

Kentucky Board of Education
Special Meeting, Via Video Teleconference – Aug. 12, 2021, 11:30 a.m. ET
State Board Room 514, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held a special called meeting on August 12, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not be permitted to attend the meeting in person, but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education’s (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

Chair Young welcomed all board members and viewers and called the meeting to order at 11:30 am ET. Chair Young reminded members of the Open Meeting Act. Chair Young also stated that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

II. Roll Call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Claire Batt, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Alvis Johnson, Patrice McCrary, Randy Poe, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Amanda Ellis on behalf of CPE President Aaron Thompson, and Allison Slone.

KDE Director of Education Policy Meredith Brewer stated a quorum was present.

III. Action/Discussion

702 KAR 1:195E, Face Coverings in School Facilities - Jason E. Glass, Ed.D., KDE Commissioner, Todd Allen, KDE General Counsel of the Office of Legal Services and Robin Kinney, KDE Associate Commissioner of the Office of Finance and Operations provided an overview of the proposed emergency regulation and documentation with supporting evidence.

Chair Young expressed her strong support of the face covering regulation and returning students to in-person learning and keeping them in school is the main goal. She believes this is a very practical way to keep school in session. Chair Young also shared statements of support from our KBE student representative, Solyana Mesfin and from the Kentucky Student Voice Team. The KBE members voiced support of the face covering mandate, as well as, clarification relating to time period we will keep this face coverings regulation in place. Sharon Robinson moved to approve 702 KAR 1:195E, Face Coverings in School Facilities and Lee Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

IV. Adjournment

Jamie Bowling moved to adjourn, and Patrice McCrary seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.