

# **CAPITAL PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD**

## **Minutes**

**June 11, 2025**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The second meeting of the Capital Planning Advisory Board was held on June 11, 2025, at 1:00 PM in Room 169 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Gary Boswell, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### **Present were:**

Members: Senator Gary Boswell Co-Chair; Representative Ryan Dotson Co-Chair; Senator Steve Rawlings; Pat Abell, Charles Byers, John Hicks, Keith Jackson, Patsy Jackson, Holly Johnson, Danny Rhoades, and David Rhodes.

Guests: Jim Barnhart, Chief Information Officer; Debra Weber, Director, Commonwealth Office of Technology; BG (Ret.) Charles T. Jones, Executive Director, Office of Management and Administration; Joe Sanderson, Director, Division of Facilities; Chuck Ammons, Assistant Director, Division of Facilities; Kenneth Staley, Construction and Facilities Management Officer, Kentucky Army National Guard; Department of Military Affairs; Juan A. Renaud, Deputy Commissioner; Mark Bowman, Executive Director; Department of Veterans' Affairs; Sandy Williams, Executive Director; Kentucky Infrastructure Authority; Mona Juett, Chief of Staff; Melissa Brewer, Director of Finance; Jason Lilly, Executive Assistant, Office of the Secretary; Todd Finley, Executive Director, Kentucky Artisan Center; Kevin Moore, General

Manager, Kentucky Exposition Center; Russ Meyer, Commissioner; Department of Parks; Rich Storm, Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife Resources; Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet; Jim Gray, Secretary; and Shaun McKiernan, Executive Director, Office of Budget and Fiscal Management, Pat Grugin, Executive Director, Officer of Support Services; Transportation Cabinet.

LRC Staff: Liz Columbia and Jennifer Luttrell.

### **Approval of Minutes (May 21, 2025)**

Representative Dotson made a motion to approve the May 21, 2025, meeting minutes, which was seconded by Senator Rawlings and approved by voice vote.

### **Welcome New Member**

The Governor appointed Secretary Keith Jackson of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet to replace Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman as an Executive Branch board member.

### **Information Items**

Ms. Columbia reported two information items. The first document outlined agency responses to outstanding questions asked by board members at the last meeting. The second document addressed capital plan amendments made by state agencies that testified at the last meeting during the first revision period.

### **Special Report**

Mr. Barnhart presented the Commonwealth Office of Technology's Report on Information Technology Project Recommendations.

## **Review of Agency Capital Plans**

The Capital Planning Advisory Board received testimony regarding five state agency capital plans: the Department of Military Affairs, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, the Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet, and the Transportation Cabinet. The testimony discussed capital construction, information technology, and equipment needs for 2026-2032.

### **Department of Military Affairs (DMA)**

General Jones gave a brief overview of the DMA's capital plan. In response to questions from Representative Dotson and Mr. Hicks about the Somerset Armory, General Jones stated that the Somerset Armory, which initially was a \$23 million project comprised of \$19 million in federal funds and \$4.2 million in state funds, was not awarded the federal funds in the 2022-2024 biennium, as a result of the delay in receiving a federal funds award the cost has increased to \$39,540,000 comprised of \$29.6 million in federal funds and \$9.8 million in state funds. The project is in Phase A and remains contingent on receiving federal funding. In response to Chair Boswell's questions about the DMA/KY ARNG Statewide Armory Master Plan project, Mr. Sanderson replied that a selection committee through the Finance and Administration Cabinet selects a firm of federal and state agencies in collaboration with DMA to complete the master plan. In response to Chair Boswell's question about employment statistics, General Jones said the state employee count had

remained the same while the technician force had decreased over the last two years.

#### Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)

Mr. Renaud presented the DVA capital plan. In response to Mr. Hicks' question, Mr. Renaud said the Expand Columbarium Wall- KYCNE project would be federally funded.

#### Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA)

Ms. Williams provided an overview of KIA's capital plan. In response to Senator Rawlings' question, Ms. Williams stated that the Division of Water of the Energy and Environment Cabinet assesses the drinking water quality. In response to Mr. Hicks' question, Ms. Williams said the average interest rate on fund loans is just below one percent. In response to Chair Boswell's question about the KIA Fund B - Infrastructure Revolving Fund, Ms. Williams said KIA is statutorily allowed only to make loans to government agencies.

#### Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet (TAHC)

Ms. Juett, Ms. Brewer, and Mr. Lilly presented the TAHC capital plan. In response to Senator Rawlings' question, Mr. Finley replied that the Kentucky Artisan's Center does charge a fee to use the EV charging stations. In response to Mr. Hicks' question, Mr. Moore stated that the Kentucky Exposition Center Market Hall project is on schedule and Phase 2 would begin soon. In response to Chair Boswell's questions, Mr. Meyer said the Kentucky State

Parks' expenses exceeded the revenue received. In response to Chair Boswell's question, Mr. Storm stated that Fish and Wildlife would predominantly use federal and possibly private funds and that the indoor gun range training facility is in Frankfort, using 90 percent federal funding with 10 percent state funding. In response to Mr. Hicks' question, Mr. Storm said the location of the new fish hatchery to establish Thoroughbred Bass in the western district of Kentucky had not been identified, and the goal is to grow more and bigger trophy Largemouth Bass in the state of Kentucky.

#### Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)

Mr. Gray and Mr. McKiernan presented KYTC's capital plan. In response to Mr. Hicks' question, Mr. McKiernan said the Statewide Facility Safety Improvements pool would address ADA and parking issues. In response to Chair Boswell's questions, Mr. Gray said the number of full-time employees had decreased, KYTC used contractors and consultants for many projects, and engineering costs were between eight and 10 percent.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.