

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes

June 9, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Government Contract Review Committee met on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 9:00 AM ET/8:00 AM CT, 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; and Representatives Jason Petrie, and Rachel Roarx.

Guests: Margaret Ivie, General Counsel, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC); Ashley Hooker-Lane, Procurement Manager, AOC; Judge Melissa Moore-Murphy, Fayette District Court; Alexander Magera, General Counsel, Auditor of Public Accounts (APA); Jennifer Moore, Assistant Director, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Dr. Allen Brenzel, Medical Director, DBHDID, CHFS; Wesley Duke, General Counsel, CHFS; Michelle Shane, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE); Carmine Jaccarino, Outside Counsel, KBVE; Karen Wirth, Director of Budgets and Financial Management, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE); Matthew Courtney, Policy Advisor, KDE; Ladonna Scott, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Kentucky Veterans Center, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA); Juan Renaud, Deputy Commissioner, KDVA; Dale Hamblin, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Workers' Claims, Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet (KELC); Scott Wilhoit, Commissioner, Department of Workers Claims, KELC; Staci Cain, Commissioner, Department of Disability Determination Services (DDDS), CHFS; Wesley Phelps, Medical Relations Branch Manager, DDDS, CHFS; Barry Swanson, Chief Procurement Officer and Interim Vice President for Facilities Management, University of Kentucky (UK); Rob Edwards, Vice President of Strategy and Government Relations, UK; Shannan Stamper, Deputy General Counsel, UK; Craig Collins, Chief Financial Officer, UK; Dana Fohl, General Counsel, Eastern Kentucky University (EKU); Jordan Smith, Associate Vice President for Public Affairs, EKU; Jessica Stigall, General Counsel, Kentucky Community Technical College System (KCTCS); Blair Hess, Vice President of Marketing Communications; KCTCS; Bekka Korosec, System Procurement and Payables Director, KCTCS; Jim Barnhart, Chief Information Officer, Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT), Executive Director,

Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA); Adam Adkins, General Counsel, KCNA; Wil Schroder, Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General (OAG); and Chris Evans, Executive Director, Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYOAAC), OAG.

LRC Staff: Jarrod Schmidt, Kim Smith, and Elizabeth Raymond.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to approve minutes of the May 2026, meeting of the committee. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

MARCH DEFERRED LIST:

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Youngblood & Associates; 26-22. Contract withdrawn by agency.

MAY DEFERRED LIST:

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

20/20 Captioning and Interpreting, Inc.; 27-003. Contract withdrawn by agency.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Coalfield Development; 26-37. Contract withdrawn by agency.

JUNE DEFERRED ITEM:

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

PME Public Media Engineering, LLC; 262705. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contract to the July 2026 meeting. Senator Meredith seconded the motion, which passed.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Senator Thomas 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. Senator Meredith seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

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

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Gess Mattingly and Atchison, 2600001808; Liston and Deas, PLLC, 2600001975; Baron & Budd, A Professional Corporation, 2600001981; Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, 2600001986; Edelson, PC, 2600001988; Liston and Deas, PLLC, 2600002001; James Elbert Clark, 2600002503; DNA Diagnostics Center, 2600003492.

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

LBMC, 2600002872.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES**

Reach Evaluation, LLC, 2600002315; Martha Gregory & Associates, Inc., 2600002318.

BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

Illinois Federation of Humane Societies, 2600003585.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Emergency Medical Training Professionals, Inc., 2600003754.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Sivic Solutions Group, LLC, 2600001326.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Waterfront Development Corporation, 2600001115; ICF, Inc., 2600002859.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Choosing the Best, LLC, 2600001527.

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING

Deborah Dawson-Crain, 2600001101; Janna P. Vice, 2600001209.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Caveon, LLC, 2600001473; Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Inc., 2600001683; Panorama Education, Inc., 2600001696; Jennifer R. Stocker, 2600001787.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

STV, Inc., 1900004731-1; Palmer Engineering County, 2600003935; Glaus Pyle Schomer Burns & Dehaven, Inc., 2600003937; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 2600004225; STV, Inc., C-03060711-1.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

360care, LLC, 2600001194; Graves Gilbert Clinic, PLLC, 2600001201; Symphony Diagnostics Services No1, LLC, 2600001202; Graves Gilbert Clinic, PLLC, 2600001203; Neurology and Pain Management Associates, PSC, 2600001204; DSI Medical Service, Inc., 2600002203; 360care, LLC, 2600002425; DSI Medical Service, Inc., 2600003501; Accurate Healthcare Professionals, 2600003624; Amergis Holdings, Inc., 2600003625.

DEPARTMENT OF WORKERS' CLAIMS

Blue & Company, LLC, 2600001714; FAIR Health, Inc., 2600002581.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Mountain View Veterinary Services, PLLC, 4016-2026; ProtoCall Services, Inc., 4074-2026; Clotfelter Samokar, 4093-2026; Crowe, LLP, 4119-2026.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

KZF Design, Inc., 2600002679; BCCLT, Inc., 2600003563; Alt32, PSC, 2600003748; Alt32, PSC, 2600004124.

KENTUCKY BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

McBrayer, PLLC, 2600002232.

KENTUCKY BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Bluegrass EMS Physicians, LLC, 2600003009.

KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS MUTUAL INSURANCE

Overland Solutions, LLC d/b/a EXL Service Holdings, Inc, 27-EXL-001; Johnson Lambert LLP, 27-JLL-002.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, 2600003476.

KENTUCKY HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION

BLX Group, LLC, 27-002; Valenti Hanley, PLLC, 27-004.

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

Park Equine Hospital, PLLC, 2600002695; Lexington Equine Medical Group, 2600002700; Rood, Riddle & Partners, PSC, 2600002759.

KENTUCKY HORSE RACING AND GAMING CORPORATION

Thoroughbred Daily News, LLC, 2026-010; Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders, Inc., 2026-011; Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC, 2026-012.

KENTUCKY LOTTERY CORPORATION

Brightstar Lottery, 27-10-001; Brightstar Global Solutions Corporation f/k/a IGT or GTECH Corporation, 27-15-001; BCH Agency, 27-23-011-1; Goldberg & Simpson, LLC, 27-26-022.

KENTUCKY PUBLIC PENSIONS AUTHORITY

Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, 2600002181; Linea Solutions, Inc., 2600002365.

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD

Louisville /Jefferson County Metro Government, 2600002563; Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government, 2600002567; Louisville Downtown Management District, 2600002568; Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, 2600003236; Triangle Talent, LLC, 2600003647; Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, 2600004091.

