



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(KDE)**

Local Superintendent's Advisory Council (LSAC)

SUMMARY

Sept. 23, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kirk Biggerstaff, Vice Chair Harry Burchett, Thom Cochran, Sheila Mitchell, Henry Webb, Russ Tilford, Brian Alexander, Will Hodges, David Trimble

Agenda Item: Amendments to 704 KAR 8:020, Required academic standards for reading and writing

Presenters: KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Tucker, Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli, KDE Division Director Chrystal Rowland, and KDE Policy Advisor Sarah Medley

Summary of Discussion: Tucker, Marinelli, Rowland and Medley discussed proposed amendments to 704 KAR 8:020, Required academic standards for reading and writing. KRS 158.6453(2) requires the KDE to implement a comprehensive process for reviewing Kentucky's academic standards and the alignment of corresponding assessments for possible revision or replacement every six years. In order to conform to statutory requirements, the KDE implemented the standards review process which resulted in a new material incorporated by reference. Additional amendments to 704 KAR 8:020 are technical in nature to conform to drafting requirements provided in KRS Chapter 13A. Members heard a presentation detailing the standards review process, as provided in KRS 158.6453, and the timeline for completion. LSAC members were provided with opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed amendments. No feedback or questions were received.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to 704 KAR 8:020, Required academic standards for reading and writing. The motion was made by Sheila Mitchell and seconded by Russ Tilford. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Commissioner Robbie Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendments to 701 KAR 5:150, Nontraditional Instruction Program

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D., and Policy Advisor Matthew

Courtney, Ed.D.

Summary of Discussion: Foster and Courtney provided background on the regulation updates. Courtney discussed the updates to the regulation. LSAC members were provided with opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed amendments. No feedback or questions were received.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to 701 KAR 5:150, Nontraditional Instruction Program. The motion was made by Brian Alexander seconded by Harry Burchett. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 704 KAR 3:410, Preschool education programs for 4-year-old children

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton, Ed.D., KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper, and KDE Division Director Thomas Williams

Summary of Discussion: Hylton, Cooper and Williams explained that this regulation is being amended to avoid expiration. Several updates are being proposed to align with current statute and regulation, provide clarity and strengthen state preschool education programs in Kentucky. One proposed change to the submitted amendments was accepted by the LSAC members, which was to define the eligibility category in Section 2(1)(d) as, "Eligible to the extent required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or its successor."

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to 704 KAR 3:410, Preschool education programs for 4- year-old children. The motion was made by Henry Webb and seconded by Russ Tilford. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendments to 704 KAR 3:406, Superintendent training program and assessment process

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Meredith Brewer

Summary of Discussion: Brewer proposed amendments to the regulation. KRS 156.111 mandates that the KDE establish a superintendent training program and assessment center and that the KBE adopt administrative regulations to govern the training content, number of hours, assessments and work products for successful completion of the training and assessment center process. The amendment updates the superintendent training program and assessment center process to align with the statutory requirements that were updated in 2014. Any individual hired

for the first time as a superintendent in a Kentucky public school district must successfully complete the Superintendent Training and Assessment Program within two years of starting the position. This program is designed for professional growth and includes the following: Superintendent Training Modules, Executive Coaching and Mentoring, and Comprehensive Superintendent Assessment.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to 704 KAR 3:406, Superintendent training program and assessment process. The motion was made by Harry Burchett and seconded by Brian Alexander. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Expiration of Administrative Regulations Pursuant to KRS 13A.310Z

Presenters: KDE General Counsel and Deputy Commissioner Todd Allen

Summary of Discussion: Allen explained that pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A, administrative regulations expire seven years following their last effective date if the promulgating agency does not either certify the regulation to remain in place without amendments or amend the regulation. The Kentucky Department of Education reviewed six administrative regulations that will expire in the coming months and determined they should be allowed to naturally expire as they are no longer necessary. The six regulations are: 701 KAR 5:140, Districts of Innovation; 702 KAR 7:130, Approval of Innovated Alternative School Calendar; 702 KAR 1:150, Employment of KTRS Retiree in Full Time Position; 702 KAR 6:075, Reports & Funds; 704 KAR 7:070, Guidelines for Dropout Prevention Programs; and 704 KAR 10:022, Elementary, Middle and Secondary School Accreditation.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend regulations 701 KAR 5:140, Districts of Innovation; 702 KAR 7:130, Approval of Innovated Alternative School Calendar; 702 KAR 1:150, Employment of KTRS Retiree in Full-Time Position; 702 KAR 6:075, Reports & Funds; 704 KAR 7:070, Guidelines for Dropout Prevention Programs; and 704 KAR 10:022, Elementary, Middle and Secondary School Accreditation to expire pursuant to KRS 13A.310Z. The motion was made by Sheila Mitchell and seconded by Harry Burchett. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.