

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held day one of its regular meeting on December 4, 2024. The KBE met both virtually and in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although 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

Vice Chair Lu Young welcomed all board members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. ET.

II. Roll Call

Vice Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Steve Trimble, Lawrence McCrobie, Lee Todd, Holly Bloodworth, Lu Young, Randy Poe, Diane Woods, Juston Pate, Julie Pile, Preston Graham, Mike Borchers, and Sharon Robinson.

III. Internal Board Business

A. Summary Minutes for October 7, 2024 KBE Regular Meeting, October 8, 2024 KBE Regular Meeting, and November 25, 2024 KBE Awards Committee Meeting (Action/Discussion)

The minutes of the October 7, 2024 KBE Regular Meeting, October 8, 2024 KBE Regular Meeting, and November 25, 2024 KBE Awards Committee Meeting were distributed to members in advance. Vice Chair Young asked for any corrections to any of the minutes. There were no corrections. Vice Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all of the meeting minutes. The motion was made by Julie Pile and seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

B. Recipient of the 2024 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award (Action/Discussion)

On behalf of the KBE Awards Committee, Chair Diane Woods presented information related to the award description. Chair Woods shared that the committee met on Monday, November 25 and determined that candidate 10 best met the criteria of the award. Chair Woods moved to approve candidate 10 as the recipient and asked the chair for the board's approval to recognize candidate 10 at the board's February regular meeting. The motion did not require a second as it came from the committee. The motion was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Certification of 704 KAR 8:070, Kentucky Academic Standards for Historical and Cultural Influences of the Bible Elective Social Studies Course-** Deputy Commissioner and Chief Equity Officer Thomas Tucker, Ph.D., KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli, and KDE Policy Advisor Sarah Peace
- B. Approval of 2024-2025 Local District Working Budgets-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
- C. 2025 Tax Rates Levied-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
- D. Federal Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report (CAR)-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. and KDE Branch Manager Karla Tipton
- E. ATC Salary Schedule-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D.
- F. KBE Standing Committee Appointments**
- G. Litigation Report-** KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd G. Allen

Vice Chair Young remarked that the consent agenda items were distributed to members in advance of the meeting for review, however, if an item is moved, the chair may decide to take up the matter immediately or move it to a discussion item later in the agenda. None of the items were moved and Vice Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Lee Todd and seconded by Randy Poe. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Next, Vice Chair Young dismissed the members of the board to committees.

The United We Learn Committee met in the State Board Room. The State Schools Committee met in conference room 516. Vice Chair Young noted that agendas and committee information is accessible through the KBE portal.

- V. United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee**
 - a. Kentucky United We Learn Council Update**
- VI. State Schools Committee**
 - b. Kentucky School for the Blind Accreditation Results**

Return from the KBE committees to the main board meeting room.

Vice Chair Young called the board to order.

VII. Action/Discussion Items

A. Report on United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee on Action/Discussion Items

United We Learn Committee Chair Holly Bloodworth provided an update on the committee's meeting. Bloodworth shared that the committee heard from KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd who reported KDE and the Kentucky United We Learn (KUWL) Council have been gathering feedback on prototype 4.0 related to the future of Kentucky's assessment and accountability systems. Bloodworth said that KUWL Council members are continuing to meet a couple times a year.

B. Report of State Schools Committee on Action/Discussion Items

State Schools Committee Chair Randy Poe provided an update on the committee's meeting. Poe shared some statistics regarding continuous improvement for the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB). He commended KSB staff and leadership at the school for their hard work and positive results reported in the 2024 accreditation report from Cognia.

VIII. Hearing Officer's Report- KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd G. Allen

A. Agency Amendment to 704 KAR 3:535, Full-time enrolled online, virtual and remote learning programs (Action/Discussion)

KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd G. Allen presented the proposed agency amendment to 704 KAR 3:535, Full-time enrolled online, virtual and remote learning programs regarding student enrollment limits. Following a discussion with the full board, Vice Chair Young called for a motion to approve the proposed agency amendment to 704 KAR 3:353, Full-time enrolled online, virtual and remote learning programs. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Mike Borchers. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

IX. Review Items

A. Kentucky Board of Education and Commissioner's Expenses Report

KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross provided the update. Ross explained that expense reports for the KBE and Commissioner's Office are reviewed semi-annually by the KBE, and that documents were provided to board members in advance of the meeting.

B. Kentucky United We Learn Assessment and Accountability Framework

KDE Division Director Jennifer Stafford, Ed.D., provided an overview of the Kentucky United We Learn Assessment and Accountability's Framework Version 1.0. Stafford said that the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky United We Learn Council have been working on prototypes for reimagined assessment and accountability systems that will prioritize innovation, personalization, local community and student voice, and the incorporation of vibrant learning experiences. She also said that after receiving feedback from the KBE on Prototype 3.0 in August, Prototype 4.0 was developed. Stafford said in October 2024, the KUWL Council convened to discuss Prototype 4.0 and feedback received. The feedback was collected from focus groups with 36 districts, a statewide capacity survey of 171 districts, and a public statewide survey with 647 responses. KBE members discussed the framework and Stafford responded to questions.

C. Legislative Preview

KDE Director of Government Relations Brian Perry, Ph.D., shared a preview of the legislative session and an overview of results from the November elections.

VII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Young thanked everyone for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Juston Pate. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.