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Language in Motion, LLC, 1000; Sign Language Network, Inc., 1001; Northern Kentucky Services for the Deaf, Inc., 1002; Logsdon Endeavors, LLC d/b/a ASL Interpreting Services, 1003; AGB Search, LLC, 1004; R H Perry & Associates, Inc., 1005; Bluegrass Valuation Group, LLC, 1007; Integra Realty Resources, 1008; eBusiness

Advantage, Inc., 1013; Centurion Solutions, LLC, 1015; FORVIS MAZARS, 1016; Institute for Study Abroad Ireland (ISAI), 1017; ZRG Partners, LLC d/b/a/ The Registry, Inc., 1019; 1 on 1 Medical Care, 995; Academic Search, 996; Central Kentucky Interpreter Referral, Inc., 998; Interpreting Services of the Commonwealth, LLC, 999.

KY HOUSING CORPORATION

McBrayer, PLLC, 2027-31; Walther, Gay, & Mack, PLC, 2027-32; Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc., 2027-33; Hanna Resource Group, LLC, 2027-34.

KY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

Paleowest, LLC, 2600003692.

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC, 27-004.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Attain Consulting Group, LLC d/b/a Attain Partners, 015-27.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Hubbard Strategic Partners, 2025-168; Mike Borchers, 2027-101; Protocall Services, Inc., 2027-102; Dean Dorton, LLC, 2027-103; Ken Perry Realty, Inc., 2027-105; Omni Architects, 2027-114; Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP, 2027-115; Dressman Benzinger & Lavelle, 2027-116; Sturgill Turner Barker & Moloney, PLLC, 2027-117; Ziegler & Schneider, PSC, 2027-118; Luminaut, Inc., 2027-122; Luminaut, Inc., 2027-123; Omni Architects, 2027-124; Gunn Menefee, LLC, 2027-125; Hubbard Strategic Partners, 2027-131.

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

PSI Services, LLC, 2600003549.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Certisurv, LLC, 2600001132; Pathom, Inc., 2600001506; Ageless Innovation, LLC, 2600003072.

PERSONNEL - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

UHY, LLP, 2600002157; Callan, LLC, 2600002272; Blue & Company, LLC, 2600003253.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Kentucky Driving School, 2600001892; PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, 2600002459; Balance Dynamics Motorcycle Training Center, Inc., 2600002538; Lisa Keaton, 2600002730; Matthew L. Chapman, 2600002748; Gary Endicott, 2600002755; Darin Sizemore, 2600002758; Dixon Nunnery, 2600002760; Mary McClinton Clay, 2600002765; Schipper Enterprises, LLC, 2600002804; Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, 2600002817; E & E Cycles of Kentucky, LLC, 2600002846; Harley Davidson Bowling Green, 2600002850; BAMWX, LLC, 2600002893; Clinton Investigations, LLC, 2600002918; Dubya J. Brands, LLC, 2600002919; Tim Cody, 2600002924; Kentucky American Road, LLC, 2600002925; DSI Medical Service, Inc., 2600004118.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Whiskey Tango Creative Group, 355255; The Chartis Group, LLC, 355284; LMH Architecture, A261130; Hasenstab Architects, Inc., A261200; JRA Architects, A261210; HDR, Inc., A261220; Diversified Search, LLC d/b/a DSG/Storbeck, K26-136; Alliance Source Testing, LLC, K27-101; Lexington Equine Medical Group, K27-102; Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, K27-103; CorVel Enterprise Comp, Inc., K27-104; Carahsoft Technology Corp., K27-105; Anchor Planning, LLC, K27-108; CTR Consulting, LLC, K27-109; CBRE, Inc., K27-110; William O. Cleverley & Associates, Inc., K27-111; Prominence Advisors, K27-113; Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc., K27-114; Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, K27-115; Mackey Group, LLC d/b/a Wiser Strategies, K27-116; Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc., K27-117; Sturgill Turner Barker & Moloney, PLLC, K27-118; Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP, K27-119; Kinkead & Stiltz, PLLC, K27-120; Benson Law Offices, K27-121; K&L Gates, LLP, K27-122; Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, K27-123; Gray Miller Persh, LLP, K27-124; Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, K27-125; Nichols Darling, PLLC, K27-126; Jones Day, K27-127; Embry Merritt Womack Nance, PLLC, K27-132; Frier & Levitt, LLC, K27-133; Embry Merritt Womack Nance, K27-134; Jackie Horn, Attorney at Law, K27-135; Powers Pyle Sutter & Verville, PC, K27-136; Reed Health Law, PLLC, K27-137; VanAntwerp Attorneys, LLP, K27-138; Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc., K27-140; Davis Moore Capital, LLC, K27-141; Blue & Company, LLC, K27-142; Transplant Management Group, LLC, K27-143; Milliman, Inc., K27-144; United Audit Systems, Inc., K27-145; Ernst & Young, LLP, K27-146; In Trust Partners, LLC, K27-147.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Patrick D. Murphy Company, 00001262; Stengel Hill Architecture, 00001263; K. Norman Berry Architects, 00001264; Omni Architects, 00001266; LMH Architecture, 00001267; GBBN, Inc., 00001268; Work Architecture and Design, 00001269; Voelker Blackburn Niehoff Architects, 00001270; JRA, Inc., 00001271; Studio Kremer Architects, 00001272; Luckett & Farley Architects, 00001273; Champlin Haupt

