



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Meeting of May 19, 2026

Special Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Corrie Shull
Mr. Trevin Bass
Mrs. Linda Duncan
Mr. Taylor Everett
Ms. Tricia Lister
Ms. Gail Logan Strange

Mr. Bass attended via videoconference, he was marked absent for the votes where he was not visible.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice-Chairman James Craig

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Brian Yearwood, Ed.D.
Kevin Brown, General Counsel

This meeting was conducted via videoconference pursuant to KRS 61.823 and KRS 61.826. The primary location for this meeting and where all members could be seen and heard by the public was the VanHoose Education Center. Members of the Board were permitted to attend in person or via video teleconference pursuant to KRS 61.826.

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Call to Order

Chair Shull called the May 19, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chair Shull welcomed and thanked Dr. Scott Hawkins (from KASA) and Dr. Demetrius Liggins (Superintendent of Fayette County Public Schools), both of whom have assisted with the six-month capstone process. He announced that the meeting would feature a formal, public presentation, followed by an executive session for candid discussion and questions.

II. Superintendent's First Year Capstone Presentation

Superintendent Dr. Yearwood's capstone presentation framed the past school year as a necessary period of organizational stabilization defined by difficult, often unpopular decisions. He highlighted the starting line of his tenure, noting that the District's severe operational and academic challenges were fundamentally fueled by inherited foundational instability. Throughout his presentation, Dr. Yearwood tracked progress across multiple leadership standards. In evaluating the District's trajectory, Dr. Yearwood outlined a balanced view of early successes and deep-seated challenges. Concluding with a look toward the upcoming school years, Dr. Yearwood stated that while this baseline period was successfully utilized for stabilization, the next phase must shift toward deep implementation and acceleration. Future strategic actions would center on maintaining long-term financial stability, aligning schools under a unified academic division, and utilizing criterion-based assessments to accurately diagnose and monitor student growth.

Order #2026-79 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education receive his Capstone Presentation as required by the Next Generation New Superintendent Leadership Series. The recommendation passed with a motion by Ms. Tricia Lister and a second by Mr. Taylor Everett.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Absent
Mr. James Craig	Absent
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

III. Enter Closed Executive Session for Preliminary and Formative Discussions Regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) and KRS 156.557(6)(c)

The Board entered executive session at 5:39 p.m.

Order #2026-80 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education conduct a closed session, as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act and KRS 156.557(6)(c), for the purpose of preliminary and formative discussions regarding the evaluation of the superintendent passed with a motion by Ms. Gail Logan Strange and a second by Ms. Tricia Lister.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Absent
Mr. James Craig	Absent
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

IV. Adjourn from Executive Session

The Board adjourned executive session at 6:41 p.m.

Order #2026-81 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from executive session and return to open session passed with a motion by Mr. Taylor Everett and a second by Ms. Gail Logan Strange.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Absent
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Order #2026-82 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn the May 19, 2026, special meeting at 6:44 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Tricia Lister and a second by Ms. Gail Logan Strange.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Absent
Mr. James Craig	Absent
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

Dr. Corrie Shull
Chairman

Dr. Brian Yearwood
Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MINUTES,
WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**