



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

**MAY 11, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Katie Booth, Kimberly Code, Mason Dyer, Hannah England, Jeanne Lee, Brenda Martin, John Maxey, Julia Roberts, Kim Nettleton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Shaundeidra Bradford, Lindsay Burton, Brandy Corbin, Paulynn Covington, Kirk Haynes, Phillip Kash, Tiffany Marshall

**SUMMARY:**

**Agenda Item: Welcome**

**Presenter:** Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**Summary of Discussion:** Kathie Anderson welcomed members and reviewed the purpose of the council.

**Agenda Item: Introduction of Members and Roll Call**

**Presenter:** Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

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

Board members in attendance: nine

Board members not in attendance: eight

**Agenda Item: Review of SACGTE Meeting Minutes**

**Presenter:** Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**Summary of Discussion:** Minutes from Feb. 1, 2023, were emailed to members for review. There was no quorum, therefore, approval of the minutes was tabled for the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item: Gifted and Talented Update**

**Presenter:** Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**Summary of Discussion:** Kathie Anderson reviewed and discussed Priority #1- Equity in Identification and Services, Priority #2 - Clarity on Accommodations for Gifted and Talented (GT) Identification and Testing, and Priority #3 – Social-Emotional Supports for GT students. Anderson elaborated on the work that was being done to align the priorities with the recommendations from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Anderson explained that she disseminated information regarding Priority #1 (Equity in Identification and Services) and Priority #2 (Accommodations) during the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE) Update, the Directors of Special Education (DoSE) Institute, the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children (KYCEC) Conference, the Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging (DEIB) Coordinator’s Meeting, and the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE) Annual Conference. Information regarding Priority #3 (Social Emotional Supports for Gifted Students) was shared in the Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) weekly email.

#### **Feedback:**

Julia Roberts asked if the priorities had been added to the KDE webpage. Anderson said no but added that information about the priorities had been posted to the GT Coordinator OneStop. Roberts suggested posting information regarding the priorities to the KDE website for everyone to see.

### **Agenda Item: Discussion of Implementing Gifted and Talented Services**

**Presenter:** Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

**Summary of Discussion:** Julia Roberts started the presentation by asking the council “How do we make them (priorities) known to parents and educators?” She asked for suggestions.

**Feedback:** Brenda Martin wanted to know how to access the GT Coordinator OneStop. Martin also suggested that information regarding the priorities recommended from the SACGTE be sent out via social media, hard copies/handouts of the information to all schools and possibly have members from SACGTE attend regional/district meetings, such as board meetings, to pitch ideas regarding gifted topics. Roberts asked Kathie Anderson about getting flyers/handouts printed. Anderson responded by saying she would think about how to make that happen and get back to her.

Joe McCowan reiterated that information pertaining to the priorities could be posted electronically to the GT Coordinator OneStop. He also said that he and Anderson could ask KDE about the cost of printing flyers/handouts.

Roberts stated that information such as Priority #2 – Clarity on Accommodations for GT Identification and Testing, should reach all people involved, not just gifted coordinators/teachers.

Jennifer Fraker recommended placing information about priorities in the Commissioner's Weekly Newsletter and the website. Anderson stated that the OSEEL has newsletters that are emailed to the programs within the office.

Roberts mentioned that it would behoove the council to send Commissioner Jason E. Glass a letter stating the priority recommendations from the council. Roberts agreed that she would sign and send the letter to Commissioner Glass stating these priorities.

Katie Booth suggested information about gifted education and the priorities be posted in the Kentucky Teacher Newsletter. Martin mentioned the council presenting to stakeholders across school districts in Kentucky about gifted education. This discussion led to the idea of presenting at the next superintendents' meeting on May 22, 2023. It was suggested that a guest from the SACGTE present at the next meeting. McCowan stated that he and Anderson could work with KDE Communications to get someone from the council scheduled to speak at the June meeting via webcast.

Jeanne Lee also suggested that list serves would be another form of communication to utilize to share information to educators about gifted education. Other suggestions regarding this topic came from Kim Nettleton and Brenda Martin. Nettleton suggested asking college deans to disperse this information to students in graduate and undergraduate programs. Martin suggested asking schools to utilize their marquees to display gifted information, especially in February since it is Gifted Education Month. Roberts said she would follow up with Anderson for a plan of action to communicate the priorities with educators. Roberts also stated that if anyone on the council had any further ideas, they could send that information to Anderson, McCowan or to her.

Roberts started a new discussion regarding the implementation of gifted services to match identification. Roberts asked for suggestions regarding barriers in overcoming this monumental task. Lee mentioned that rural areas with high poverty have limited resources to offer enrichment opportunities. Lee suggested that the council ask KDE to review the statutes that cover GT services to see if equity issues are created due to the lack of resources/funding that some districts had access to. This could include a lack of funding for field trips and visits to museums. Martin proposed that a survey be sent out to parents, students and educators asking about the difficulties districts face providing services to GT students.

### **Agenda Item: Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE) Update**

**Presenter:** Kim Nettleton, KAGE Liaison

**Summary of Discussion:** Kim Nettleton gave a KAGE Update. Nettleton stated that the KAGE Conference in February was successful. Nettleton went on to say KAGE would offer two sessions this summer specifically for parents of gifted learners. KAGE would also offer a Summer Update on June 14, 2023, at Western Kentucky University's (WKU) campus in Elizabethtown. Nettleton also shared that KAGE's Fall Update would be virtual in September.

Kim Nettleton also mentioned that KAGE was collaborating with KDE to make revisions on the Gifted Student Service Plan (GSSP) and how it was populated in Infinite Campus. Nettleton shared that KAGE was asking districts to provide information pertaining to the gifted student/teacher ratio. Nettleton stated that KAGE would use this information to ask for more funding.

**Agenda Item: Election of Officers for 2023-2024**

**Presenter:** Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**Summary of Discussion:** Due to the lack of a quorum by the council, election of officers was tabled until the next meeting.

**Agenda Item: Future Dates**

**Presenter:** Kathie Anderson, Gifted Education Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**Summary of Discussion:** Kathie Anderson shared tentative dates for next year's SACGTE Council: Sept. 20th, 2023, (in-person); Nov. 15th, 2023, (virtual); Jan. 31st, 2024, (in-person); and April 17th, 2024, (in-person). There was discussion about the possibility of the Jan. 31st meeting date coinciding with the Gifted Proclamation Day in February.

**Feedback:** England asked what the protocol was for members who were interested in serving another term. Anderson stated that any member who would like to extend their term could reach out to her and Joe McCowan.

**Agenda Item: Closing Remarks**

**Presenter:** Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

**Summary of Discussion:** Roberts shared that she appreciated everyone attending the meeting. She expressed the importance of advocating for gifted education on a national level. Roberts stated that nationally, GT was asking for \$53 million for the Javits grant. This would allocate \$3 for every gifted child in the country. Roberts encouraged everyone to talk with legislators and advocate for gifted education.

**Agenda Item: Exit Slip Reminder and Adjournment**

**Presenter:** Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

**Summary of Discussion:** McCowan informed the members that an exit slip would be sent through the Team's chat and emailed to them. There was no more discussion, and the meeting adjourned.