Architects, Inc., 00001274; Luckett & Farley Architects, 00001277; QK4, Inc., 00001278; KPFF Consulting Engineers, 00001279; Sabak, Wilson & Lingo, 00001280; Gresham Smith, 00001281; Senler Campbell & Associates, 00001282; WSP - Wood Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., 00001283; Kerr Greulich Engineers, Inc., 00001288; Biage, Chance, Cummings, London, Titzer, 00001290; CMTA, Inc., 00001291; Facility Commissioning Group, Inc., 00001292; Linebach Funkhouser, Inc., 00001293; Metric Environmental, Inc., 00001294; Environmental Safety Technologies, Inc., 00001295; Industrial Safety & Training Services, Inc., 00001296; KPFF Consulting Engineers, 00001300; JRA, Inc., 00001302; Patrick D. Murphy Company, 00001303; GBBN Architects, 00001306; Luckett & Farley, 00001310; Gresham Smith, 00001311; Booker Design Collaborative, 00001312; Kohrs Lonnemann Heil Engineers, Inc., 00001313; Kerr Greulich Engineers, Inc., 00001314; Luckett & Farley, Inc., 00001315; Biage, Chance, Cummings, London, Titzer, 00001316; CMTA, 00001317.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Jennifer Clayton, PhD, 262702; Lerman Senter, PLLC, 262703; Stokes Production Services, Inc., 262704; PME Public Media Engineering, LLC, 262705; Commonwealth Alliances, 262706; Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, 262707; Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, 262708; Kerrick Bachert PSC, 262709; Isaacson Miller, 262712; Fletcher Data Consulting, 262719; Bentz, Whaley, Flessner & Associates, Inc., 262802; Employers Risk Services, A division of Houchens Insurance Group, 262803; Mercer Health & Benefits, LLC, 262809; Health Fitness Corporation, 262810; RATP Dev USA, Inc., 262812; Forvis Mazars, LLP, 262813; Chris Verdone, 262814; Champlin / Haupt Architects, Inc. d/b/a EOP Architects-Champlin Architects, 262815; K. Norman Berry Associates, 262816; Champlin / Haupt Architects, Inc. d/b/a EOP Architects-Champlin Architects, 262817; K. Norman Berry Associates, 262818; HAFER, 262819; Kerr-Greulich, 262820.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUNDING COMMISSION

Blue & Company, LLC, 2600002600.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Lake Cumberland Mental Health Mental Retardation Board d/b/a The Adanta Group, 2400005217; Communicare, Inc., 2400005218; Kentucky River Community Care, Inc., 2400005222; Lifeskills, Inc., 2400005223; Northkey Community Care, 2400005225; Green River Regional MHMR Board, Inc., 2400005228; Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2400005229; Transitions, Inc., 2400005230.

COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY

Baker Tilly US, LLP, 2400004016.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Burgess and Niple, Inc., 0700003887; Palmer Engineering Company, 1200002167; GRW Engineers, Inc., 1300002158; Burgess and Niple, Inc., 1900003425; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2000000520; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2000003463; Strand Associates, Inc., 2100001707; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2200001768; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2200004696; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2200004698; American Engineers, Inc., 2200004700; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2300001932; QK4, Inc., 2400001250; Palmer Engineering Company, 2400001743; QK4, Inc., 2400005368; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2400005383; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2400005387; Corradino Group, 2400005401; Horn and Associates, Inc., 2400005414; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2400005416; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2400005421; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2400005423; Terracon Consultants, Inc., 2400005424; Anderson Professional Services, LLC, 2400005425; H. W. Lochner, Inc., 2500000143; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2600000606.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Express Mobile Diagnostic Services, LLC, 2400001984.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

K. Norman Berry Associates Architects, PLLC, 2945-2025.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., 1900005000; Strand Associates, Inc., 2000000293; John A. Newman Consulting Engineers, 2100001857; Patrick D. Murphy Company, Inc., 2200001132; Facility Commissioning Group, Inc., 2200001216; KPFF, Inc., 2200002304; KPFF, Inc., 2200003200; Clotfelter/Samokar PSC, 2300000166; Clotfelter/Samokar PSC, 2300000166; CMTA, Inc., 2300001347; Clotfelter/Samokar, PSC, 2300001619; Patrick D. Murphy Company, Inc., 2300001753; EOP Architects, PSC, 2300002433; Morris Workshop Architects, PLLC, 2300003108; Tate Hill Jacobs Architect, Inc., 2300003449; John A. Newman Consulting Engineers, 2400000411; Kersey and Kersey, Inc., 2400000413; Schmidt Associates, Inc., 2400000546; GRW Engineers, Inc., 2400000728; Hafer PSC, 2400001548; Paladin, Inc., 2400003946; Associated Engineers, Inc., 2400004543; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2400005069; EOP Architects, PSC, 2500000185; Alt32, PSC, 2500001241; Tetra Tech, Inc., 2500001580; Patrick D. Murphy Company, Inc., 2500003099.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Third Rock Consultants, LLC, 16FW000239; Res Kentucky, LLC d/b/a Redwing Ecological Services, 18FW002056; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 22FW000317; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 22FW000317; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001447; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001447; Center for Aquaculture Technologies, Inc., 2500003115.

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Omni Architects, 26-693.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Attain Consulting Group, LLC d/b/a Attain Partners, 015-26.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Ross Tarrant Architects, A261000; Sherman Carter Barnhart, A261010; Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc., K25-166.

THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENTS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kentucky Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation, Inc., 2600002013; Kentucky State Police, 2600002242; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002658; Legal Aid Society, 2600003520; Attorney General Kentucky Opioid Abatement Commission, 2600003546; Boyd County Detention Center, 2600003564; Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc., 2600003643; Campbell County Drug Free Alliance, Inc., 2600003652; Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville, Inc., 2600003655; Blue Grass Community Action Partnership, 2600003656; Choosewell Communities, Inc., 2600003659; Chrysalis House, Inc., 2600003661; Cumberland Trace Legal Services, 2600003662; Cumberland River Behavioral Health, Inc., 2600003664; Family Nurturing Center of Kentucky, 2600003665; Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education, 2600003666; East Kentucky Health Services Center, Inc., 2600003668; Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc., 2600003670; Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council, 2600003671; Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, 2600003672; Grin Grant, Inc., 2600003677; Hope Center, Inc., 2600003679; Hopes Hands, Inc., 2600003681; Horsesensing, 2600003682; Hotel, Inc., 2600003683; Housing Development Alliance, Inc., 2600003684; Voices of Hope - Lexington, Inc., 2600003686; Nelson County Addiction Response Effort, 2600003687; Community Advocates for Resources and Empowerment, Inc., 2600003691; Comprehend, Inc., 2600003693; I Would Rather Be Reading Corporation, 2600003695; Kentucky Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc., 2600003697; Graves County Agency for Substance Abuse

