



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

**JAN. 8, 2025**

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**I. Welcome**

Gretta Hylton, Associate Commissioner, Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL)

**Summary of Discussion:** Hylton welcomed members and thanked them for their work in the interests of gifted and talented students (GT) across Kentucky. Kentucky Department of Education's Misty Green, SACGTE facilitator, reviewed meeting norms and 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:** Kathie Anderson, Carrie Ballinger, Lindsay Burton, Kimberly Code, Brandy Corbin, Paulynn Covington, Mason Dyer, Lou Ann Flanagan, Hannah England, Kirk Haynes, Jessica Hastings, Jeanne Lee, Julia Roberts, Trinity Walsh

**ABSENT:** Shaundeidra Bradford, Jessica Greene, Philip Kash, Tiffany Marshall, Brenda Martin

Council members in attendance: 14

Council members not in attendance: five

### **III. Approval of SACGTE Meeting Minutes**

Lindsay Burton, Secretary of the SACGTE

**Summary of Discussion:** Minutes from Feb. 6, 2024, and April 25, 2024, meetings were given to members for review. There was no discussion or changes needed. Kimberly Code made a motion to accept the February minutes. Jessica Hastings seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brandy Corbin made a motion to accept the April minutes. Mason Dyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **IV. Election of Officers**

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

**Summary of Discussion:** Julia Roberts opened the floor for nominations for officers.

Paulynn Covington nominated Roberts for chair. Motions closed. Roberts was unanimously elected chair.

Jeanne Lee nominated Hannah England for vice chair. Covington made a motion to close nominations, Lou Ann Flanagan seconded. Roberts called roll. England was unanimously elected vice chair.

Covington nominated Lindsay Burton for secretary. Lee made a motion to close nominations. Covington seconded. Roberts called roll. Burton was unanimously elected secretary.

### **V. Priorities of the Council**

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

**Summary of Discussion:** The council reviewed the previously approved priorities. The recommendations based on those priorities had not been approved.

**Priority 1** - Develop a formal annual budget request for increased funding.

**Recommendations to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE):**

- Examine what data could be collected to support requests.
- Recommend an examination of multiple data sources to support budget requests; and
- Identify data that could be collected to support Priority 1 such as district caseloads.

Paulynn Covington made a motion to accept the recommendations for Priority 1. Corbin seconded. The council discussed the recommendations, and any refinements needed. There was discussion regarding what data could be used to support recommendations and how to justify how much funding is “enough.” Roberts called the roll to accept the recommendations for Priority 1. The motion passed unanimously.

**Priority 2** - Educate teachers and parents on the identification and recommendations for students showing gifted and talented characteristics.

**Recommendations to KDE:**

- Develop end-of-year report with the following questions:
  - How the district gathers recommendations;
  - How your district implements identification;
  - How are Gifted and Talented (GT) resources utilized; and
  - What questions are included in parent surveys?

Covington made a motion to accept the recommendations for Priority 2. England seconded. The council discussed the questions that are asked on district surveys, such as what can be asked or be required. Roberts called the roll to accept the recommendations for Priority 2. The motion passed unanimously.

**Priority 3** - To support equitable funding for all socioeconomic/geographic groups/districts.

**Recommendation to KDE:**

- Create a task force to study the allocation of equitable funding for all school districts;
- Review the language of current regulation regarding 75% allocation to certified staff to allow for flexibility of funds to be spent on student services;
- Financially incentivize teachers to acquire GT endorsement to combat current shortage;
- Evaluate and develop guidelines for appropriate caseload; and
- Require GT training for general education teachers.

Jeanne Lee made a motion to accept the recommendations for Priority 3. Covington seconded. The council discussed the recommendations and the roles of GT teachers. Roberts called the roll to accept the recommendations for Priority 3. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Twice Exceptional Students**

Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant

**Summary of Discussion:** Anderson shared how information on twice exceptional (2e) students has been distributed. There is a GT Coordinator OneStop page that includes information and links. She has presented about 2e students at multiple conferences. It is also shared in the OSEEL priorities.

**VII. Gifted Education Update**

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

**Summary of Discussion:** The 2025 annual Kentucky Association of Gifted Education (KAGE) Conference is Feb. 10-11. Sessions will cover artificial intelligence, the basics of gifted education, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), Infinite Campus, acceleration and social emotional skills. More information and registration are available on the [KAGE website](#).

The Gifted Education Month Proclamation will be Feb. 13 at noon at the Capitol Rotunda.

The World Council for Gifted Education is meeting for the first time since the pandemic. It is being held in Portugal.

The National Association for Gifted Children will have its annual meeting next November in Pittsburgh, PA.

### **VIII. Future Meeting Dates**

Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant

**Summary of Discussion:** Anderson shared the following potential dates for future meetings.

- Feb. 13; and
- April 16.

Lou Ann Flanagan made a motion to accept these meeting dates. Covington seconded. The motion passed to accept the meeting dates.

### **IX. Closing Remarks**

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

**Summary of Discussion:** Roberts thanked everyone for coming and for the discussion. She reminded everyone to always be an advocate for gifted students.

### **X. Exit Slip and Adjournment**

Misty Green, SACGTE Facilitator, OSEEL

**Summary of Discussion:** Green reminded everyone to complete their exit slips. Covington made a motion to adjourn, Flanagan seconded. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.