453 Jamie Chenault

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Chenault is reprimanded for failing to comply with the documentation requirements for special education students. As an educator working with special education students, it is Chenault's duty to timely and accurately develop IEPs, schedule ARC meetings, and collect progress monitoring data in accordance with the law. The Board will not tolerate further misconduct by Chenault.

On or before October 1, 2026, Chenault shall submit written proof to the Board that she has completed any training under the heading of "Special Populations" on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A). Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Chenault. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 61304 being administratively suspended until such time as the Board receives the written proof of completion.

On or before September 1, 2026, Chenault shall submit written proof to the Board from a Kentucky licensed/certified psychologist or psychiatrist, that she has undergone with a comprehensive evaluation and is fit to return to the classroom, presents as capable of performing her duties as a teacher, is not a danger to herself or others, and is compliant with all treatment recommendations. The evaluation shall have occurred within the sixty (60) days prior to submitting the written proof to the Board. Chenault shall pay any expense incurred. If Chenault fails to provide written proof of a completed comprehensive evaluation, Certificate Number 61304 shall be administratively suspended until such condition is satisfied.

Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 61304, 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, Chenault 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 Chenault fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 61304 shall be automatically suspended for a period of thirty (30) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.
2. If the fit for duty evaluation recommends ongoing treatment, Chenault shall submit written progress reports from the licensed psychologist or psychiatrist on January 1st and July 1st of every year of the probation, indicating that she is compliant with all treatment recommendations, until she is released from treatment. If Chenault fails to provide written progress reports by the deadline, Certificate Number 61304 shall be administratively suspended until such condition is satisfied.

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

2657484 Angelia Back
2657491 John Jump
2657515 Chelsea Boggs
2657519 Tonya Druen
2657520 Cynthia Eddings-King
2657521 John Filiatreau

Further Investigation
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2657523 Amanda Matheny

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Matheny is reprimanded for exercising poor professional judgment and for failing to report an inappropriate situation that she encountered. An educator has a duty to report misconduct and a duty to uphold the dignity and integrity of the profession. When an educator fails to properly bring a concerning situation to the attention of administration or the district office, they are leaving students at risk for harm. Moreover, an educator should not participate in an inappropriate situation by taking a picture of another educator making light of the misconduct. The Board will not tolerate any further incidents of misconduct from Matheny.

On or before December 1, 2026, Matheny shall submit written proof to the Board that she has completed the following Board-approved professional development trainings or courses:

1. Any training under the heading of “Educator Ethics” on the attached pre-approved Board training list (Attachment A).
2. The training titled “Educator Responsibilities to the Profession” 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 Matheny. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 200234598

being administratively suspended until such time as the Board receives the written proof of completion.

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

2657534 Dawn Wells

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 200127585 is suspended beginning July 1, 2026, to July 20, 2026, a period of twenty (20) days. Wells 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. Wells 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 November 1, 2026, Wells 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 Wells. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 200127585 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 200127585, 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, Wells 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 Wells fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 200127585 shall be automatically suspended for a period of sixty (60) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

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

2657557 Jeremy Britt

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 201125856 is retroactively suspended beginning April 6, 2026, to April 10, 2026, a period of five (5) days. Britt 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. Britt acknowledges it is his responsibility to consult with his employer to determine any consequences to salary or employment benefits as a result of this Agreed Order.

On or before December 1, 2026, Britt shall submit written proof to the Board that he 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 Britt. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 201125856 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 201125856, 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, Britt 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 Britt fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201125856 shall be automatically suspended for a period of thirty (30) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

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

2657559 James Durham, Jr.
2657569 Meghan Stahlhut
2657571 Aretta Terry
2657572 Rebecca Tewsley
2657566 Margaret Lyons
2657565 Eric Lynch
2657532 Micah Smith

Further Investigation
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2657558 Jessica Cox

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 201219884 is suspended beginning June 1, 2026, to July 30, 2026, a period of sixty (60) days. Cox 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. Cox 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 December 1, 2026, Cox 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 Cox. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 201219884 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 201219884, 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, Cox 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 Cox fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201219884 shall be automatically suspended for a period of ninety (90) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

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

2657531 Brian Simmins
2657529 Jaclyn Johnson

Further Investigation
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2657561 Sara Gutierrez

Approve PRC Agreed Order stating Gutierrez is reprimanded for violation of state school law, specifically SB 181 which relates to communication with students on approved traceable communication systems. The Board reminds Gutierrez that she has a statutory duty to follow all state statutes and regulations relating to schools. The Board will not tolerate any further incidents of misconduct by Gutierrez.

On or before December 1, 2026, Gutierrez 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 Gutierrez. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 201176406 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 201176406, 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, Gutierrez 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 Gutierrez fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201176406 shall be automatically suspended for a period of thirty (30) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

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

2657570 Asein Ta
2657573 Alvin Trotman
2657574 Jesse Wilburn
2657556 Bryan Auxier
2657563 John King
2557205 Elizabeth Gabehart
2556810 Stephanie Griffin
2456323 Christopher Engstrand
2556710 Christopher Engstrand
2556876 Kathryn Hamilton
2355452
2657410
2455815

Further Investigation
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Dismiss w/Prejudice
Admonish
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Dismiss w/Prejudice
Initiate Hearing
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Dismiss w/Prejudice

Character/Fitness Review

Case Number

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Decision

Approve
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Agreed Orders

Case Number

2456041 Hunter Plymale

Decision

Accept Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 201223117 is permanently revoked. Plymale shall neither apply for, nor be issued, a teaching, administrative and/or emergency certificate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future.