Prevention Policy, 2600003698; Men 2 Be, Inc., 2600003700; Young People In Recovery, 2600003702; Comprehend, Inc., 2600003703; Young Adult Development In Action, Inc., 2600003713; Western Kentucky Regional Mental Health & Retardation Advisory Board, 2600003716; DV8 Kitchen Vocational Training Foundation, 2600003718; Graves County Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention Policy, 2600003719; Jubilee Jobs of Lexington, 2600003721; Metro Louisville Harm Reduction Task, 2600003722; Kentucky Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation, Inc., 2600003724; Unlawful Narcotics Investigations Treatment and Education, 2600003726; Kentucky River District Health Department, 2600003727; Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board, Inc., 2600003728; The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families, Inc., 2600003729; Three Rivers Health, 2600003732; Taylor County Board of Education, 2600003734; Western Kentucky Regional Mental Health & Retardation Advisory Board, 2600003736; KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc., 2600003737; Legal Aid Society, 2600003738; St. John Center, Inc., 2600003739; St. Claire Medical Center, Inc., 2600003743; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600003755; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600003756; Three Rivers Health, 2600003758; Camp Graves, 2600003760; Northern Kentucky Area Development District, 2600003762; Northern Kentucky Community Action, 2600003763; Clark County Health Department, 2600003765; Louisville Recovery Community Connection, 2600003766; Memorial Hospital, Inc., 2600003767; Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, 2600003768; Morehead State University, 2600003770; Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc., 2600003771; University of Louisville Physicians, Inc., 2600003773; A New Beginning for Women and Children, 2600003774; The Morton Center, Inc., 2600003775; Lincoln Trail District Health Department, 2600003779; Lexington Leadership Foundation, Inc., 2600003785; Lexington Leadership Foundation, Inc., 2600003786; Thompson Scholars Foundation, 2600003788; Owensboro Family YMCA, 2600003789; Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation, 2600003791; North Central District, 2600003792; Northern Kentucky Legal Aid Society, Inc., 2600003793; Lawrence County Health Department, 2600003794; Fivco Area Development District, 2600003796; Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc., 2600003797; Oxford House, Inc., 2600003798; Recovery Cafe Lexington, Inc., 2600003800; Save the Children Federation, Inc., 2600003801; Knox County Board of Education, 2600003802; Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2600003805; Shepherds House, Inc., 2600003806; Revive Ministries, Inc., 2600003807; Lifeline Recovery Center, Inc., 2600003808; The Healing Place, Inc., 2600003810; Northern Kentucky University, 2600003811; Bluegrass Community & Technical College Foundation, Inc., 2600003812; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana, 2600003815; SCKY Foundation for Workforce Development, Inc., 2600003818; St. Joseph Catholic Orphan Society, 2600003820; Rivervalley Behavioral Health, Inc., 2600003824; Bright Light Foundation, 2600003826; Shawnee Transformation Youth Coalition, Inc., 2600003830; Somali Community of Louisville, Inc., 2600003837; Franklin County Health Department, 2600003838; Mercy Health -

Marcum & Wallace Hospital, LLC, 2600003843; Voices of Community Activists and Leaders, 2600003845; Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati, 2600003846; Boys and Girls Club, Inc., 2600003849; Appalachian Artisan Center of Kentucky, Inc., 2600003867; University of Kentucky, 2600003881; 4th Dimension Treatment Center, 2600003892; Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, 2600003894; Communicare, Inc., 2600003897; Fletcher Group, Inc., 2600003927; Lacey McNary, 2600003929; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600003930; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600003932.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Multi, 2600000051; NAMI Louisville, Inc., 2600001178; Oxford House, Inc., 2600001182; Kentucky Council On Problem Gambling, Inc., 2600001565; Mental Health Association of Kentucky, Inc., 2600001571; Bridgehaven, Inc., 2600001582; Wellspring, Inc., 2600001583; Communicare, Inc., 2600001801; Lake Cumberland Mental Health Mental Retardation Board, 2600001836; Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2600001857; Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government, 2600001858; Lifeskills, Inc., 2600001865; Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, 2600001875; Rivervalley Behavioral Health, Inc., 2600001881; Pennyroyal Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Board, 2600001936; Greater Louisville Behavioral Health Center, 2600001939; Lifeskills, Inc., 2600002213; Kentucky Primary Care Association, Inc., 2600002323; Mercy Health - Marcum & Wallace Hospital, LLC, 2600002329; The Dry Dock Club, Inc., 2600002330; Life Learning Center, Inc., 2600002331; Eastern Kentucky CEP, Inc., 2600002344; Chrysalis House, Inc., 2600002353; Center for Accessible Living, Inc., 2600003539.

BOARD OF HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS

Public Protection Cabinet, 2600002848.

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Kentucky Committee On Impaired Physicians, Inc., 2600002287.

CHFS - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OAG Administrative Hearings, 2600002921.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Green River Regional Educational, 2600003181; Green River Regional Educational Cooperative, 2600003352.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

New Vista of the Bluegrass, Inc., 2600001321; Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services, Inc., 2600001323; Institute for Family Development, 2600001328; Big Sandy Area Development District, 2600001357; Audubon Area Community Services, 2600001366; Central Kentucky CAC, Inc., 2600001367; Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc., 2600001368; Housing Authority of Bowling Green, 2600001395; Kentucky Housing Corporation, 2600001397; Jewish Family & Career Services, 2600001411; Gateway Juvenile Diversion Project, Inc., 2600001416; Northern Kentucky Area Development District, 2600001579; Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, 2600001879; KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc., 2600002112; Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2600002113; Comprehend, Inc., 2600002114; Pathways, Inc., 2600002115; KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc., 2600002116; Ramey Estep Homes, Inc., 2600002117; Ramey Estep Homes, Inc., 2600002118; KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc., 2600002119; Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2600002215; Center for Human Entrepreneurship Solutions Group, 2600002216; The Center of Owensboro-Daviess County, Inc., 2600002277; KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc., 2600002288; KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc., 2600002289; KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc., 2600002290; KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc., 2600002292; Maryhurst, Inc., 2600002298; Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc., 2600002693.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Kentucky Rural Water Foundation, Inc., 2600001661; City of Cynthiana, 2600002095; Kentucky Rural Water Foundation, Inc., 2600002240.

DEPARTMENT FOR FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS & VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services, Inc., 2600001310.

DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

Butler County Public Library, 2600002029; Casey County Public Library, 2600002032; Grant County Public Library, 2600002035; Hardin County Public Library, 2600002037; Henry County Public Library, 2600002039; Larue County Public Library, 2600002041; Lexington Public Library, 2600002044; Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, 2600002045; Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, 2600002046; Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, 2600002047; Madison County Public Library, 2600002048; Marion County Public Library, 2600002049; Oldham County Public Library, 2600002052; Russell County Public Library, 2600002053; Spencer County Public Library, 2600002054; Todd County Public Library, 2600002056; Washington County Public Library, 2600002057; Wayne County Public Library, 2600002058.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of Arlington, 2600000072; Pulaski County Fiscal Court, 26000000824; Winchester Municipal Utility, 26000000991; City of Jackson, 2600002012; City of Jackson, 2600002120; Appalachian Artisan Center of Kentucky, Inc., 2600002659; Letcher County Fiscal Court, 2600003045; Pennyryle Area Development, 2600003421; Logan Industrial Development Authority, Inc., 2600003511; Kentucky Department of Military Affairs, 2600003601; Pennyryle Area Development, 2600003669; Burkesville Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority, 2600003740.

