



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)
SCHOOL CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL (SCAAC)
MEETING SUMMARY
MARCH 21, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Artavia Acklin, Heather Aldrich, Houston Barber, Martha Emmons, Jana Beth Francis, Leslie Jeffries, Brenda McGown, Allison Tamme, Jason Reeves

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deborah Atherton, Renee Boss, Chuck Fletcher, Lisa Kear, Kristin Putnam, Jenny Urie, Henry Webb

SUMMARY: The March 21, 2023, virtual School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) meeting was called to order at 9:03 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 present. The open meeting was recorded and made available for viewing on the [KDE Media Portal](#).

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Nov. 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

Summary of Discussion: Heather Aldrich made a motion to approve the Nov. 15, 2022, meeting minutes. Artavia Acklin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Kentucky United We Learn and Standing Committee Updates

Presenters: Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Office, Office of the Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Dodd shared the background of the development of the Kentucky United We Learn Council. The council is comprised of 75 members led by interim chair, Audrey

Gilbert. Three standing committees; Vibrant Learning Experiences, Accelerating Innovation and Bold New Future, have been established and meet monthly. Dodd provided updates for work that is taking place in each of the committees as well as next steps for the council.

Feedback: Martha Emmons shared that teachers and parents often feel that as soon as they learn one assessment system, it's obsolete. Acklin shared that there is a lack of understanding from many people outside of the department of education or school system.

Francis inquired about the final goal of the Kentucky United We Learn Council. Dodd shared that the council's purpose is to provide recommendations to KDE and Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) at the state and federal level so that innovative processes can be more supported at the local level.

Francis shared that there is much emphasis on the high school level and perhaps greater focus should be placed on ensuring proficiency in K-8 programming in an effort to produce high school students who are prepared for innovative approaches to education.

Agenda Item: Assessment and Accountability Updates

Presenter: Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner, Office of Assessment and Accountability, Kentucky Department of Education; Jennifer Stafford, Director, Office of Assessment and Accountability, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Stafford shared an overview of the 2023 assessment administrations to date as well as upcoming administrations before Simms provided a review of the 2022 Accountability Standard Setting process.

Stafford introduced a look ahead at the process for the 2023 Accountability Standard Setting as the component of "change" is added to accountability. Sample reports were shared displaying indicator ratings for overall performance, status and change. Currently, KDE is developing policy with guidance from the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) and other groups ahead of workshops scheduled for June 22-23 on Indicator Performance Level Descriptors and School Performance Level Descriptors. The Standard Setting Workshop will follow on Sept. 13-15. By October, KDE and LSAC will review and approve any recommendations, accountability reports will be issued, and the final standard setting report will be released.

Feedback: Francis inquired about the timeline for district reporting of status and change. Sims shared that accountability public release will likely be shared in mid-October at the earliest.

Francis noted that it is important to honor the component of change as many schools produce high change. She asked about the possibility of being able to track trend performance for change. Sims acknowledged that trend is one area that needs to be further explored.

Houston Barber inquired about getting assessment data earlier. Sims said that it is an easier task to get assessment data results quicker than accountability results. The goal is to provide individual student data and released items in August.

Leslie Jeffries commended the efforts that have gone into the development of meaningful reports to include change.

Agenda Item: Released Items Tool

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

Summary of Discussion: Francis shared a website that was created in Daviess County to help teachers develop a better understanding of the Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) by using released items for professional learning. Using the website, teachers had the opportunity to think about the content and teaching methods students would need to be successful on the assessment, take a practice test and cross-examine items with the *Kentucky Academic Standards*. The resource is available for all teachers across the state.

Feedback: Brenda McGown commended the process.

Martha Emmons made a motion to adjourn the March 21 SCAAC meeting. Brenda McGown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next SCAAC meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023.