JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 20, 2025

Jefferson County Board of Education Superintendent Search Advisory Committee Meeting held at the JCPS Center for Professional Learning, 3903 Atkinson Square Drive on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Bonifacio Aleman, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

Jim Allen, Robert W. Baird Incorporated

Karina Barillas, La Casita Center

Carletta Bell, Coalition of Retired Black Principals & Administrators

Raymond Burse, Louisville Branch NAACP

Sarah Butryn, Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice

Apryl Clark, Greater Louisville Alliance of Black School Educators

Marland Cole, Evolve502

Rasean Crawley, President, NPHC Louisville Alumni

Kate Crosby, Community Representative, Board District 2

Sarah Davasher-Wisdom, Greater Louisville Inc.

Kevin Fields, Louisville Central Community Centers

Daniella Garcia Vasallo, Hispanic Student Union, Seneca High School

Michael Gritton, Academies of Louisville Alliance

Jennifer Hancock, Impetus for a Better Louisville

Jacob Hardin, Student, W.E.B. DuBois Academy

Chris Harmer, Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools Louisville

Chris Hartman, Fairness Campaign

Keturah Herron, Kentucky Senate, District 35

Ruth Jarrell, Community Representative, Board District 5

Devan King, Community Representative, Board District 1

Bobbie Jo Kingery, 15th District PTA

Leslie Marcellino, League of Women Voters

Jeff T. Metzeimer, Ph.D., Community Representative, Board District 3

Anthony Moore, Jefferson County Association of School Administrators

K.A. Owens, Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression

Joe Phelps, Passionist Earth and Spirit Center

Lyndon Pryor, Louisville Urban League

Louisa Sarpee, Black Student Union, Central High School

Maddie Shepard, Jefferson County Teachers Association

Corrie Shull, Chair, Jefferson County Board of Education

David Snardon, Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

Pam Stevenson, Kentucky House of Representatives, District 43

Debbie Wesslund, Chair, Community Representative, Board District 3

Lisa Willner, Kentucky House of Representatives, District 35

Dawn Wilson, Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission

Marcus Winkler, Louisville Metro Council, District 17

Woody Zorn, Community Representative, District 7

SPECIAL MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was for the JCPS Superintendent Search Advisory Committee members to meet and hear directly from Ben Shuldiner and Dr. H. Brian Yearwood, the two individuals who were selected as finalists in the superintendent search.

I. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 7 meeting. The motion carried.

III. Discussion with the Two Final Superintendent Candidates

The following two finalists for Superintendent search presented to the Committee and answered questions:

- Ben Shuldiner, current superintendent of Lansing School District in Michigan.
- Dr. H. Brian Yearwood, former superintendent of Columbia Public Schools in Missouri.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by consensus at approximately 3:00 p.m.