



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education
(SACGTE)
SUMMARY**

SEPT. 20, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Carrie Ballinger, Katie Booth, Lindsay Burton, Paulynn Covington, Mason Dyer, Hannah England, Kirk Haynes, Jessica Hasting, Jeanne Lee, Brenda Martin, Kim Nettleton, Trinity Walsh (representative for Jennifer Fraker)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shaundeidra Bradford, Kimberly Code, Brandy Corbin, Byron Darnell, Phillip Kash, Tiffany Marshall, Julia Roberts

SUMMARY:

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Veronica Sullivan, Director of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Implementation and Preschool, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: Veronica Sullivan welcomed members and reviewed the mission of the council. Misty Green reviewed meeting norms and procedures.

Agenda Item: Introduction of Members and Roll Call

Presenter: Brenda Martin, Vice-Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Brenda Martin called the meeting to order and conducted the roll call.

Board members in attendance: 13

Board members not in attendance: seven

Agenda Item: Review of SACGTE Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Lindsay Burton, Secretary of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Minutes from Feb. 1, 2023, were given to members for review. Jeanne Lee made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Kim Nettleton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Minutes were approved as submitted. Minutes from May 11, 2023, were given to members for review.

Mason Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Hannah England seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Agenda Item: Election of Officers

Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: Brenda Martin nominated Julia Roberts as chair. Seconded by Kirk Haynes. No other nominations, no discussion. Julia Robert is elected as chair.

Kim Nettleton nominated Brenda Martin for vice chair. Seconded by Hannah England. Kirk Haynes made a motion to elect Brenda Martin, Kim Nettleton seconded. No other nominations, motion passed. Brenda Martin is elected as vice chair.

England nominated Lindsay Burton as secretary. Seconded by Paulynn Covington. Covington made a motion Lindsay Burton be elected; England seconded. No other nominations, motion passed. Lindsay Burton is elected as secretary.

Agenda Item: 2021-2023 SACGTE Priorities Communication

Brenda Martin, Vice-Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Martin reviewed the council's priorities from 2021-2023.

Agenda Item: 2023-2024 SACGTE Priorities Discussion

Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: Council members worked in groups to brainstorm and think of possible priorities for this school year. Council members reviewed ideas and chose the ones they considered most important.

Agenda Item: Lunch

Agenda Item: 2023-2024 SACGTE Priorities Discussion and Selection

Brenda Martin, Vice-Chair of the SACGTE

Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: The priorities that had the most votes: 1-Equitable resources across districts; 2-Educating teachers and parents on identification and recommendations for students showing leadership characteristics; and 3-Equitable funding for all socioeconomic/geographic groups/districts.

England made a motion that SACGTE accept these as the three top priorities. Seconded by Carrie Ballinger.

There was discussion over gifted education funding mechanisms and the possibility of making recommendations regarding regulations.

Members discussed changing the second priority to focus not just on leadership, but on other under-identified gifted areas that are harder to quantitatively identify.

Members discussed ways to develop and advocate for an accessible shared resource space.

Motion to accept the three top priorities carried.

Agenda Item: Gifted Education Update

Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: Kathie Anderson shared current Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) North Star Priorities. She provided the group with the current vacancies on the council: Parents of gifted and talented (GT) students, Visual and Performing Arts and Postsecondary. There was a special meeting last summer to get feedback on the Gifted Student Service Plan (GSSP). The new plan auto-populates to save districts time and comments can be added. The GSSP transfers with students and reports can be generated to show which students are in the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus (IC). Feedback from districts has been very positive. There are new resources available for GT coordinator on the GT Coordinator OneStop such as New GT Coordinators Training, Beginning of the Year Training, Special Considerations and Twice-Exceptional Students. Some of the communications available from OSEEL are the weekly New You Can Use email and the quarterly OSEEL Newsletter. Gifted funding was increased in the 2022 legislative session and a new formula was developed for allocation of funds. Information about GT allocations are available on the [Kentucky Department of Education \(KDE\) State Grants webpage](#).

Hannah England thanked Anderson for all the time and effort that went into the new GSSP. England stated she has also heard a lot of positive feedback from other school districts.

Agenda Item: Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE) Update

Kimberly Nettleton, KAGE Liaison

Summary of Discussion: Kim Nettleton also praised the new GSSP and how wonderful it has been. There is a virtual KAGE conference on Oct. 18, 2023. Information is available on the KAGE website. The annual conference is Feb. 26-27, 2024. Conference proposals can be made online until Sept. 29, 2023. Nettleton shared that a group will be presenting to the Joint Committee on Education on Oct. 17, 2023, at 11 a.m. to ask for more funding for gifted education. Anyone who can attend to show support is welcome and encouraged.

Agenda Item: National Gifted Education Update

Brenda Martin, Vice-Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: The national conference will be held in Orlando, Fla. Misty Green will email a report to SACGTE entitled “Building a Wider, More Diverse Pipeline for Advanced Learners” for the council to review. Jonathan Plucker will present a workshop on the report at Western Kentucky University (WKU) on Nov. 30, 2023. Registration is available on the [Center for Gifted Studies website](#).

Agenda Item: Future Meetings

Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: The SACGTE proposed dates are:

- Wednesday, Nov. 15-in-person
- Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024-in person; and
- Wednesday, April 17, 2024-virtual.

Kim Nettleton made a motion to accept these dates, seconded by Paulynn Covington. No discussion, motion carried.

Agenda Item: Closing Remarks

Brenda Martin, Vice Chair of SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Martin thanked everyone for coming and for their work.

Agenda Item: Exit Slip and Adjournment

Misty Green, SACGTE Facilitator, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: Misty Green reminded everyone to complete their exit slip and travel vouchers. Kirk Haynes made a motion to adjourn. Paulynn Covington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned.