

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 10, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Government Contract Review Committee met on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Mark Hart, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Donald Douglas, Co-Chair; Representative Mark Hart, Co-Chair; Senators Stephen Meredith, and Reginald L. Thomas; Representatives Jared Bauman, Bobby McCool, Jason Petrie, and Rachel Roarx.

Guests: Kenya Stump, Executive Director, Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC); Sarah Noble, General Counsel, EEC; Astrud Masterson, Executive Director for Office of Administrative Services (OAS), Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Misty Sammons, Division Director, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), CHFS; Eric Pelfrey, Director for Professional Services, Department of Highways, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); Mike Vaughn, Project Manager, Department of Highways, KYTC; Scott Alvey, Executive Director, Kentucky Historical Society, (KHS); Karen Marlow, Director of Finance and Support Services, KHS; Michele Humpich, Fiscal Manager, Board of Medical Licensure; James Cable, Division Director, Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands, Department for Natural Resources (DNR); Scott Baker, Executive Director, Office of Facility Development and Efficiency, Finance and Administration Cabinet; Allan Coldiron, Purchasing Branch Manager, Division of Purchasing, KYTC; Will Fogle, General Counsel, KYTC; Kerra Ogden, Project Manager, WKU Planning, Design, and Construction, Western Kentucky University (WKU); Dan Chaney, Project Manager, WKU Planning, Design, and Construction, WKU; Leslie Brown, Executive Director, Office of Operations, Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE); Michaela Steverson, Program Manager for Healthcare and Workforce, CPE; Karen Wirth, Director of Budgets, Kentucky Department of Education, (KDE); Meredith Brewer, Director of Education Policy, KDE; Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer, KDE; Sarah

Johnson, Director of the Division of Substance Use Disorder, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), CHFS; Dr. Judy Theriot, Medical Director, Department for Medicaid Services, CHFS; Elizabeth Goode, Director of the Division of Prevention and Quality Improvement, Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH), CHFS; and Andrew Yunt, Deputy Director of Operations, KDPH, CHFS.

LRC Staff: Jarrod Schmidt and Kim Smith.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to approve minutes of the October 2025, meeting of the committee. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

OCTOBER DEFERRED LIST:

OFFICE OF ENERGY POLICY

Midwest Renewable Energy Association, 2600000109; Public Protection Cabinet, 2600000281; Kentucky Housing Corporation, 2600000288. Sara Noble, General Counsel, EEC, and Kenya Stump, Executive Director, EEC, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Hart, Ms. Stump stated rooftop panels and batteries have an average lifespan of 25 to 30 years. She explained that under the program, both the solar panels and batteries are covered for replacement under the manufacturer's warranty. As the funding recipient, the EEC is responsible for handling disposition if issues arise, including returning or removing the panels from service. The agency will oversee subrecipients and contractors installing the equipment and will assist homeowners with warranty claims when issues occur within the warranty period. For replacements outside the warranty period, the agency will assume responsibility for decommissioning and disposing the equipment.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Stump stated the agency will follow the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disposition and disposal policy for equipment purchased with federal funding, though specific guidance from the EPA has not yet been provided. She explained that, because Kentucky is a southern state, solar capacity would be around 20 percent. Battery storage would help stabilize energy availability by allowing stored solar energy to be used when sunlight is not available, thereby increasing the overall capacity factor. Ms. Stump noted this is a one-time request.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Stump stated the agency would first pursue recycling and recovery options in accordance with EPA guidance and then work

with a contractor to dispose of batteries following EPA requirements. Disposition expenses would be covered with federal program funds. Ms. Stump explained that battery pack warranties average about 10 years, though actual lifespan depends on charging and discharging rates. For solar panels, typical manufacturer performance warranties guarantee approximately 90 percent output for the first 10 years and 80 percent for 25 years, depending on the specific manufacturer. The program is expected to reduce homeowners' utility bills by about 70 percent. She clarified the savings apply to the variable portion of the bill and do not affect fixed costs. While the program requires a minimum savings of 20 percent, the agency estimates savings could reach 70 percent with the addition of storage.

