



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COMMISSIONER'S PRINCIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
SUMMARY**

**MARCH 14, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Cox, Sarah Woodford, Suzanne Farmer, Jeanna Rose, Amy Rhodes, Tanay Jury, Travis Marcum, Brian Eerenberg, Carla Kolodey, Jarred Hankins, Catrina McDermott, Sara Kise, Kevin Garner, Wayne Ackerman and Robert Lightning

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erika Bowles, Nick Brooks, Ashley Burd, Beth Davidson, Ann-Marie Landry, Matt Shafer, Peggy Sinclair-Morris and Toyah Robey

**SUMMARY:**

**Agenda Item: Welcome**

**Presenter:** Jason E. Glass, Ed.D., Commissioner and Chief Learner, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Glass welcomed the group and expressed gratitude to the members for participating in the advisory role. Legislative updates specifically connected to the teaching profession were shared with the group. Also, information about the United We Learn work was provided. Ensuring teachers are aware and involved in the United We Learn work was shared as a primary concern as feedback indicates teachers report knowing the least about the initiative.

**Agenda Item: Roll Call of Members**

**Presenter:** Suzanne Farmer, PrAC Chairperson, Hogsett Primary Principal, Danville Independent

**Summary of Discussion:** Farmer called out each member's name and confirmation of attendance was obtained.

**Agenda Item: Approve Agenda**

**Presenter:** Suzanne Farmer, PrAC Chairperson, Hogsett Primary Principal, Danville Independent

**Summary of Discussion:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Anne Cox. Brian Eerenberg made a second. All members verified approval by responding in the chat.

**Agenda Item: Approve Summary from Last Meeting**

**Presenter:** Suzanne Farmer, PrAC Chairperson, Hogsett Primary Principal, Danville Independent

**Summary of Discussion:** A motion to approve was made by Brian Eerenberg and seconded by Travis Marcum. All members verified approval by responding in the chat.

**Agenda Item: Kentucky Department of Education Teacher Recruitment Efforts: EdRising State Conference and Competition**

**Presenter:** John Paise, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** The council received a debrief on the 2023 [Kentucky Educators Rising](#) state conference that was held March 2 at Bellarmine University in Louisville. Over 500 students from across the state gathered to compete, attend workshops and network with fellow aspiring educators. This year's event doubled participation as compared to last year. Paise expressed gratitude to principals across the state for their support of the event. He closed by sharing a guidance document for starting a Grow Your Own program and encouraged schools and districts to reach out to him for support in teacher recruitment efforts.

**Feedback:** Jarrod Hankins shared positive feedback about the event. One of his students advanced to national competition in Florida and is extremely excited about becoming a high school English teacher. Brian Eerenberg shared that his school recently began implementing the educator pathway and is looking forward to students in his school being active in the program.

**Agenda Item: Addressing Trauma in Schools**

**Presenter:** Suzanne Farmer, PrAC Chairperson, Hogsett Primary, Danville Independent

**Summary of Discussion:** PrAC members had requested information and ideas on how schools were addressing trauma in schools. Farmer shared specific social-emotional strategies that Hogsett Primary has implemented to support students who have experienced traumatic events. For example, in Danville Independent, Farmer said one of the ways the district has worked to help change mindsets on the link between behavior and trauma was to have students participate in a "I wish my teacher knew" activity, where students shared personal details of their home life in writing. Students shared about incarcerated parents, emotional distress and the loss of family members.

Reidland Elementary School (McCracken County) Principal Anne Cox said her community has several students being raised by relatives. Her school's family resource coordinator is conducting an event at a local bank for any families who fit into this category to connect them with community members who could help, such as a family lawyer or behavioral therapist.

The members also engaged in a collective activity to generate additional ways to promote positive school culture.

**Feedback:** Members were appreciative to both Farmer and Cox for sharing resources.

**Agenda Item: Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL) Implementation Supports**

**Presenter:** Stacy Noah, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** The updated Kentucky PSEL Guidance for Growth and Evaluation Tool was shared with the group. Explanation was provided regarding new features of the resources. PrAC members were assigned to review one of the three updated standards for technical accuracy. Input from the group was also solicited to determine the next standards to update. PrAC members will be engaged in the development of possible examples by element for two standards.

**Feedback:**

Jarod Hankins shared information about a color coding issue used to identify hyperlinks in the document. Members also were asked to share feedback regarding the best communication loop to promote the availability of the tool. Publication in the Commissioner's Monday Message was identified as the most visible way to share the release.

**Agenda Item: Legislative Updates and EPSB Updates**

**Presenter:** Byron Darnall, Ed.D., Associate Commissioner, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

**Summary of Discussion:** References were made to the legislative updates provided by Glass during the opening of the meeting. Darnall offered to address any questions or clarifications needed regarding legislative updates.

**Feedback:** None

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

**Presenter:** Suzanne Farmer, PrAC Chairperson, Hogsett Primary, Danville Independent

**Summary of Discussion:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jarrod Hankins, seconded by Kevin Garner. Approval was noted by all via the chat.