

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held day one of its regular meeting on August 7, 2024. The KBE met both virtually and in-person at the KSU Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm, 1525 Mills Ln, Frankfort KY. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

Chair Sharon Robinson welcomed all board members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. ET.

II. Swearing In of Board Members

Leah Sharpe from the Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Legal Services was onsite to issue the oath of office. The following members were reappointed to the Kentucky Board of Education: Holly Bloodworth, Sharon Robinson, Lu Young, and Steve Trimble. The following members were newly appointed to the Board of Education: Mike Borchers and Lawrence McCrobie.

III. Roll Call

Chair Robinson asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Holly Bloodworth, Mike Borchers, Sharon Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Lu Young, Lawrence McCrobie, Preston Graham and Secretary Jamie Link.

IV. Welcome from Kentucky State University President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo

President Akakpo provided a brief keynote address. Akakpo expressed concern over the current state of teacher retention and recruitment, indicating the urgency of creating effective strategies to ensure a stable and qualified education workforce. He highlighted some of the work being done at Kentucky State University to navigate the problem. Chair Robinson thanked Dr. Akakpo for his time. She then asked that Vice Chair Lu Young preside over the remainder of the meeting since she was in-person and Robinson was attending virtually.

V. Internal Board Business

- A. Summary Minutes for June 5, 2024 KBE Regular Meeting Day 1, June 5, 2024 KBE Awards Committee Meeting, June 6, 2024 KBE Regular Meeting Day 2, June 6, 2024 United We Learn Committee Meeting, June 6, 2024 State Schools Committee Meeting, July 26, 2024 KBE Awards Committee Meeting (Action/Discussion)**

The minutes of these meetings were distributed to members in advance. Vice Chair Young asked for any corrections to any of the minutes. There were no corrections. Vice Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was made by Holly Bloodworth and seconded by Lee Todd. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

B. Nomination and Election of the Kentucky Board of Education Chair and Vice Chair (Action/Discussion)

Vice Chair Young said that KRS 156.029 requires that the KBE elect a chairperson at the first regular meeting of each fiscal year. Vice Chair Young requested nominations for the Chair. Steve Trimble nominated Sharon Robinson. There were no other nominations.

With only one nomination, Vice Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the slate and elect Sharon Robinson as Chair. The motion was made by Diane Woods and seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chair Young then opened nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Holly Bloodworth nominated Lu Young. There were no other nominations.

With only one nomination, Vice Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the slate and elect Lu Young as Vice Chair. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Mike Borchers. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Recipient of the 2024 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership (Action/Discussion)

Vice Chair Young called on the Awards Committee Chair, Diane Woods, to give the report. Chair Woods gave background information on the award, saying that Joseph W. Kelly served as a member of the Kentucky Board of Education from 1989 until 1998 and provided exceptional leadership as its chair for seven years. "A respected business leader and education advocate, Kelly knew first-hand the critical role the business community plays in supporting Kentucky's public education system. His career exemplifies the significant contributions that members of the business community are making in support of Kentucky's students. This award is given in the fall each year to a Kentucky businessperson or business who has partnered with a public school or district to provide outstanding leadership that promotes school improvement and student success." Chair

Woods then stated the criteria for the award which includes: creating or sustaining strategic partnership between a business and school or district that leads to improved student outcomes, and significant contribution to a school or district that leads or will likely lead to increased or improved educational opportunities. She then shared that the committee met on Friday, July 26 and determined that candidate 3/9 best met the criteria of the award. Chair Woods moved to approve candidate 3/9 as the recipient of the 2024 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership and asked Vice Chair Young for the board's approval to recognize candidate 3/9 at the board's upcoming October meeting. Vice Chair Young said that since the motion came from the committee, the motion did not require a second. Vice Chair Young called for a vote to approve the committee's recommendation, which passed unanimously with a voice vote.

VI. Leadership Workshop

McPherson and Jacobson Regional Director Dr. Steve Joel facilitated a team building activity and discussion on high performing leadership teams.

VII. Lunch (No business conducted)

VIII. KBE Goal Setting for 2024-2025

McPherson and Jacobson Regional Director Dr. Steve Joel facilitated an activity to review the existing goals/strategic plan in order to identify potential goals for the commissioner that support both the KBE Call to Action and United We Learn. This was a discussion item only and no formal action was taken. The 2024-2025 goals for both the board and the commissioner will be finalized during the October 2024 KBE regular meeting.

IX. Kentucky United We Learn Accountability Update (Discussion Item)

KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and KDE Division Director Jennifer Stafford provided an overview of the current accountability prototypes and gathered feedback from the KBE members to inform the next iteration of the document. Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher said the goal of the new assessment and accountability system is to give districts the opportunity to celebrate students and also help them to improve and grow. Another goal is to make sure Kentucky's students are competitive with other students in the global economy.

X. Adjournment

Vice Chair Young thanked everyone for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.