



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education
(SACGTE)
SUMMARY**

APRIL 16, 2025

Summary:

I. Welcome

Veronica Sullivan, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL)

Summary of Discussion: Sullivan welcomed members and thanked them for their work in the interests of gifted and talented students (GT) across Kentucky. She reviewed the purpose of the council. Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) SACGTE facilitator Misty Green reviewed meeting norms, expectations and reminded members to complete the exit slip.

II. Introduction of Members and Roll Call

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Roberts called the meeting to order and conducted the roll call.

Attendance:

PRESENT: Carrie Ballinger, Lindsay Burton, Kimberly Code, Paulynn Covington, Hannah England, Lou Ann Flanagan, Jeanne Lee, Brenda Martin, Julia Roberts, Abigail Wheaton

ABSENT: Shaundeidra Bradford, Brandy Corbin, Mason Dyer, Jessica Greene, Kirk Haynes, Jessica Hastings, Phillip Kash, Tiffany Marshall, Kim Walters Parker, Timothy Travis, Trinity Walsh

Council members in attendance: 10

Council members not in attendance: 12

III. Approval of SACGTE Meeting Minutes

Lindsay Burton, Secretary of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Minutes from the February 2025 meeting were given to members for review. There was not a quorum present to approve the minutes. There were no comments or noted changes to the minutes.

IV. Bill Process and Legislative Update

Melody Cooper, Policy Advisor, OSEEL

Summary of Discussion: Cooper reviewed the legislative process and shared how bills go through the process to become statutes/laws. She also shared how to read or navigate the language of a bill. The process for changes and additions to regulations were discussed as well. Cooper shared that several education bills were passed this session. These bills will potentially take effect on June 27. Legislative guidance for school districts will be shared on the KDE website in early May. Standing committees will continue to meet and the ones affecting education are closely followed by KDE. Cooper reviewed several of the bills that passed this session regarding education.

V. 2025-2026 SACGTE Priorities

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: For informational purposes, Roberts reviewed the three priorities the group voted on previously. Sullivan shared that these recommendations will be utilized as the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) makes decisions for gifted education.

VI. Kentucky Multi-Tiered System of Supports (KyMTSS)

Melissa Wainwright, KyMTSS Coordinator, Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL)

Summary of Discussion: Melissa Wainwright shared the path of MTSS through the lens of GT students. MTSS is a proactive, integrated system to maximize student achievement. The implementation of MTSS was to ensure consistency, define terms and concepts and establish a timeline for action. Gifted and Talented students are represented through each of the six essential elements of MTSS. Additional information and resources are available at [KyMTSS.org](https://www.kyMTSS.org).

VII. State Gifted Education Update

Lynn Lockard, Division of IDEA Implementation DIIP Branch Manager

Summary of Discussion: The gifted proclamation was held in February with various speakers and gifted students represented. There was training presented at the Kentucky Association of Gifted Education (KAGE) conference. The GT end of the year training and reports will be happening soon. There is a weekly GT communication going out that share's opportunities for professional development and student scholarships. There is also a quarterly newsletter.

VIII. KAGE Update

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: There is a vacancy for the administrative assistant for KAGE. It is a part time position. There is a summer workshop in Elizabethtown (look for information on that coming soon). The next KAGE update is being put together if anyone has anything that needs to be included, send to Roberts.

IX. Future Meeting Dates

Lynn Lockard, DIIP Branch Manager

Summary of Discussion: The two suggested meeting dates are Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, and Thursday, Nov. 12, 2025. They cannot be voted on today due to a lack of quorum. The September meeting will be virtual due to this. Misty will see if there is any way to make the September meeting in person or to call a special meeting to vote on meeting times/formats.

X. Closing Remarks

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Summary of Discussion: Roberts thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to attend every meeting possible.

XI. Exit Slip and Adjournment

Misty Green, SACGTE Facilitator, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: Green reminded everyone to fill out the exit slip. No adjournment but the meeting ended at 12:05.