

**Kentucky Board of Education Awards Committee Meeting
January 28, 2021 3:30 p.m. ET
Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601
Video Teleconference Meeting**

Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held an awards committee meeting on January 28, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE awards committee met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not be permitted to attend the meeting in person, but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education’s (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Patrice McCrary welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. ET. Chair McCrary reminded members that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Additionally, Chair McCrary stated that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

2. Roll Call

Chair McCrary asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Claire Batt, Patrice McCrary, Solyana Mesfin and Lu Young.

KDE Policy Advisor Leslie Slaughter stated all members were present.

3. 2021 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education

A. Review of Criteria for the Robinson Award Winner

Chair McCrary read the description and reminded the committee members of the criteria of the award that include:

- Successful efforts in closing socioeconomic and/or racial achievement gaps; and
- Significantly improving student learning, student, achievement, or other measured outcomes among students of color or economically disadvantaged students.

B. Review and Discussion of Applications for the 2021 Robinson Award

Committee members were asked to review the candidates prior to the meeting and were asked by Chair McCrary to present their top five candidates in consideration of discussion. Candidates were referred to by number and the members narrowed their top picks down to

two candidates and after evaluation and discussion determined that two candidates would be brought forth for consideration of approval by the full board at its February 3, 2021 regular meeting.

C. Approve Recommendation of an Individual(s) as the recipient of the 2021 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity and Public Education

Chair McCrary stated that based on these candidates contributions to closing socioeconomic and/or racial achievement gaps and/or significantly improving student learning, student achievement, or other measured outcomes among students of color or economically disadvantaged students, she would like to entertain a motion to approve candidates #24 and #19 as the award winners for the 2021 Award. Claire Batt made the motion to approve candidates #24 and #19 as the co-recipients of the 2021 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education. Lu Young seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Adjournment

Claire Batt moved to adjourn the meeting. Lu Young seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. ET.