

# HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2026 Regular Session

February 3, 2026

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The 3rd meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education and Workforce Development was held on February 3, 2026, at 10:00 AM in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Kim Banta, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### Present were:

Members: Representative Kim Banta, Chair; Representatives Scott Lewis, Josh Bray, Tina Bojanowski, Adam Bowling, and Mike Clines.

Guests: Dr. Beth Hargis, Associate Commissioner, Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education; Dr. Lauren Graves, Executive Advisor, Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education; Sam Flynn, Executive Director, Pre-K for All Advisory Committee; and Nick Therrell, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor.

LRC Staff: Liz Columbia, Mariah Derringer-Lackey, David Talley, and Benjamin Thompson.

### Approval of Minutes

Representative Bray made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 13 and January 20 meetings of the subcommittee. Representative Lewis seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without objection.

### Career and Technical Education

Dr. Beth Hargis, Associate Commissioner, Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education; and Dr. Lauren Graves, Executive Advisor, Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education provided information regarding the CTE's additional budget request.

In response to Representative Lewis, Dr. Hargis noted that the CTE is asking for removal of certain notwithstanding language from the budget bill to ensure inclusion of area technology centers in the funding formula.

### Pre-K for All

Sam Flynn, Executive Director, Pre-K for All Advisory Committee; and Nick Therrell, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor provided information regarding the Pre-K for All initiative.

In response to Representative Bray, Mr. Flynn noted that the first year of the initiative would be a planning phase to allow districts to determine what additional resources, if any, are needed to provide pre-k for all students. The advisory committee has not found a large need for additional facilities in preliminary discussions with districts. Mr. Flynn stated that many districts already have classroom space available and are covering these additional children through other fund sources.

In response to Chair Banta, Mr. Flynn states that there is language written into the bill encouraging childcare providers to partner with school districts.

In response to Representative Bojanowski, Mr. Flynn notes that only about forty percent of school districts would be full day pre-k. Childcare providers would be able to enter into contracts with a school to provide care for the portion of the day that a child is not in a pre-k classroom.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.