



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Commissioner’s School Counselor Advisory Council
SUMMARY**

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024 10:00AM - 11:30AM

ATTENDANCE: Completed on Spreadsheet 12/12/24

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alecia Bush, Rachel Caswell, Strauzie Collins, Scott Danner, Fatemia Fuson, John Hargis, Juli Link, Karla McCarty, Antonio Melton, Cordia Pickerill, Manijeh Reynolds, Chloe Wilcher, Kristyn Williamson

SUMMARY: Minutes from the meeting on 9/26/24 were approved by **1. Carl Schoensiegel and 2. Jessica Longland**

Agenda Item: Welcome and KDE Greetings

Presenter: Thomas Woods-Tucker, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner and Chief Equity Officer, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Attendees participated in an inclusive welcome activity led by Dr. Michelle Sircy. Dr. Woods-Tucker thanked school counselors and shared KDE updates on chronic absenteeism, Lt. Gov. Coleman’s focus on middle school mental health, open nominations for 2026 teacher of the year, and \$55 million literacy grant through the office of Teaching and Learning at the KDE.

Agenda Item: Kentucky United We Learn

Presenter: Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Informed attendees about a re-imagined assessment and accountability model in KY. Framework will be shared in 9 regional town hall meetings throughout KY starting in January 2025 to gain feedback. Attendees were encouraged to share the information about the town hall meetings in their communities. Student feedback was shared and school counselor feedback on how school accountability systems could be designed better to support their work was given.

Agenda Item: Civic Seal

Presenter: Carly Muetterties, Ph.D., Chair, Kentucky Civic Education Coalition

Summary of Discussion: Attendees learned information about Kentucky's Civic Seal Program, which increases civics engagement, as well as gives students an opportunity to drive their own learning.

Agenda Item: School Counselor Use of Time

Presenter: Michelle Sircy, Ed.D, Program Coordinator of Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Dr. Sircy shared the history and purpose of collecting this data. She asked attendees to provide feedback through a confidential google form.

Agenda Item: Questions and Additional Feedback

Summary of Discussion: There were no questions or additional feedback.

Next Meeting Date

February 27, 10:00 A.M. ET

Intentional Closure and Adjournment - 11:29am.