

SUMMARY MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE KTAC MEETING, ON
JUNE 13, 2023



Kentucky Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Feb. 14, 2023, meeting
DRAFT revised: Feb. 21, 2023

KENTUCKY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KTAC) PRESENT: Elena Diaz-Bilello, Corinne Huggins-Manley, Pete Goldschmidt, Suzanne Lane, Phoebe Winter

KTAC MEMBERS ABSENT: None

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE) PRESENT: Karen Dodd, Kevin Hill, Kevin O’Hair, Helen Jones, Jenni Larkins, Megan Osborn, Michael Prater, Zoran Raduka, Ben Riley, Jennifer Stafford, Rhonda Sims, John Wickizer

KDE GUESTS PRESENT: Bill Auty (EdMeasure), Chris Domaleski (Center for Assessment), Brian Gong (Center for Assessment), Laura Pinsonneault (Center for Assessment)

SUMMARY: The KTAC provided advice to the Kentucky Department of Education regarding principles and options for various aspects of setting performance standards for the state’s school accountability system in 2023. The KTAC also set two future meeting dates.

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions

Presenter: Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner, Office of Assessment and Accountability, KDE

Summary of Discussion: Sims welcomed the KTAC members and presenters. She introduced the KDE staff and presenters and reviewed the procedures for complying with Kentucky’s open meetings requirements.

Agenda Item: Review Agenda and Approve Minutes from Nov. 1, 2022, KTAC Meeting

Presenter: Brian Gong, Center for Assessment

Summary of Discussion: Gong invited the KTAC members to introduce themselves. He reviewed the proposed meeting agenda; there were no questions or suggestions to modify. Gong noted the KTAC members had previously received draft minutes from the Nov. 1, 2022, meeting for their review and asked if there were any suggested corrections or modifications. The KTAC members had no suggested changes. Phoebe Winter moved to approve the minutes. Suzanne Lane seconded. The KTAC members voted unanimously to approve the Nov. 1, 2022, minutes.

Agenda Item: Summary of 2022 Accountability Performance Standard Setting and Discussion of Procedures for 2023 Accountability Performance Standard Setting

Presenters: Chris Domaleski, Brian Gong and Laura Pinsonneault, Center for Assessment

Summary of Discussion: Center for Assessment staff presented three main topics regarding the proposed accountability performance standard setting for 2023. KTAC members asked questions and provided feedback for each topic. Gong summarized requirements, measures and procedures for setting school accountability performance standards in 2022 based on Status, as well as some key lessons learned to inform accountability performance standard setting in 2023 for Status and Change. Pinsonneault then presented procedures for developing final Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) for 2023, and shared example draft PLDs at the Indicator and Overall School Performance levels, for elementary, middle and high school grade spans. Domaleski summarized some approaches for setting the cut scores for accountability performance standards, balancing the need for sensitivity, reliability and practicality in terms of cognitive load.

Feedback: KTAC members encouraged KDE to carefully recruit the standard setting panel so it could be as broadly representative as practical along several dimensions, and encouraged the Center for Assessment facilitators to structure the standard setting procedures to encourage the full panel to be heard and provide input. KTAC encouraged KDE and the Center for Assessment to consider soliciting policy guidance to inform the standard setting process, including the framing of the PLDs. KTAC members also provided advice on how the standard setting procedures might be structured to help the standard setting committee members more easily deal with the complex tasks coherently. KTAC members also provided advice on how information might be collected and presented during standard setting so that the committee members could accurately and effectively make the required judgments. Suggestions included possible approaches to condition Status and Change in relation to each other, while balancing normative and criterion-referenced considerations.

Follow-up Required: The Center for Assessment will reflect the KTAC advice in further developing plans for the 2023 accountability performance standard setting for KDE approval.

Agenda Item: Summary, Next Steps and Adjournment

Presenter: Brian Gong, Center for Assessment

Summary of Discussion: The KTAC confirmed next meeting dates of:

- June 13, 2023; virtual meeting 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (all times are ET)
- Oct. 17-18, 2023; in-person 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day

The KTAC meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.