

Kentucky Board of Education Awards Committee Meeting
July 29, 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 July 29, 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 3:44 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: Patrice McCrary, Solyana Mesfin and Lu Young.

Chair McCrary had to give a short recess due to technological issue, however returned and KDE Director of Education Policy Meredith Brewer followed by stating three members were present and each member answered the roll call.

3. 2021 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership

A. Review of Criteria for the Kelly Award Winner

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

Joseph W. Kelly served as a member KBE from 1989 until 1998 and provided exceptional leadership as its chair for seven years. He was a strong leader in the fundamental early years of implementing Kentucky's nationally recognized school improvement efforts.

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 of 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.

Criteria for the award includes:

- Creating or sustaining strategic partnership between a business and school or district that leads to improved student outcomes, including but not limited to, postsecondary success and workforce outcomes; and,
- Significant contribution to a school or a district that leads or will likely lead to increased or improved educational opportunities or improved educational, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students.

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

Committee members were asked to review the candidates prior to the meeting and were asked by Chair McCrary to present their top three to four candidates for consideration and discussion. Candidates were referred to by number and the members narrowed their top picks down to two candidates and after evaluation and discussion determined the candidate that would be brought forth for consideration of approval by the full board at its August 5, 2021 regular meeting.

C. Approve Recommendation of an Individual(s) as the recipient of the 2021 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership

Chair McCrary stated that based on the candidate's demonstration of leadership as a Kentucky businessperson or business that has partnered with a public school or district to provide outstanding leadership promoting school improvement and student success, she would like to entertain a motion to approve candidate #10 as the winner for the 2021 Award. Solyana Mesfin made the motion to approve candidate #10 as the recipient of the 2021 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership. Lu Young seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Adjournment

Lu Young motioned to adjourn the meeting, Solyana Mesfin seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m. ET.