DEPARTMENT FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

Marshall County Conservation District, 26000000990.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Gilda's Club Kentuckiana, Inc., 2600001007; Center for Human Entrepreneurship Solutions Group, 2600001012; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600001027; Kids Cancer Alliance, Inc., 2600001034; Norton Healthcare Foundation, 2600001035; Community Farm Alliance, 2600001145; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600001165; Kentuckiana Lactation Improvement Coalition, 2600001218; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600001228; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2600001244; Kentuckiana Health Collaborative, 2600001248; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600001296; Grace Community Health Center, Inc., 2600001363; Regional Health Care Affiliates, 2600001369; Livwell Community Health Services, Inc., 2600001376; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2600001377; Kentucky Mountain Health Alliance, Inc., 2600001378; Park Duvalle Neighborhood Health Center, 2600001384; Pennyroyal Healthcare Services, 2600001386; Pennyroyal Healthcare Services, 2600001390; Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc., 2600001392; Legal Aid Society, 2600001426; Dayspring Health, Inc., 2600001429; Kentucky Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation, Inc., 2600001439; Kentucky Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation, Inc., 2600001440; Louisville Pride Foundation, 2600001492; Matthew 25 Aids Services, Inc., 2600001558; Family Health Centers, Inc., 2600001969; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002090; Cicatelli Associates, Inc., 2600002246; University of Pennsylvania Trustees, 2600003883.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Kentucky SILC, Inc., 2600002883.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Campbell County Board of Education, 2600002096; Kentucky Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc., 2600002254; Magoffin County Board of Education, 2600002428;

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002466; Accelerate Learning, Inc., 2600002488; Magoffin County Board of Education, 2600002501; Nelson County Board of Education, 2600002502; Shelby County Board of Education, 2600002507; Warren County Board of Education, 2600002508; City of Danville, 2600002530; Save the Children Federation, Inc., 2600002544; Green River Regional Educational, 2600002557; We Lead CS, Inc., 2600002576; Kentucky Science Teachers Association, 2600002709; TNTP, Inc., 2600002723; Arts for All Kentucky, Inc., 2600002746; Morehead State University, 2600002767; The Center for Education Leadership, 2600002820; CHS Department for Public Health, 2600002863; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002926; Heuser Hearing & Language Academy, Inc., 2600002927; Lexington Hearing and Speech Center, 2600002928; Monroe County Board of Education, 2600002947; Montgomery County Board of Education, 2600002948; Owensboro Independent School District, 2600002949; Shelby County Board of Education, 2600002951; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002954; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2600002955; Anderson County Board of Education, 2600002957; Carter County Board of Education, 2600002967; Paintsville Independent School District, 2600002998; Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics, 2600003013; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600003044; Harrison County Board of Education, 2600003400; Meade County Board of Education, 2600003432; Meade County Board of Education, 2600003435; Russell Independent School District, 2600003443; Glasgow Independent School District, 2600003567; Clark County Board of Education, 2600003720; Spencer County Board of Education, 2600003761; Taylor County Board of Education, 2600003777.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Department of Medicaid Services, 2600002137; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2600002172.

EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET

University of Pikeville, 2600003445.

JUSTICE - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center, 2600001593; Barren River Safe Space, Inc., 2600001594; Bethany House Abuse Shelter, Inc., 2600001595; Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center, 2600001596; Buffalo Trace Children's Advocacy Center, 2600001597; Casa At Woodlawn, 2600001598; Casa By the Lakes, Inc., 2600001599; Casa of Graves County & Southwest Kentucky, Inc., 2600001601; Casa of Lexington, Inc., 2600001602; Casa of Ohio Valley, 2600001604; Casa of the Heartland, Inc., 2600001609; Casa of the Wilderness Trail, 2600001611; Casa, Inc., 2600001612; Child Watch Counseling and Advocacy Center, Inc., 2600001613; Children's Advocacy Center of Green River District, 2600001614; Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Inc., 2600001615;

Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky, 2600001616; Cumberland River Behavioral Health, Inc., 2600001617; Cumberland Valley Children's Advocacy, 2600001618; Cumberland Valley Domestic Violence Services, Inc., 2600001619; Family and Children's Place, Inc., 2600001621; Gateway Children's Advocacy Center, 2600001623; Green River Regional Rape Victim Services, Inc., 2600001624; Greenhouse17, Inc., 2600001625; Hope Harbor, Inc., 2600001626; Hopes Place, Inc., 2600001627; The Ion Center for Violence Prevention, Inc., 2600001628; Judi's Place for Kids, 2600001629; Kentucky Casa Network, 2600001630; Kentucky River Child Advocacy, 2600001631; Kentucky River Community Care, Inc., 2600001632; Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, 2600001633; Lake Cumberland Children's Advocacy Center, 2600001634; LKLP Community Action Council, 2600001635; Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, 2600001636; Northern Kentucky CAC, 2600001638; Owensboro Area Shelter Information and Services, 2600001639; Pathways, Inc., 2600001640; Pennyrile Child Advocacy, 2600001641; Rape Victims Services, Inc., 2600001642; Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky, Inc., 2600001643; Sanctuary, Inc., 2600001644; Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services, 2600001645; Springhaven, Inc., 2600001646; The Center for Women for Women and Families, Inc., 2600001647; Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, Inc., 2600001648; Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc., 2600003077; Baptist Health Foundation Hardin, Inc., 2600003078; Bourbon County, 2600003079; Berea Police Department, 2600003081; Cumberland Trace Legal Services, 2600003083; Fayette County Board of Education, 2600003086; Home of the Innocents, 2600003091; Jefferson County Attorney, 2600003093; Jewish Family & Career Services, 2600003094; Kentucky Refugee, 2600003096; Legal Aid Society, 2600003100; Lexington/Fayette Urban County Government, 2600003101; Maryhurst, Inc., 2600003103; Northern Kentucky Children's Law Center, Inc., 2600003106; Northern Kentucky Legal Aid Society, Inc., 2600003107; St. Joseph Catholic Orphan Society, 2600003113; Center for Women Children and Families, Inc., 2600003115; University of Louisville Hospital, 2600003116; Lexington/Fayette Urban County Government, 2600003305; Lexington/Fayette Urban County Government, 2600003307.

