

EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2021 Interim

July 6, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 2nd meeting of the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 3:00 PM, in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Brandon Reed, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Members: Senator Max Wise, Co-Chair; Representative Brandon Reed, Co-Chair; Senator Mike Wilson and Representatives Tina Bojanowski and Steve Riley.

Guests: Rhonda Sims, Kentucky Department of Education, Associate Commissioner, Office of Assessment and Accountability and Ashley Lant, Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Legal, Legislative, and Communication Services.

LRC Staff: Joshua Collins, Yvette Perry, and Christal White.

On a motion by Senator Wilson and a second by Representative Bojanowski, the minutes of the June 2, 2021, were approved by voice vote.

Representative Reed announced the election of the Senate Co-Chair will take place at the EAARS meeting in August.

The committee considered Kentucky Board of Education Administrative Regulation 703 KAR 5:270 for review. Speaking in favor of the proposed regulation were Ms. Lant and Ms. Sims, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Ms. Sims said the proposed regulation changes create an alignment with SB 158, passed during the 2020 Regular Session.

Responding to a question from Representative Bojanowski, Ms. Sims said although grade point averages (GPA) are not an element of academic readiness, the Council on Postsecondary Education uses GPA for a number of programs.

In response to a follow-up question by Representative Bojanowski, Ms. Sims said KDE used the standards setting process to set the five performance levels, which include a dashboard system identifying schools by colors. She said a separate process is used for teacher assessment and individual student performance. Responding to a follow-up

question from Representative Bojanowski, Ms. Sims said federal law requires KDE to identify a number of schools in need of support at various levels but does not require schools to be placed on a bell curve.

On a motion by Representative Riley and a second by Representative Bojanowski, the staff suggested amendment for 703 KAR 5:270 was adopted without objection.

The next meeting will be held August 3, 2021, at 3 PM.

On a motion by Senator Wilson, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.