



**Kentucky Technical Advisory Committee (KTAC) Meeting
Summary of Tuesday, May 26 Meeting
11:30am - 3:30pm EDT**

Meeting summary - DRAFT

The Kentucky Technical Advisory Committee (KTAC) provided advice to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) regarding the commonwealth's assessment and accountability programs. This included discussion about student academic growth and progress to English language proficiency indicators in the accountability system and other assessment and accountability changes resulting from Senate Bill 197 and House Bill 257. It also included an overview and discussion about form development plans for 2026-27 Kentucky Student Assessments (KSA).

Attendance

TAC Members: Corinne Huggins-Manley, Elena Diaz-Bilello, Pete Goldschmidt, Suzanne Lane, (Leslie Keng - planned absence)

Kentucky Department of Education: Devon Avery, Jessica Brumley, Melissa Chandler, Tiffany Christopher, David Curd, Kevin Hill, Helen Jones, Jennifer Larkins, Kevin O'Hair, Megan Osborne, Michael Prater, Ben Riley, Shara Savage, Jennifer Stafford,

KDE Guests: Kyla McClure (Center for Assessment), Bill Auty (Ed Measure), Likun Hou, Jennifer Kash, Lisa Percels, Bianca Redd, Denise Stiglich, and Llana Williams (Pearson)

Center for Assessment (Facilitation): Chris Domaleski and Laura Pinsonneault

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Agenda Item: Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview

Presenters: Jennifer Stafford Ed.D, Associate Commissioner, KDE and Laura Pinsonneault, Associate, The Center for Assessment

Summary: Stafford opened the meeting and welcomed the group at 11:30am Eastern time. She provided information about KTAC open meeting requirements and virtual meeting expectations. Pinsonneault invited introductions from KTAC members and facilitators and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Vote on January 2026 Meeting Summary

Presenters: Laura Pinsonneault, Associate, The Center for Assessment

Summary: Pinsonneault reminded KTAC members of the protocol for documenting meeting recommendations and producing a high-level meeting summary. Meeting recommendations are voted on and approved daily for each KTAC meeting. A meeting summary is produced following each meeting and KTAC members have an opportunity to discuss the draft summary before voting to approve in a subsequent meeting. The motion to approve the January 2026 meeting summary was approved unanimously and the summary is considered final.

Action: Vote to approve January 13-14, 2026 Meeting Summary.

Lane motioned to approve. Huggins seconded. Pinsonneault invited discussion; there was none. The motion passed unanimously by voting TAC members.

Agenda Item: Measuring Academic Growth and Progress in English Language Proficiency

Presenters: Laura Pinsonneault, Associate and Chris Domaleski, Executive Director, The Center for Assessment

Summary: Pinsonneault provided an overview of efforts underway to identify a student academic growth measure for Kentucky's accountability system. The overview included a rationale for the new indicator, historical context about academic growth measures in Kentucky accountability, and information about efforts to engage with various shareholders to gather input to inform KDE's decision. The shareholder feedback focused primarily on work with an Accountability Thought Partners advisory group, which discussed priority users and use cases for growth data and trade-offs in different growth model characteristics, and provided feedback on example models.

Domaleski provided an overview of efforts to adjust the current English language progress indicator in Kentucky's accountability system. This included information about the rationale for adjusting the indicator and feedback from an EL Progress advisory group, which also discussed priority users and use cases for EL Progress data as well as different tools/mechanisms by which the current model could be adjusted. The group provided feedback on different state examples and considered the impact of different approaches in Kentucky's system.

TAC members provided advice regarding the ongoing process for investigating growth options, what evidence should be considered to ensure the model is appropriate and technically defensible, and considerations KDE should keep in mind regarding model specifications and implementation.

Agenda Item: KDE Assessment and Accountability Updates

Presenters: Jennifer Stafford, Ed.D., Associate Commissioner and Shara Savage, Division Director, KDE

Summary: Stafford and Savage provided an overview of legislation passed in the recent legislative session that impacts assessment and accountability. This included information about Senate Bill 197 - which requires a new procurement process for the commonwealth's college and career readiness assessment - and House Bill 257 - which requires both assessment and accountability system changes, including continued investments in local accountability efforts across Kentucky. TAC members discussed considerations related to including high school growth in accountability, and feedback on current plans for the new (as for 2026-27) chronic absenteeism indicator.

Agenda Item: 2026-27 Form Development

Presenters: Denise Stiglich, Test Development Manager and Likun Hou, Senior Research Scientist, Pearson

Summary: Stiglich and Hou provided an overview of plans for 2026-27 test form development. This included information about test design characteristics for the reading, mathematics, science, and social studies assessments, including distinctions for accommodated forms and accommodation tools, and information about statistical guidelines and psychometric targets. TAC members discussed the distribution of items by Depth of Knowledge (DOK) and content, with consideration to item development and future form development plans.

Review and approval of meeting recommendations and Review of Future Meeting Plans

Presenters: Laura Pinsonneault, Associate, Center for Assessment

Summary: Pinsonneault invited KTAC members to review and suggest edits on the draft recommendations from the meeting. After offering time for final discussion there was a vote and unanimous approval of the recommendations by KTAC members.

Pinsonneault then reviewed upcoming meeting dates, confirming that present KTAC members are available for the next scheduled remote meeting on August 19th. The group also confirmed that October 13-14 should remain held for an in-person KTAC meeting.

Action: Goldschmidt motioned to approve. Lane seconded. May 26, 2026 KTAC meeting recommendations approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item: Adjourn

Action: Manley motioned to adjourn. Goldschmidt seconded. The meeting adjourned with unanimous support at 3:10pm Eastern.