KENTUCKY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Kentucky Association for Environmental Education, 2600002725.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 2600002654; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002819; Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves, 2600003486; Murray State University, 2600003537.

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

Friends of the Lexington Mounted Police, 2600002838.

KY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

Connected Nation, Inc., 2600002861.

KY RIVER AUTHORITY

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002089.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

St. Elizabeth Healthcare, 2027-111.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Michigan Peer Review Organization, 2600000804; Kentucky Health Care Foundation, Inc., 2600001476.

STATE TREASURER

Independence Seekers Project, Inc., 2600002375; Build Inclusion, Inc., 2600002380; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002382.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600001895; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2600001899; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600001958; Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc., 2600002198; Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc., 2600002728; Gateway Community & Technical College, 2600002877; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2600002952; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2600002953; Dry Stone Conservancy, 2600003287.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Gateway Community & Technical College, 001-27; Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College, 002-27.

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES

Lake Cumberland Mental Health Mental Retardation Board d/b/a the Adanta Group, 2400003612.

CHFS - DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Center for Human Entrepreneurship Solutions Group, 2400003986.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2500001269;
Hopkinsville/Christian County Ambulance Service, 2500001611.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001765; Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, 2400001878; KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400002654; Ramey Estep Homes, Inc., 2400002699; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2500000641.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Friends of Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge, 2400000209.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Kentucky Primary Care Association, Inc., 2400001587; Ashland Hospital Corporation, 2400002374; University of Louisville Hospital, 2400002614.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Indiana University, 2500002579; Barren County Board of Education, 2500002677; Barren County Board of Education, 2600000317; Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 2600000371.

EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET

Floyd County Public Library, 2400003687.

STATE TREASURER

Office of the Attorney General, 2600000479.

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

ECON DEV - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Cycling the Stans, 2600004211; Sunshine Films Florida, LLC, 2600004217; Horse Girls, LLC, 2600004218; Sunshine Films Florida, LLC, 2600004220; Liquor Sisters, LLC, 2600004221; Mah02 ENT, LLC, 2600004222; Pomegranate Productions, LLC, 2600004223; Historically Haunted, 2600004253; Rear Ended E2, 2600004254; Uncorkd, 2600004256; Arrowback Productions, 2600004265; Blackwater Productions, LLC, 2600004267.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Fayette County Board of Education, 2600004155. Margaret Ivie, General Counsel, AOC; Ashley Hooker-Lane, Procurement Manager, AOC; and Judge Melissa Moore-Murphy, Fayette District Court, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Petrie, Judge Moore-Murphy stated the juvenile treatment court is a special court program for court-involved youth that focuses on mental health and rehabilitation instead of traditional sentencing. A school employee serves as the program manager, and the contract simply passes county funding through the AOC. The program manager attends juvenile and family court sessions, receives referrals from judges, and meets with youth and families. The program serves youth connected to the court system, including truancy and other juvenile offenses. Eligible participants are screened through interviews and then complete a structured 4-phase program similar to drug court before they can graduate.

In response to Senator Thomas, Judge Moore-Murphy stated the program partners with the Urban County Government, which funds drug testing services. It requires active family participation and provides support, education, and resources for parents. The program focuses on improving the family environment and addressing root causes of delinquency to help prevent future justice system involvement.

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

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

VPS Solutions, LLC, 2600003711; Prinse, LLC, 2600003712. Alexander Magera, General Counsel, APA, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Magera stated they were contracted to conduct a comprehensive review of the KentuckyWired network. A report is expected before the 2027 legislative session. Also, they are investigating whether investment managers used by Kentucky Public Pension Authority (KPPA) are prioritizing environmental, social, and governance factors over their fiduciary duty to maximize returns for pension beneficiaries. The review was requested by the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee and will examine whether investment strategies are serving the best financial interests of Kentucky retirees and taxpayers.

In response to Representative Roarx, Mr. Magera stated the review of KPPA investment managers is progressing, with assistance from outside experts who have specialized knowledge of investment management practices. The timeline depends on how cooperative investment managers are in providing information and records. While an October target date has been established, the contract allows for deadline extensions if additional investigation is needed.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Magera stated a court granted summary judgment on liability, finding that fiduciary duty violations occurred, but damages have not yet been determined. The liability ruling has been appealed, and based on court filings, potential damages could reach billions of dollars.

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Jackson & Coker Locumtenens, LLC, 2600001053; Annashae Corporation, 2600001273. Jennifer Moore, Assistant Director, DBHDID, CHFS; and Dr. Allen Brenzel, Medical Director, DBHDID, CHFS, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Representative Petrie, Dr. Brenzel stated the department uses contracted locum tenens psychiatrists to provide medical staffing at state psychiatric hospitals because of ongoing psychiatrist shortages. These contracts primarily support direct patient care for individuals under civil commitment, with minimal administrative functions. Kentucky faces a severe psychiatrist shortage that is expected to worsen, with projections showing the state may have only 50% of the psychiatrists needed by 2038; the lowest supply in the nation. The department is working with universities to expand psychiatry residency programs, promote rural psychiatry training, explore federal funding opportunities, and support initiatives to increase the number of practicing psychiatrists in Kentucky.

In response to Senator Meredith, Dr. Brenzel stated the department actively tries to hire the locum tenens psychiatrists into permanent state positions when possible. While contract psychiatrists are expensive, permanent hires also carry significant salary, pension, and benefit costs, especially as psychiatrist salaries continue to rise due to workforce shortages. The department is also expanding the use of nurse practitioners and physician assistants to extend psychiatric services more efficiently. Despite staffing challenges, the facilities are generally fully staffed and continuously work to reduce reliance on contract providers through direct hiring.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Dr. Brenzel stated malpractice insurance costs are typically included in the contract rate paid.