Representative Petrie requested Ms. Stump provide the committee with a copy of the Homeowner Cost Savings Analysis.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contracts as reviewed. Senator Thomas seconded the motion, which passed.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Personal Service Contract List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Personal Service Contract Amendment List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Memoranda of Agreement List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Memoranda of Agreement Amendment List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Kentucky Entertainment Incentive Program Agreements List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Correction List. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WERE REVIEWED
WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Marcum Engineering, LLC, 2600000849; Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children, Inc., 2600000887.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

James Elbert Clark, 2600000662.

BOARD OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Clinton Investigations, LLP, 2500001860.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

John Marcus Jones, 2600000650.

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING

MAH, PLLC, 2500003359-1.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NCS Pearson, Inc., 2600000517.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

RHA, LLC, 2600000620; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2600000621; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2600000702; WSP USA, Inc., 2600000703; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2600000704; H.W. Lochner, Inc., 2600000715; Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc., 2600000717; QK4, Inc., 2600000797; Burgess and Niple, Inc., 2600000800; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2600000801; QK4, Inc., 2600000805; Johnson,

Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 2600000806; Prime AE Group, Inc., 2600000810; Strand Associates, Inc., 2600000813; American Engineers, Inc., 2600000853.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Tetra Tech, Inc., 2600000633.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Agri-Air, LLC, 2600000538.

KENTUCKY PUBLIC PENSIONS AUTHORITY

Linea Solutions, Inc., 2500003347.

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Whittenberg Construction, 26-002; CMTA, 26-006; Ross Tarrant Architects, 26-007; Huron Consulting Services, LLC, 983.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Throwing Words, LLC, 028-26.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Gensler Architecture Design & Planning, PC, A261030; Ross Tarrant Architects, A261060; Embry, Merritt, Womack and Nance, PLLC, K26-123; Dr. Julia Melkers, K26-124; Dr. Eric Welch, K26-125; Sayo Art, LLC, K26-126.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE REVIEWED
WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, LLP, 2500001960; Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, LLP, 2500002581; Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, LLP, 2500003109; Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, LLP, 2500003215.

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Multi, 2400000143.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001763; KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001863; KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001864; KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001866; KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001867; KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001868.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

WMB, Inc., 0700003516-1; GRW Engineers, Inc., 1400000072; DLZ Kentucky, Inc., 1800000312; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2000000523; Palmer Engineering Company, 2100001825; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2200001027; QK4, Inc., 2200001032; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2200001033; Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc., 2200001037; Palmer Engineering Company, 2200001038; Leslie M. Haney & Albert W. Gross Partner, 2300001112; Gresham Smith, 2300001410; Gresham Smith, 2300001423; GRW Engineers, Inc., 2300001563; Strand Associates, Inc., 2400000001; HNTB Corporation, 2400000205; WSP USA, Inc., 2400000631; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2400000632; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2400001017; QK4, Inc., 2400001019; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2400001022; Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc., 2400001023; WSP USA, Inc., 2400001387; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2400001544; Prime AE Group, Inc., 2400002885; Michael Baker International, Inc., 2400003049; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2400003608; Leslie M. Haney & Albert W. Gross Partners, 2500000615; Haworth Meyer Boleyn, Inc., 2500001030; QK4, Inc., 2500002202.

DEPARTMENT OF WORKERS' CLAIMS

Blue & Company, LLC, 2500003097.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

K. Norman Berry Associates Architects, PLLC, 2944-2025.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Architectural Investments, 2000000358; EOP Architects, PSC, 2200003831; EOP Architects, PSC, 2200004466; GRW Engineers, Inc., 2300001529; Biagi Chance Cummins London Titzer, Inc., 2300001530; Patrick D. Murphy Company, Inc., 2300001793; Clotfelter/Samokar, PSC, 2300003339; Tate Hill Jacobs Architect, Inc., 2300003449; CMTA, Inc., 2300003834; Treanorhl, 2400000155; Ross Tarrant Architects, Inc., 2400000524; Schmidt Associates, Inc., 2400000546; Schmidt

Associates, Inc., 2400000546; Ross Tarrant Architects, Inc., 2400000902; Joseph & Joseph, PLLC, 2500000756; Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Inc., 2500001039; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2500001237; White Pollard Architects, PLLC, 2500002608.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Leidos Digital Solutions, Inc., 2400003339.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Sustainable Streams, LLC, 16FW000034; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 22FW000317; Respec Consulting and Services, LLC, 22FW000462; Sustainable Streams, LLC, 22FW000471; Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves, 2400003570; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001246; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001273; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001447; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001447; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2500001448.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Multi, 004-26; Multi, 005-26; Multi, 008-26; Multi, 009-26; Attain Consulting Group, LLC d/b/a Attain Partners, 015-26; Multi, 022-26.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Tryfacta, Inc., 2400000165.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

