

**The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the State Schools Committee meeting on December 4, 2024. The committee 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 following business was conducted:**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Randy Poe welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting.

**II. Roll Call**

Chair Poe asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Lawrence McCrobie, Sharon Robinson, Randy Poe, Steve Trimble, and Diane Woods.

**III. Review Item**

**A. Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Accreditation Results**

KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and Division of State Schools Director Shannon Sparkman presented the KSB accreditation results. Sparkman explained that Cognia, a network of educators that provide support to strengthen schools through continuous improvement, supported KSB through three main phases of accreditation: self-assessment, engagement and progress. The accreditation visit was conducted through interviews, surveys and online meetings. Sparkman provided a summary of commendations from the results, including feedback from stakeholders and student performance feedback being higher than network average, as well as recommendations included in the results, such as “developing and implementing a formalized system of long-term data collection and analysis to ensure data-based decision making for the school”.

**IV. Adjournment**

Chair Poe thanked everyone for the updates and requested a motion to adjourn the committee. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Lawrence McCrobie. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.