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

BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

Coy Ray St. Clair, Jr., 2600002134; James Thomas Williams, 2600002570. Michelle Shane, Executive Director, KBVE; and Carmine Jaccarino, Outside Counsel, KBVE, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Jaccarino stated the licensing board operates as an independent agency and no longer relies on the Public Protection Cabinet for

administrative support. Investigators examine complaints and report their findings to the investigative committee, which then makes recommendations to the full board. While individuals can file complaints about licensed professionals, not all concerns result in disciplinary action.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Vickie Johnson Consulting, LLC, 2600001688. Karen Wirth, Director of Budgets and Financial Management, KDE; and Matthew Courtney, Policy Advisor, KDE, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Hart, Ms. Wirth stated an RFP was issued with 5 applicants responding. The selected vendor was chosen based on scoring and negotiations. The service is used on a limited, as-needed basis to support external review processes for competitive grant programs, such as McKinney-Vento and 21st Century grants. The contract is typically used only for a small number of intensive review periods each year and outside reviewers help maintain fairness, integrity, and the appearance of impartiality in the RFP process by avoiding any perception of favoritism in awarding grants.

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

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Multi, 2600000108; Multi, 2600000114. Ladonna Scott, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Kentucky Veterans Center, KDVA; and Juan Renaud, Deputy Commissioner, KDVA, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Scott stated the 2 contracts are used very infrequently, mainly for occasional, urgent needs for veterans such as orthotics, durable medical equipment, braces, or specialty medications when contracted vendors are not immediately available. These are emergency, stopgap services to ensure patient needs are met. When services are used, costs are either billed to veterans' insurance when applicable or absorbed by the facility for certain items like durable medical equipment.

In response to Representative Roarx, Ms. Scott stated the contract covers rare, occasional needs for veterans, such as renting specialized medical equipment like hospital mattresses from local durable medical equipment providers when facilities do not have them in stock.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WORKERS' CLAIMS

Charles Taylor TPA, LLC, 2600001712. Dale Hamblin, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Workers' Claims, KELC; and Scott Wilhoit, Commissioner, Department of Workers Claims, KELC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Hamblin stated the commissioner is legally required to pay compensation benefits for very old workers' injury claims, pre-March 1, 1997, when the original self-insured employers' security funds were exhausted. These claims are handled through a statutory fund established under KRS 342.920, which pays injured workers and covers administrative costs through a third-party administrator. While the total contract amount appears large, actual payouts to injured employees have averaged around \$1 million since 2012. Administrative costs are incurred only when claims are actively handled, about \$39 per action, and stop when claims are inactive.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Hamblin stated Kentucky requires all employers to carry workers' compensation insurance or be approved as self-insured, with those self-insured employers posting financial security. If a self-insured employer defaults, its security is used to pay claims through guarantee funds. Claims after March 1, 1997, are handled by guarantee funds that assess member employers, while older pre-1997 claims are paid by the commissioner through a separate statutory fund.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Wilhoit stated the fund primarily covers claims involving coal industry workers, including long-term conditions like black lung disease that can take years to develop. When severe cases occur, such as lung transplants, which can cost around \$1 million, the fund must be prepared to cover those expenses.

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

DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Visions Group 2020, LLC, 2600002299; Kay Barnfield PSY.D. PSC, 2600002300; Boateng Psychological Services, 2600002301; Jane F. Brake, 2600002302; Donna J. Farmer, 2600002304; Bornstein Psychological Services, Inc., 2600002305; Laura Mundell Cutler, 2600002306; Julie B. Jones, 2600002307; Stephen Kavka, 2600002308; G. Stephen Perry Edd, 2600002309; Timothy Gregg, 2600002366; Jacob Sherman Meece, 2600002368; Rebecca B. Luking, 2600002369; Sudhideb Mukherjee MD, 2600002370; Clarissa Renee Roan-Belle, 2600002371; Harwell Fitzhugh Smith, 2600002374; Danelle Stevens-Watkins PhD, PLLC, 2600002376; Kristin Jo Wiltrout, 2600002377; Steven Ray Vallance, 2600002378; Steven Clair Solvik, 2600002398; Anthony Greg Barnes, 2600002504; Daniel Grant Meece, 2600002506; Jacqueline Carey Fister, 2600002512; John Francis Norton, 2600002519; Stephanie Sheffield, 2600002520; Tonya R. Gonzalez, 2600002521; Saima Noon, 2600002522; The Booth Review, LLC, 2600002523; Neil Christopher Armstrong, 2600002524; Kip Randall Beard, 2600002525; Jean Anne Sutherland, 2600002526; Stephen Jerome Spanbauer,

2600002527; Our Family Direct Primary Care, PLLC, 2600002528; Wayne Drive Herner, 2600002529. Staci Cain, Commissioner, DDDS, CHFS; and Wesley Phelps, Medical Relations Branch Manager, DDDS, CHFS, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Phelps stated these contracts do not represent fixed annual payouts to vendors but instead set maximum spending authority based on workload. Contracted medical consultants are paid per referral to complete required medical assessments for Social Security disability claims. Doctors review cases and determine functional capacity, often spending 1 to 2 hours per case, with many working part-time while maintaining private practices. Workload is significant, with over 83,000 cases budgeted annually, sometimes requiring multiple specialist reviews per case. The state uses a mix of physicians, such as internists and specialists, and ensures all consultants are properly credentialed and federally vetted through background checks.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contracts as reviewed. Senator Thomas seconded the motion, which passed with Senator Meredith voting no.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Deloitte Consulting, LLP, K27-107. Barry Swanson, Chief Procurement Officer and Interim Vice President for Facilities Management, UK; Rob Edwards, Vice President of Strategy and Government Relations, UK; and Craig Collins, Chief Financial Officer, UK, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Hart, Mr. Collins stated the previous contracts, approximately \$91 million had been paid through April 2026, supported major technology projects, including implementation of Epic, Workday, and SailPoint for hospitals that recently joined the university system. Funding also supported Epic implementation at Rockcastle Hospital to improve electronic medical record sharing across Kentucky. The contractor serves as the university's implementation partner, providing specialized expertise in system integration, cybersecurity, identity and access management, and protection of patient records. The projects are nearing completion, with Epic scheduled to go live at the end of June and the ERP system rollout continuing through July and August.

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

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Whitecap Health Advisors, LLC, K27-112. Mr. Swanson, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Collins, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Hart, Mr. Edwards stated the vendor was selected through a competitive bidding process to provide specialized behavioral health consulting services. The university engaged the firm to help address growing rates of severe mental illness and determine how best to organize and coordinate behavioral health services across

Chandler Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, Eastern State Hospital, and the community mental health system. The consulting work includes evaluating new treatment models, such as the IMPath intensive outpatient therapy program, and improving patient care and cost effectiveness.