THP Limited, Inc., A231130; Omni Architects, A251140.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Luckett & Farley Architects, 25-029; Trinity Consultants, Inc. d/b/a Working Buildings, 25-107; William Tente, 25-108.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENTS WERE REVIEWED
WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000693.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

National Association of System Heads, 2600000547; Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, 2600000751.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation, 2500002012; Kentucky Waterways Alliance, 2500003414; Mercer County Sanitation District, 2600000277; City of Maysville, 2600000476; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000605.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Edmonton-Metcalf County Industrial Development Authority, 2600000036; Bourbon County, 2600000075; City of Georgetown, 2600000307; Johnson County Fiscal Court, 2600000530; Elliott County Treasurer, 2600000535; City of Nicholasville, 2600000550; Taylor County, 2600000551; Daviess County Fiscal Court, 2600000552; Harrison County Fiscal Court, 2600000555; City of Raceland, 2600000556; Hancock County Fiscal Court, 2600000564; Mason County, 2600000610; Woodford County Fiscal Court, 2600000611; City of Dawson Springs, 2600000612; Lawrence County Fiscal Court, 2600000653; Union County Fiscal Court, 2600000654; Harlan County Fiscal Court, 2600000656; Lawrence County Fiscal Court, 2600000727; Pike County Fiscal Court, 2600000762; Letcher County Fiscal Court, 2600000765; McLean County Fiscal Court, 2600000766; Floyd County Fiscal Court, 2600000767; Columbia-Adair County Economic Development Authority, Inc., 2600000795; Lawrence County Fiscal Court, 2600000814; Perry County Fiscal Court, 2600000819; City of Sturgis, 2600000821; Marshall County Industrial Development Authority, 2600000823; Harlan County Fiscal Court, 2600000830; Princeton-Caldwell County Industrial Development Authority, 2600000833; McCreary County Industrial Development Authority, 2600000850.

DEPARTMENT FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000580.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

LivWell Community Health Services, Inc., 2600000514.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000604.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

William Stevenson Allen, 2600000651; Adam Barr, 2600000655; Community Agricultural Nutritional Enterprise, Inc., 2600000657; Cecil Farms Produce, LLC, 2600000659; Dennis Spencer Guinn, 2600000660; Cornett Enterprises, LLC, 2600000661; Elmwood Stock Farm, 2600000663; Evans Orchard & Cider Mill, LLC, 2600000664; Haney's Appledale Farm, LLC, 2600000666; Legacy Dairy, LLC, 2600000670; Locals Food Hub and Pizza Pub Louisville, 2600000673; Shea Lowe, 2600000674; Charles Kevin Cornett, 2600000676; Mulberry Orchard, 2600000677; My Harrodsburg Honey Company, 2600000680; Obenchain Farms, LLC, 2600000681; On Tapp Dairy, 2600000682; Sustainable Harvest Farm, LLC, 2600000689; Tardigrade Alliance, LLC, 2600000691; Wise Bird Cider Company, LLC, 2600000692.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Rowan County Board of Education, 2500003201; Department for Medicaid Services, 2500003331; Allen County Board of Education, 2600000316; Barren County Board of Education, 2600000317; Breathitt County Board of Education, 2600000318; Calloway County Board of Education, 2600000319; Campbell County Board of Education, 2600000320; Carter County Board of Education, 2600000321; Christian County Board of Education, 2600000322; Crittenden County Board of Education, 2600000323; Cumberland County Board of Education, 2600000324; Floyd County Board of Education, 2600000325; Frankfort Independent School District, 2600000326; Grant County Board of Education, 2600000328; Graves County Board of Education, 2600000329; Grayson County Board of Education, 2600000330; Harlan County Board of Education, 2600000331; Jackson County Board of Education, 2600000332; Jackson Independent School District, 2600000333; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2600000334; Johnson County Board of Education, 2600000335; Larue County Board of Education, 2600000336; Lee County Board of Education, 2600000337; Livingston County Board of Education, 2600000338; Magoffin County Board of Education, 2600000339; Marshall County Board of Education, 2600000340; Mason County Board of Education, 2600000341; Monroe County Board of Education, 2600000343; Montgomery County Board of Education, 2600000344; Nelson County Board of Education, 2600000345; Newport Independent School District, 2600000347; Paducah Independent School District, 2600000348; Paintsville Independent School District, 2600000349; Pulaski County Board of Education, 2600000350; Robertson County Board of Education, 2600000351; Taylor County Board of Education, 2600000352; Webster County Board of Education, 2600000353; Whitley County Board of Education, 2600000354; Woodford County Board of Education, 2600000355; University of