Vote: Unanimous

2455914 Manes Preptit

Accept Agreed Order stating Preptit voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently surrenders Certificate Number 201152604, 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

2557163 and

2557259 Claire Cambron

Accept Agreed Order stating Certificate Number 201232438 shall be retroactively suspended for thirty (30) days from June 15, 2025, through July 15, 2025. Cambron 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. Cambron 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.

Cambron provided written proof of completion of pre-approved classroom management and educator ethics training.

Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 201232438, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following probationary condition for three (3) years:

1. During the probationary period, Cambron 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 Cambron fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201232438 shall be automatically suspended for a period of sixty (60) days and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

Cambron 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*

2557161 Codey Baskett

Accept Agreed Order stating Certificate Number 200703610 shall be suspended for six (6) months from February 9, 2026, through August 9, 2026. Baskett 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. Baskett 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, Baskett 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. A course under the “Appropriate Boundaries” heading; and
2. A course under the “Communication” heading.

Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Baskett. If Baskett fails to satisfy any portion of this condition, Certificate Number 200703610 shall not be reinstated until such condition is satisfied.

Upon reinstatement, Certificate Number 200703610, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following permanent probationary condition:

1. Baskett 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 Baskett fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 200703610 shall be automatically revoked for three (3) years.

Baskett 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*

Accept Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 200101518 is retroactively suspended beginning June 1, 2026, to July 30, 2026, a period of sixty (60) days. Curd 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. Curd 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 December 1, 2026, Curd 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 Curd. Failure to submit written proof of completion on or before the deadline will result in Certificate Number 200101518 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 200101518, and any future endorsements or new areas of certification, shall be subject to the following probationary conditions for three (3) years:

During the probationary period, Curd 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 Curd fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 200101518 shall be automatically suspended for a period of ninety

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

Curd 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*

2556733 and

2556841 Mason Goins

Accept Agreed Order stating upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 201295257 is permanently revoked. Goins shall neither apply for, nor be issued, a teaching, administrative and/or emergency certificate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future.

Vote: *Unanimous*

7. 2557291 Dawn Bargerhuff

Accept Agreed Order stating:

- a. Certificate Number 201209663 shall be suspended for ten (10) days from July 1st, 2026 to July 10th, 2026. Bargerhuff 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. Bargerhuff 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. Bargerhuff is hereby reprimanded for her poor professional judgement regarding her communication with students. Bargerhuff is

reminded that as a certified educator she is required to meet the high ethical standards defined by the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Certified Personnel.

- c. On or before September 30th, 2026, Bargerhuff 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 “Educator Ethics” heading;
and
- 2) Any one (1) course under the “Communication” heading.

Any cost for said trainings shall be paid for by Bargerhuff. Failure to submit written proof of completion by the deadline will result in Certificate Number 201209663 being administratively suspended until such time as Bargerhuff provides the written proof.

- d. Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Board, Certificate Number 201209663, 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, Bargerhuff 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 Bargerhuff fail to satisfy this condition, Certificate Number 201209663 shall be automatically suspended for a period of thirty (30) days and be subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

- e. Bargerhuff 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*

Motion to Reconsider

Case Number

2456192 Kevin Sacksteder

Defer consideration of Respondent's Motion to Reconsider pending the remand of this administrative action to afford Respondent, pursuant to KRS 161.120(6), all rights secured under KRS Chapter 13B; Stay further enforcement of the probationary and training requirements in the previously executed Agreed Order; and, Direct legal counsel to enter into a new Agreed Order properly executed by all parties or, alternatively, to proceed with an administrative hearing conducted pursuant to KRS 13B.

Vote: *Unanimous*

Recommended Order

Case Number

2557026 Cheyenne Kennedy

Modify the Findings of Fact, modify the Conclusions of Law and modify the Recommended Order to issue the following sanctions:

1. Suspension of the Respondent's professional certificate for a period of two (2) years;

2. Ten (10) hours of Board-approved training in the area of Educator Ethics prior to reinstatement of such certificate; and,
3. A probationary period of two (2) years after reinstatement of such certificate, during which time any disciplinary action or violation of KRS 161.120 or 16 KAR 1:020 will result in the Respondent's certificate(s) being automatically suspended for a period of one (1) year and subject to additional sanctions by the Board pursuant to KRS 161.120.

Vote: Unanimous

2456052 Charles Hickman

Accept the Findings of Fact, accept the Conclusions of Law and accept the Recommended Order stating Certificate Number 201295858 is permanently revoked. Hickman shall not be issued, a teaching, emergency, or administrative certificate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at any time in the future. Hickman shall immediately surrender the original and any physical copies of his certificate, by personal delivery or first-class mail, to the Education Professional Standards Board, 300 Sower Blvd., Fifth Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion made by Dr. Michael Yoder seconded by Ms. Priscilla Keller, to adjourn the meeting.

***Vote:** Unanimous*

Meeting adjourned at 2:04p.m.