

**Kentucky Board of Education Awards Committee Meeting
October 2, 2020 10:00 a.m. ET
Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601
Video Teleconference Meeting**

Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held an awards committee meeting on October 2, 2020. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE awards committee 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

Committee Chair Patrice McCrary welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. ET. Chair McCrary reminded members that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Additionally, Chair McCrary 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 McCrary asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Claire Batt, Patrice McCrary and Lu Young.

KBE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker stated a quorum was present.

III. Review and Approval of 2020 Priority Award Title, Description, Topic and Criteria

Chair McCrary asked the committee members to consider permanently changing the title of the award to the KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award in recognition of Kevin Brown’s time as Interim Commissioner as his service exemplified the need to focus on strategic areas affecting current educational needs.

Lu Young made a motion to approve the proposed permanent name change of the award to the KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. Claire Batt seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair McCrary asked the committee members to consider amending the description of this award to include language around Brown’s time at the department and an explanation of the significance of why the award is being named after him.

Claire Batt made a motion to approve the proposed award description for the KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. Lu Young seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair McCrary asked the committee members to consider the 2020 award topic to recognize a person, group, organization, district, school or postsecondary institution who, through policy, practice, fundraising or philanthropy, and despite any challenges, has made it a top priority to provide for the well-being of Kentucky's students and to provide them with high quality educational experiences.

Claire Batt made a motion to approve the proposed award topic for the KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. Lu Young seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee took a short recess to ensure connectivity of all members. After resuming, Chair McCrary asked the committee members to consider establishing criteria for this year's award to include: significant contributions that lead to improving or sustaining food service delivery, internet availability, innovative technology-based instruction, and/or other efforts to support the needs of schools, students, parents and/or community members; and demonstrated leadership in measured efforts to meet the academic, social or emotional needs of students during the time of a pandemic. After discussion, the committee revised the proposed criteria to reflect the replacement of parents with families as follows: significant contributions that lead to improving or sustaining food service delivery, internet availability, innovative technology-based instruction, and/or other efforts to support the needs of schools, students, families and/or community members; and demonstrated leadership in measured efforts to meet the academic, social or emotional needs of students during the time of a pandemic.

Claire Batt made a motion to approve the proposed award criteria for the KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. Lu Young seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair McCrary shared that, as a result of the committee's discussion and approval, they would present the proposed amendments to the annual award to the full board in consideration of approval at its October 7, 2020 regular meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Lu Young motioned to adjourn the meeting, Claire Batt seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. ET.