Louisville Research Foundation, 2600000697; The Achievement Network, Ltd., 2600000699; Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, 2600000829.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Young Mens Christian Association of Greater Louisville, Inc., 2600000373.

JUSTICE - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

City of Georgetown, 2600000624.

KENTUCKY STATE POLICE

Boone County Sheriff, 2600000731.

OFFICE OF ENERGY POLICY

Electric Plant Board of the City of Princeton, 2600000528; City of Williamstown, 2600000529.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Kentucky Health Care Foundation, Inc., 2600000690.

TOURISM - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Eky Heritage Foundation, Inc., 2500001356-1.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS WERE
REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000693.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES

Kentucky Council On Problem Gambling, Inc., 2400001406; Chrysalis House, Inc., 2400001682; Kentucky Medical Services Foundation, Inc., 2400002894.

CHFS - DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Multi, 2400000099; Multi, 2400000102; Multi, 2400000103; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400002015; Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services, Inc., 2400002060.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

National Association of System Heads, 2500000294.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2400001679; Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families, Inc., 2400001680; Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2400001824; The Center of Owensboro-Daviess County, Inc., 2500001073.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of Prospect, 2300001253.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400001589; U of L Health - Shelbyville, Inc., 2400002263; Trinity Family Health, Inc., 2400002279; Big Sandy Health Care, Inc., 2400002366; Community Health Centers of Western Kentucky, Inc., 2400002368; Sterling Health Solutions, Inc., 2400002372; University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2400002373; Ashland Hospital Corporation, 2400002374; Norton Healthcare Foundation, 2400002375; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400002980; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400003922.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Jefferson County Board of Education, 2500002836.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Clark County Board of Education, 2500003244; Pulaski County Board of Education, 2500003326.

**THE FOLLOWING KENTUCKY ENTERTAINMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
AGREEMENTS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ECON DEV - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

On Her Way, LLC, 2600000868; Quill Productions, LLC, 2600000869; Radiant Productions, LLC, 2600000871.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WERE SELECTED
FOR FURTHER REVIEW:**

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Sivic Solutions Group, LLC, 2600000534. Astrud Masterson, Executive Director, OAS, CHFS; and Misty Sammons, Division Director, DCBS, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Sammons stated this contract is specific to out-of-home care for foster children. The agency procures outside services because it does not have the internal capacity or staff expertise to perform these functions. Ms. Sammons noted the agency previously held a contract with Public Consulting Group (PCG), which had to be extended due to a protest of the new RFP for these services, requiring PCG to continue its work until a new award could be made. Ms. Masterson added that the committee will see an overlap in services in December to allow the new vendor time to become familiar with the agency's current SSI cases.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Masterson stated the vendor was awarded the contract based on their oral presentation and for submitting the lowest bid.

Representative Petrie asked the agency to provide the committee with data on the total number of SSI cases and the annual costs associated with both initial determinations and redeterminations.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contract as reviewed. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Palmer Engineering Company, 2600000718; QK4, Inc., 2600000720; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2600000721; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2600000722; Burgess and Niple, Inc., 2600000723; Gresham Smith, 2600000724; Prime AE Group, Inc., 2600000725; Strand Associates, Inc., 2600000726. Eric Pelfrey, Director for Professional Services, Department of Highways, KYTC; and Mike Vaughn, Project Manager, Department of Highways, KYTC, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Pelfrey stated these contracts cover smaller statewide projects focused on highway safety. Due to the size of the projects, the agency does not issue individual RFPs; instead, the contracts are grouped together for a two-year cycle, with individual contract amounts averaging \$100,000 to \$150,000. The projects target locations with fatalities or serious injuries to enhance pedestrian and driver safety, and the agency anticipates that all allocated funds will be utilized.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contracts as reviewed. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed.