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

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Stites & Harbison, K27-128; Stoll, Keenon, Ogden, PLLC, K27-129; Bricker, Graydon, Wyatt LLP (formerly Wyatt Tarrant & Combs), K27-130; Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, K27-131. Mr. Swanson, Mr. Edwards, and Shannan Stamper, Deputy General Counsel, UK, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Stamper stated the university regularly faces litigation and other legal matters requiring specialized outside counsel. These contracts primarily provide litigation support and expertise for complex legal issues that may arise over a 2-year period. Although UK has expanded its in-house legal department from about 10 attorneys to 25, and handles as much work internally as possible, it still relies on outside firms for specialized matters.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Stamper stated there have been attempts before on tort reform.

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

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

SunSovereign d/b/a Ware Immigration, K27-139. Mr. Swanson, Mr. Edwards, and Ms. Stamper, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Stamper stated the university sponsors employment-based visas, primarily H-1B visas, for highly qualified international employees when specialized positions cannot be filled with available U.S. candidates. These visas are commonly used for physicians and other healthcare professionals but may also support other specialized roles, including some athletics positions. The contracted immigration law firm specializes in higher-education employment immigration and has historically handled visa matters for university employees. However, the university has increasingly moved this work in-house by hiring its own immigration specialist, who now provides most immigration support and policy guidance. The contract does not involve student (F-1) visas, which are managed internally. When an H-1B employee leaves the university, the university notifies federal authorities, and the employee generally has a 60-day federal grace period to secure a new sponsoring employer or adjust their status. The current contract is largely for legacy cases, no new work is being sent to the firm, and a new competitive RFP for immigration legal services is planned during the upcoming biennium.

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

PERSONNEL - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc., 2600002150. A motion was made by Senator Meredith to defer the contract to the July 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Stoll, Keenon, Ogden PLLC, 4052-2026. Dana Fohl, General Counsel, ECU; and Jordan Smith, Associate Vice President for Public Affairs, ECU, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Hart, Ms. Fohl stated the university spends about \$31,000 to \$48,000 per year on immigration legal services. Contract amounts are set higher than actual spending to avoid future amendments. Immigration-sponsored employees make up less than 0.5% of full-time faculty, and the university expects usage to decrease as federal immigration costs and requirements increase.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Fohl stated most J-1 visa matters for students are handled internally through the university's international student office. Outside immigration counsel is used only occasionally for unusual situations. The law firm primarily assists with H-1B visa filings and renewals for employees. The university coordinates between its international student office, Human Resources, and immigration counsel to help eligible students transition from student visa status to employment-based sponsorship when appropriate.

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

McBrayer, PLLC, 1018; Ovare Group, 989; Piper-Smith, LLC, 991; Studio46 Inc., 992. Jessica Stigall, General Counsel, KCTCS; Blair Hess, Vice President of Marketing Communications, KCTCS; and Bekka Korosec, System Procurement and Payables Director, KCTCS, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Hart, Ms. Stigall stated McBrayer currently serves as outside counsel for approximately 4 ongoing litigation cases. Following a competitive RFP process, the firm is no longer accepting new work. The contract exists solely to allow the firm to continue handling and completing existing cases.

In response to Chair Hart, Ms. Hess stated targeted marketing, outreach, and communications efforts have helped drive record enrollment across the institution's more than 70 campuses. Recruitment strategies are tailored to the needs of diverse student populations, including many who require additional academic support, and to the enrollment goals of its 16 colleges. Outsourcing video production is considered more cost-effective than maintaining those capabilities across all campuses, while the public

relations contract provides crisis communication support and helps the institution prepare for and respond to issues affecting its large statewide student and employee population.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Hess stated 30% of students who come to KCTCS are not prepared for college. The institution operates as an open-access system, meaning any applicant is automatically accepted. Its responsibility is to meet students where they are academically and help them become college-ready through services such as GED completion and remedial coursework. All 16 colleges follow this model, offering free applications, automatic enrollment, and support to help students reach the academic level needed for college coursework.

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

KENTUCKY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AUTHORITY

Ice Miller, LLP, 2400001798. Jim Barnhart, Chief Information Officer, COT, Executive Director, KCNA; and Adam Adkins, General Counsel, KCNA, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Adkins stated litigation is currently scheduled for trial in November 2026, with court-mandated mediation set for the end of July in hopes of reaching a settlement. An earlier settlement attempt was unsuccessful, but parties are returning to mediation as ordered by the court. The case involves complex legal and expert testimony issues related to interpretation of a middle mile network contract. The trial date was previously moved and the court has indicated it does not expect further delays. While settlement is still the preferred outcome, the case is expected to reach a final resolution either through mediation or trial by the end of 2026.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENTS WERE SELECTED
FOR FURTHER REVIEW:**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., 2600003393. Wil Schroder, Senior Counsel, OAG; and Chris Evans, Executive Director, KYOAAC, OAG, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Evans stated the organization was selected to support a youth prevention program after a national search directed by the Attorney General. Officials said the program was chosen because it uniquely delivers content to Generation Z through social media and streaming platforms in a way not widely used in Kentucky or elsewhere. Because it already existed and was ready for implementation, the state opted to use this program rather than build a new one from scratch, allowing for faster rollout of youth-focused prevention content across the Commonwealth.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Schroder stated there has been positive feedback from the targeted youth audience. Early indications suggest the program has been successful so far.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Evans stated the youth prevention program will be monitored and refined to ensure effective delivery, with evaluation ongoing. While the vendor is out of state, some work is being done by Kentucky companies.

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Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2600001550. Ms. Moore, Dr. Brenzel, and Wesley Duke, General Counsel, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Moore stated the contract provides staffing for the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center and supports approximately 72 positions, including the medical director, physicians, and IT staff.

In response to Representative Petrie, Mr. Duke stated the bankruptcy case has been ongoing for more than a decade and remains unresolved. It is currently pending before the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky following an appeal of a bankruptcy court decision. The matter has been fully briefed and is awaiting a court ruling. Officials have discussed the case with counsel for the affected counties, but counsel for the KPPA declined to comment due to the ongoing litigation. Separately, the contract supports a broad range of positions at the forensic psychiatric hospital, but it is primarily focused on clinical care. Staff include psychiatrists, psychologists, behavioral health technicians, and other direct care professionals. While there are some support roles, such as IT and limited administrative functions, the vast majority of positions are clinically trained and provide direct patient care. The facility does not receive Medicaid reimbursement, services are funded through state general funds. The state has been unable to recruit enough independently licensed physicians and other high-level clinical professionals into permanent state positions.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.