



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)  
PRINCIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PrAC)  
SUMMARY

JUNE 3, 2025

**Members Present:** Brian Eerenberg, Jarrod Hankins, Robert Lightning, Lynn Petrey, Peggy Sinclair-Morris, Geco Ross, Jeff Blythe, Sarah Williams, Tim Cline, Amanda Nokes, Amanda Fields, Martina Skidmore, Hubert Schroer, Joseph “Rocky” Wallace, Nicholas Brake

**Members Absent:** Liz Kirk, Heather Roaden

**Agenda Item: Welcome**

**Presenter:** Thomas Woods Tucker, Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Tucker welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed gratitude for their work. He shared several announcements, including updates on the new assessment and accountability system, the Persistence to Graduation Summit, the Kentucky Reads to Succeed summer conference, and the Kentucky Coalition for English Learners Summer Institute. Tucker closed by thanking members of the PrAC for their work and emphasizing the importance of principals in providing continuity to students, families and communities amidst challenges.

**Agenda Item: Approve Agenda**

**Presenter:** Brian Eerenberg, Principal Advisory Council , Chairperson, Boyd County Schools

**Summary of Discussion:** Peggy Sinclair-Morris made a motion to approve the agenda. Jeff Blythe made a second. Members approved.

**Agenda Item: Approve Summary from Last Meeting**

**Presenter:** Brian Eerenberg, Principal Advisory Council, Chairperson, Boyd County Schools

**Summary of Discussion:** Geco Ross made a motion to approve the summary minutes from the March 2025 meeting. Robert Lightning made a second. Members approved.

### **Agenda Item: Legislative Updates**

**Presenter:** Cassie Trueblood, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Trueblood provided an overview of Senate Bill (SB) 181, which requires local boards of education to designate a traceable communication system for school district employees and volunteers to communicate with students. She explained the requirements for principals to notify parents and handle complaints of unauthorized electronic communication. Trueblood emphasized the importance of principals working with their school board, superintendent and local board attorney to ensure implementation compliance with this legislation.

Trueblood directed attendees to key resources to stay informed. She shared a direct link to the KDE webpage containing official guidance related to current legislative changes. Additionally, she provided supplementary links to resources that address the legislative process and offer insight into the passage of education-related bills.

**Feedback:** Participants discussed concerns about the implementation of SB 181, including the impact on coaches and the need for training staff and the public on new requirements. Various communication tools like ParentSquare and TalkingPoints were mentioned as potential solutions.

### **Agenda Item: House Bill 48**

**Presenter:** Todd Davis, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Davis explained that House Bill 48 changes the certified evaluation process, requiring a five-year summative evaluation cycle for all tenured teachers and administrators. This replaces the previous three-year cycle for teachers and one-year cycle for administrators. Davis emphasized the need for districts to update their certified evaluation plans (CEPs) to comply with the new five-year cycle. He advised working with 50/50 committees to adjust the evaluation process accordingly.

Davis mentioned that districts have some flexibility to conduct more frequent evaluations on a case-by-case basis, particularly if performance issues arise. However, this cannot be applied system wide. The changes take effect in the 2025-2026 school year, and districts must ensure their CEPs are updated and approved by their local boards in time for the new school year. Davis encouraged members to reach out to him for additional information or questions.

**Feedback:** Members requested confirmation on the timeline for revising the local Certified Evaluation Plan.

**Agenda Item: New Go Teach KY Website**

**Presenter:** Stacy Noah, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Stacy Noah and Elly Gilbert introduced the new Go Teach Kentucky website, highlighting its features and resources. Gilbert highlighted the website's four main sections: Grow Your Own, Certification Information, Educator Prep Programs and Professional Growth and Leadership. Each section offers specific resources and guidance for educators at different stages of their careers. Gilbert demonstrated the "Find Your Path" tool, which helps users navigate the teaching profession based on their status, such as high school students, college students, college graduates, or career changer. This tool provides tailored guidance for each pathway. Also, Gilbert introduced the alternate pathway form, a logic-branching tool that guides users through the process of becoming a certified teacher based on their qualifications and desired teaching area. This tool aims to simplify the certification process.

Noah highlighted the Principal Partnership Project (P3) section, which offers resources for aspiring and current principals, including professional standards, tools and resources, and professional learning opportunities.

**Feedback:** None

**Agenda Item: Professional Literature**

**Presenter:** Joseph "Rocky" Wallace, Campbellsville University, University Principal Prep Initiative (UPPI) representative

**Summary of Discussion:** Wallace shared the value of the UPPI group as it is focused on constantly improving the principal preparation experience so that candidates are best prepared for school leadership positions. Emphasizing the role of professional reading as part of professional growth, Wallace shared information about three books the UPPI group has authored and encouraged PrAC members to read and share with others.

**Feedback:** None

**Agenda Item: Professional Learning Opportunities for Principals**

**Presenter:** Emily Satterly, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Satterly shared information about upcoming professional learning opportunities for principals, including the certified evaluation update training, initial certified evaluation training, assistant principal cohort, cognitive coaching and various conferences. She encouraged PrAC members to share with colleagues.

**Feedback:** None

**Agenda Item:** Adjournment

**Presenter:** Stacy Noah, Principal Advisory Council Liaison, Kentucky Department of Education

**Summary of Discussion:** Sarah Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Petrey made a second to adjourn. Members agreed.