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

David E. Currey, 2600000594. Scott Alvey, Executive Director, KHS; and Karen Marlow, Director of Finance and Support Services, KHS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Bauman, Mr. Alvey stated the “Revolution of Statehood” exhibit will be a temporary installation in the Keeneland Gallery at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. The exhibit is part of KHS’s 250 program and will be featured during the organization’s July 4, 2026 activities.

A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to consider the contract as reviewed. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Blue & Company, LLC, 2400002529. Michele Humpich, Fiscal Manager, Board of Medical Licensure, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Humpich stated the contract increase is due to the board’s decision to change the audit frequency from every other year to annually. The original contract covered fiscal year 2023–2024, and the increase applies to fiscal year 2024–2025.

In response to Senator Thomas, Ms. Humpich stated the auditor recommended changing the board’s audit frequency from every other year to annually, and the board approved this change.

In response to Representative Bauman, Ms. Humpich stated the auditor’s request to change the audit frequency did not cite any specific findings.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Humpich stated the total revenue for fiscal year 2024-2025 exceeded one million dollars. She noted funding comes from state allocations as well as income from licenses, fines, and other sources.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contract as reviewed. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

Tetra Tech, Inc., 2300002659. James Cable, Division Director, Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands, DNR, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Cable stated the agency is reactive, addressing issues reported by property owners potentially caused by past coal mining. They receive \$7 million annually for the next 13 years from a Fee-Based Grant. The agency investigates complaints, confirms program eligibility, provides project design and geotechnical support, then hands projects to the Division of Engineering and Contract Administration (DECA) for bidding, hires contractors, and oversees inspections. Following the 2021 Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the agency has received an additional \$74.25 million grant. The federal government encourages Abandoned Mine Land programs to undertake community projects. The agency has identified six such projects that require hiring consultants for design and oversight through completion.

In response to Representative Roarx, Mr. Cable stated the agency has applied and received funding for the first three years of the \$74,250,000 grant and has applied for the fourth year.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

BCCLT, Inc., 2500001994. Scott Baker, Executive Director, Office of Facility Development and Efficiency, Finance and Administration Cabinet, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Baker stated this contract is for design and construction projects at Western State Hospital. The 52 buildings on the campus date back to the 1860s, and many of the mechanical systems are deteriorating. This project will design and replace those systems in a strategic manner as funding allows.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Embry Merritt Womack Nance, PLLC, 2400002669; McMurry and Livingston, 2400002732. Allan Coldiron, Purchasing Branch Manager, Division of Purchasing, KYTC, and Will Fogle, General Counsel, KYTC, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Representative McCool, Mr. Fogle stated the increase is due to a significant rise in cases, including the mega project on the Mountain Parkway and the Ohio River Crossing in Henderson, Kentucky.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Fogle stated he did not know how long the cases would remain in litigation, noting that each case is different, with some being settled and others proceeding to trial.

Senator Thomas stated the \$125 per hour legal rate regulation is outdated and should be increased.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contracts as reviewed. Senator Thomas seconded the motion, which passed with Representative Bauman, Representative McCool, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

K. Norman Berry Associates, 242606. Kerra Ogden, Project Manager, WKU Planning, Design, and Construction, WKU, and Dan Chaney, Project Manager, WKU Planning, Design, and Construction, WKU, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Bauman, Ms. Ogden stated the increase is related to branding, AV design, miscellaneous MEP design, and the addition of an emergency generator for the Athletics Indoor Athletic Facility. Mr. Chaney stated the generator is needed because the facility also houses the baseball clubhouse, as well as the e-sports and forensics departments.

A motion was made by Representative Bauman to disapprove the contract. Representative McCool seconded the motion with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Chair Hart voting no and Co-Chair Douglas voting to pass. A motion was made by Senator Thomas to approve the contract as reviewed. Representative Roarx seconded the motion which passed with Representative Bauman and Representative McCool voting no.

THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000402. Leslie Brown, Executive Director, Office of Operations, CPE, and Michaela Steverson, Program Manager for Healthcare and Workforce, CPE, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Brown stated the funds are a grant from the Academy for Health and Family Services. The program provides dual-credit CTE

students with credentials as Registered Behavioral Technicians and Community Health Workers, allowing them to serve in support roles. The program partners with KCTCS campuses, eight pilot high schools, and the University of Kentucky Center for Excellence in Rural Health. The grant follows a previous initiative, Climb 1.0, and is expected to continue through 2027. Co-Chair Douglas requested tracking data on how many participants enter healthcare pathways.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contract as reviewed. Senator Thomas seconded the motion, which passed with Co-Chair Douglas voting no.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Green River Regional Educational, 2600000817. Karen Wirth, Director of Budgets, KDE; Meredith Brewer, Director of Education Policy, KDE; and Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer, KDE, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Dodd stated KDE has already identified an employee for the fellowship, so no external recruitment is needed. The Co-Op serves only as the fiscal agent, and the funds cover the employee's participation in the fellowship, which involves collaboration with scholars and researchers nationwide. The KDE employee has been with the department for three years, and this opportunity is intended for professional growth. Mr. Petrie requested clarification on the statutory authorization for using general fund monies for this program.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contract as reviewed. Representative McCool seconded the motion, which passed.

THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Eastern Kentucky CEP, Inc., 2400002991. Sarah Johnson, Director, Division of Substance Use Disorder, DBHDID, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative McCool, Ms. Johnson stated the amendment provides additional Opioid Abatement Trust Fund dollars to sustain the Barrier Relief program through the end of the fiscal year, with no new positions added. She noted that the program, part of the Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Program under Senate Bill 90, is being evaluated by the University of Kentucky. As the program has expanded from 11 to 18 counties, participation has increased, and Barrier Relief assistance is now available to all eligible participants in those counties.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Johnson stated staff monitor federal funding and its potential impact, are exploring sustainability options, and have no plans to request support from the general fund.

A motion was made by Representative McCool to consider the contract as reviewed. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2400004975. Dr. Judy Theriot, Medical Director, Department for Medicaid Services, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Hart, Dr Theriot stated the contract is a 50-50 match between federal funds and the state university. About half of the funds will carry over to FY26. The contract's findings, intended to identify leverage points for improving outcomes in Kentucky, are made public, with briefs already posted online. The project includes interviews and surveys to provide deeper insights for policy guidance.

A motion was made by Representative McCool to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400001538. Andrew Yunt, Deputy Director of Operations, KDPH, CHFS, and Elizabeth Goode, Director of the Division of Prevention and Quality Improvement, KDPH, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Goode stated the contract supports three programs providing dental services to underserved areas: UK outreach, the Kids Smile program, and a mobile clinic in Benton. Funding comes from general and tobacco settlement funds, targeting rural areas with dentist shortages. The program partners with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to assess statewide dentist availability.

Co-Chair Douglas requested information on the number of patients served annually by the program.

A motion was made by Representative McCool to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Fayette County Board of Education, 2600000519. Karen Wirth, Director of Budgets, KDE; Meredith Brewer, Director of Education Policy, KDE; and Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer, KDE, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Brewer stated the department is hiring Brynne Massie, previously contracted through Fayette County, to fill an existing program consultant position supporting the Teaching and Learning Pathway and Educators Rising. This is a replacement, not a new position. The contract transfer allows the department to fund her role while she retains tenure at Fayette County. Fayette County has subsequently filled her former position.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Brewer stated the employee remains in Fayette County, continues to participate in the teacher retirement system, and KDE covers the full salary and benefits.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contract as reviewed. Representative McCool seconded the motion, which passed.

EXEMPTION REQUESTS:

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

The Division of Forestry requested an exemption from Committee Policy Statement #99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond the biennium for the Bradford Pear Bounty Program – UCF – UKRF, which is part of Consolidated Payment Grant that is funded through U.S. Forest Service, 21-DG-11083121-001 and 22-DG-11083121-001. A motion was made by Representative McCool to grant the request to June 20, 2027. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

The Division of Waste Management (DWM) requested an exemption from Committee Policy Statement #99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond the biennium for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant, funded through U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cooperative Agreement Grant Number 02D59023. A motion was made by Representative McCool to grant the request to December 30, 2026. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture requested an exemption from Committee Policy Statement #99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond the biennium for agreements with six grant recipients for the purpose of training and promoting specialty crop farming techniques in Kentucky. A motion was made by Representative McCool to grant the request to September 29, 2028. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.