

**MEETING MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT  
JULY 2025 MEETING**



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)  
SCHOOL CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL (SCAAC)**

**Specially Called Meeting Summary  
May 6, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heather Aldrich, Carrie Ballinger, Houston Barber, Chuck Fletcher, Jana Beth Francis, Frank Hall, Leslie Jeffries, Brenda McGown, Alan Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Artavia Acklin, Deborah Atherton, Renee Boss, Martha Emmons, Jason Reeves, Allison Tamme, Josh Trosper

**SUMMARY:** The May 6, 2025, virtual School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. ET by Chairperson Jana Beth Francis. The purpose of the specially called meeting was outlined, along with the applicable protocols. Roll call was taken, and Melissa Chandler, program consultant in KDE's Office of Assessment and Accountability, informed the council of requirements for conducting a virtual meeting.

A quorum of members was present. The open meeting was recorded and made available for viewing on the [KDE Media Portal](#).

All materials were made available in the [SCAAC Members Google Folder](#).

**Agenda Item:** Kentucky United We Learn Framework 4.0

**Presenter:** Jennifer Stafford, Director, Office of Assessment and Accountability, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Stafford presented the updated Framework 4.0, highlighting the differences from Framework 3.0. She explained that the technical document and framework have been modified so districts are encouraged to develop their own assessments in social studies and

writing or use state-developed assessments once per grade band –5th, 8th and 10th grades – to alleviate the amount of testing included in the previous framework. Terminology for the federal accountability part of the framework also has been updated to “state accountability indicators that meet federal requirements.”

Stafford plans to present Framework 4.0 to the Local Superintendents Advisory Council on May 27 for further discussion and feedback.

**Feedback:** Young supports the substance of Framework 4.0 but shared that there is room for improvement with the clarity of communication around the options and flexibility districts have.

Francis shared that she would like to hear more discussion around how vibrant learning experiences are measured. She voiced concerns about ensuring consistency across different districts, treating science the same as social studies and writing in local accountability, and measuring students in reading and mathematics at 9th grade, where she said students are making a critical transition between middle and high school.

Heather Aldrich made a motion to adjourn. Brenda McGown seconded. Motion carried. The next SCAAC meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2025.