



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)
SCHOOL CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND
ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL (SCAAC)
MEETING SUMMARY
SEPT. 19, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Artavia Acklin, Heather Aldrich, Chuck Fletcher, Jana Beth Francis, Leslie Jeffries, Brenda McGown, Allison Tamme, Henry Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deborah Atherton, Houston Barber, Renee Boss, Martha Emmons, Lisa Kear, Kristin Putnam, Jason Reeves, Jenny Urie

SUMMARY: The Sept. 19, 2023, virtual School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairperson Jana Beth Francis. Members and guests were welcomed, roll call was taken and Melissa Chandler informed the council of public meeting protocol.

A quorum of members was not reached. The open meeting was recorded and made available for viewing on the [KDE Media Portal](#).

All materials were made available in [SCAAC Members Google Folder](#).

Agenda Item: Approval of July 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Jana Beth Francis, Chair, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Daviess County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: A quorum was not present. Approval of the July 18, 2023, meeting minutes will be added to the Nov. 21, 2023, meeting agenda.

Agenda Item: School and District Improvement Process

Presenters: Natasha Stein, Assistant Director, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Stein shared the process and timeline for comprehensive school and district improvement planning as outlined in 703 KAR 5:225. Per the regulation, it is a requirement that both the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP) and Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) are developed with input from multiple stakeholders (e.g., parents, faculty, staff, etc.). Stein provided examples of how districts and schools engage stakeholders in plan development. All improvement plans are submitted electronically via the Continuous Improvement Platform (CIP) and must be posted on school and district webpages.

Feedback: Francis shared that a Family Advisory Council was developed in her district to solicit feedback on improvement plans.

Agenda Item: Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) Updates

Presenter: Thomas Clouse, Program Manager, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Clouse shared that the *KAS for Health Education* and *KAS for Physical Education* review process has started. The public comment survey is open through Sept. 29. KDE is also seeking applications for the Health Education and Physical Education Standards Advisory Panel and Review Committee.

Clouse provided an update on the revised *KAS for Social Studies (2022)* which is tentatively scheduled to be adopted into law in September 2023. Additional resources for teaching the revised standards are available at [KYStandards.org](https://www.kystandards.org).

Feedback: Francis extended an invitation for Clouse and his team to present at the Scott Trimble Workshop, hosted by the Kentucky Association for Assessment Coordinators (KAAC) on Oct. 27 to share and model the components of the revised *KAS for Social Studies* resources.

Agenda Item: Portrait of a Learner (PoL)

Presenter: Sarah Snipes, Program Manager, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Snipes provided an update on the PoL development process and reviewed the PoL Implementation Continuum developed by the University of Kentucky (UK) Center for Next Generation Leadership. In response to results from PoL status and implementation surveys, a new guidance document has been developed to guide districts through creation of a PoL and what PoL implementation will look like in a classroom.

Agenda Item: Assessment and Accountability Updates

Presenter: Jennifer Stafford, Director, Office of Assessment and Accountability, Kentucky Department of Education; Helen Jones, Program Manager, Office of Assessment and

Summary of Discussion: Sims reviewed the terminology associated with the full implementation of Kentucky's Accountability System along with a review of Senate Bill 158 and the changes that will be implemented as of fall 2023. Sims shared the overall accountability weights and color designations as well as the change calculation. The change calculation is described in the consolidated state plan that was approved federally prior to the SCAAC meeting.

Stafford shared examples of calculations to determine overall performance scores at the elementary, middle and high school levels. She explained that overall performance scores and ratings are influenced by status and change.

During the 2023 Accountability Standards Setting that took place in September, panelists recommended cut scores that will correspond to the color rating of each indicator and overall score. The recommended cuts will be presented to the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) in October for approval.

Agenda Item: 2023 Standards Setting

Presenter: Jana Beth Francis, Chair, School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council; Artavia Acklin, Principal, Shelby County Schools

Summary of Discussion: Francis shared the 2023 standards setting process. During the initial meeting in June, the panel used performance level descriptors to think about change from a holistic standpoint. At the meeting in September, the panel had the opportunity to review district and school level data and set cut points for color ratings.

Acklin shared that the panel was comprised of superintendents, principals, teachers, parents and one student.

Both Francis and Acklin felt that the panel was highly supported by the Office of Assessment and Accountability (OAA) and the Center for Assessment, and that all voices were heard.

Agenda Item: Council Feedback for Commissioner Search

Presenter: Meredith Brewer, Director, Office of the Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Meredith Brewer shared that Commissioner Glass's last day at KDE will be Sept. 29. Robin Kinney has been named by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) as the interim commissioner. KBE is currently seeking feedback from advisory groups related to the commissioner search.

Feedback: Francis expressed a desire for the next commissioner to be a lifelong learner. Aldrich shared that she would like to see a commitment to consistency with current initiatives.

Agenda Item: Expiring SCAAC Member Terms

Presenter: Jana Beth Francis, Chair, School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council

Summary of Discussion: Francis shared that the next SCAAC meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21. Although several members have terms that will be expiring in October 2023, Francis is requesting that all members consider attending the November meeting as new appointments may not yet be finalized. Francis and the OAA staff are currently working with the Governor's office to renew memberships and fill vacancies.

Agenda Item: 2024 SCAAC Meeting Dates

Presenter: Jana Beth Francis, Chair, School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council

Summary of Discussion: Francis shared the proposed 2024 SCAAC meeting dates of March 19, July 16, Sept. 17 and Nov. 19.

A quorum was not reached. No motion to adjourn could be made. The next SCAAC meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21, 2023.