



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(KDE)**

Local Superintendent's Advisory Council (LSAC)

SUMMARY

May 26, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kirk Biggerstaff, Vice Chair Harry Burchett, Russ Tilford, Brian Alexander, Dennis Messer, Sharla Six, David Trimble, Henry Webb and Will Hodges

Agenda Item: Future Accountability Amendments

Presenters: Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Associate Commissioner Jennifer Stafford and KDE Division Director Shara Savage

Summary of Discussion: Stafford and Savage provided an update on the status of a new competitive bid for the statewide college admissions exam and sought feedback from LSAC members to inform the amendment to 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's accountability system.

Action Taken: This presentation was for the purpose of gathering feedback and input from LSAC members. No action was taken.

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 Kentucky Board of Education for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Work-Based Learning Placements for State Accountability

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis and KDE Work-Based Learning Coordinator Tina Brogli

Summary of Discussion: Hargis and Brogli presented KRS 158.6455, which allows for cooperatives, internships and apprenticeships that are not offered as a high school course or during the regular school day, week or year be included as a postsecondary readiness indicator for state accountability. Hargis reported for 2025-2026, the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) received 20 applications and recommended 14 for approval. Hargis asked LSAC members for any input regarding the applications for presentation to KBE. Chair Biggerstaff asked if the amount for approval is typical. Hargis provided application data for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Action Taken: Chair Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommended approval of the recommendations for work-based learning placements to receive career-ready status in the accountability system for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion was made by Russ Tilford and seconded by Dennis Messer. The motion passed 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 Kentucky Board of Education for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Agency Amendment to 702 KAR 5:130, Vehicles designed to carry nine (9) passengers or less, standards for

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter, and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz

Summary of Discussion: Ross, Ritter and Swartz presented the proposed agency amendment to 702 KAR 5:130, Vehicles designed to carry nine (9) passengers or less, standards for, which conforms to Senate Bill 46, passed by the General Assembly during the 2026 regular legislative session. An LSAC member sought clarification regarding the requirement that the passenger vehicles must stop at railroad crossings. KDE staff explained this is a statutory requirement. Some LSAC members expressed concern regarding the random drug test requirement. KDE staff explained that they would review the concerns with KDE's Office of Legal Services.

Action Taken: This presentation was for the purpose of gathering feedback and input from LSAC members. No action was taken.

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 Kentucky Board of Education for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 701 KAR 5:090, Teacher Disciplinary Hearings

Presenters: KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd Allen and Staff Attorney Sara Bentley

Summary of Discussion: Allen and Bentley present the regulation amendment. Bentley noted that no substantive changes are made from current operations, and the amendment is to clarify current practice.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to 701 KAR 5:090, Teacher Disciplinary Hearings. The motion was made by Brian Alexander and seconded by Dennis Messer. The motion passed 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 Kentucky Board of Education for

consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 701 KAR 5:170, Waiver Requests

Presenter: KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd Allen

Summary of Discussion: Allen described each proposed change to administrative regulation, and the changes are necessary as a result of SB 263, passed during the 2026 legislative session.

Action Taken: Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to 701 KAR 5:170, Waiver Requests. The motion was made by Harry Burchett and seconded by David Trimble. The motion passed 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 Kentucky Board of Education for consideration and action.