

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes

August 11, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Government Contract Review Committee met on Tuesday, August 11, 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, Craig Richardson, and Reginald L. Thomas; and Representatives Jared Bauman, Jason Petrie, and Rachel Roarx.

Guests: Barbara Dickens, General Counsel, Finance and Administration Cabinet, Kentucky Fair Board (KFB); Tiffany Smither, Assistant Director, Division of Finance and Administration, Department of Aging and Independent Living, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Dena Rogers, Assistant Director, Division of Quality Living, Department of Aging and Independent Living, CHFS; Eileen Butts, Interim Purchasing Director, Kentucky State University (KSU); Nicole Sergeant, General Counsel, KSU; Jessica Stigall, General Counsel, Kentucky Community Technical College System (KCTCS); Deck Decker, Assistant Vice President, Business Services, KCTCS; Barry Swanson, Chief Procurement Officer and Interim Vice President for Facilities Management, University of Kentucky (UK); Craig Collins, Chief Financial Officer, UK; Karen Wirth, Director of Budgets and Financial Management, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE); Brian Gupton, Chief Executive Officer, Kentucky Datastream Initiative, KDE; Jason Wheatley, Unit Administrator, Office of Special Education and Early Learning, KDE; Micki Marinelli, Chief Academic Officer, KDE; Gretta Hylton, Associate Commissioner, Office of Special Education and Early Learning, KDE.

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

A motion was made by Senator Meredith and seconded by Co-Chair Douglas to approve minutes of the July 8, 2026, meeting. Minutes were approved by voice vote without objection.

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. Representative Bauman 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. Representative Bauman 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. Representative Bauman 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. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

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

JULY DEFERRED LIST:

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

PME Public Media Engineering, LLC; 262705. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to consider the contract as reviewed. Senator Meredith seconded the motion, which passed.

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD

Dsbeck, LLC; 2600003284. Barbara Dickens, General Counsel, Finance and Administration Cabinet, KFB, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Dickens stated the contract renewal was rescinded before taking effect July 1, 2026, by the Finance Cabinet based on the Kentucky Supreme Court's decision in *Beshear v. Coleman*. The board approving the renewal was not constitutionally constituted and lacked authority to renew the contract. The Finance Cabinet reviewed this contract at the Tourism Cabinet's request. Other contracts were not reviewed.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Dickens stated they were asked to review this specific contract before its July 1, 2026 effective date. There is no knowledge of other contracts which might be affected by the Kentucky Supreme Court's decision.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to revoke the Finance Administration Cabinet's rescission. Co-Chair Douglas seconded the motion, which passed, with Representative Roarx voting no.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Morehead State University, 2700000175; Adams Law, PLLC, 2700000200.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Miner Barnhill & Galland P.S.C., 2700000050; Nachawati Law Group, PLLC, 2700000051; Baron & Budd, A Professional Corporation, 2700000052; Motley Rice, LLC, 2700000053; Dicello Levitt, LLP, 2700000054; Garwin Gerstein & Fisher, LLP, 2700000055; Kirby McInerney, LLP, 2700000056; Bahe Cook Cantley & Nefzger, 2700000058; Wade Kilpela Slade, LLP, 2700000059; Tad Thomas, 2700000060; Embry Merritt Womack Nance, PLLC, 2700000061; Beasley Allen Crow Portis & Miles, P.C., 2700000062; Barrack, Rodos, & Bacine, 2700000063; Bryant Law Center, 2700000069; Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, PLLC, 2700000070; Edelson, PSC, 2700000071; Holtzman Vogel Baran Torchinsky & Josefiak, PLLC, 2700000072; NS PR Law Services, LLC d/b/a Napoli Shlolnik, LLC, 2700000073.

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Scanlan Associates, LLC, 2600004708; Kentucky Professionals Recovery Network, Inc., 2700000066.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

TPMA, LLC, 2600002711; LBMC, 2700000084.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Sivic Solutions Group, LLC, 2700000035.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Terry A. Gray, 2700000024; George Freeman Gilbert, 2700000064.

DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

Attain Consulting Group, LLC, 2700000038.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Saybolt, LP, 2600004810.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

McBrayer, PLLC, 2600001271; Carmen I. Desadier, 2600001517; Mid America Health, Inc., 2600001684.

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING

Critical Stress & Wellness Center, LLC, 2600001589; Powerphone, Inc., 2600003060; Baptist Health Medical Group, Inc., 2600004088; Joseph S. Cline Monitoring Services, 2700000099; Brett Scott, 2700000100; MB Consulting Services, LLC, 2700000101.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mike Wilson, 2600003596.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

QK4, Inc., 2700000012; DLZ Kentucky, Inc., 2700000013; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2700000014; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2700000015; WSP USA, Inc., 2700000016; QK4, Inc., 2700000017; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2700000018; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2700000019; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2700000020; Corradino Group, 2700000021; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2700000022; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2700000023; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2700000134; Haworth Meyer Boleyn, LLC, 2700000202.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Amergis Holdings, Inc., 2600000273; Mid America Health, Inc., 2600002881.

DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Tadarro Richardson, 2600004792.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Clotfelter Samokar, PSC, 4223-2027.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., 2600004261; Logsdon Auction Group, LLC, 2600004812.

KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Robert Newman, 2600004711; Charlotte Elizabeth Fowler, 2600004768; Gray Miller Persh, LLP, 2600004801; Joseph Sean Anderson, 2700000074; Nicholas Andrew O'Neill, 2700000075; Josh Nolan, 2700000076; Amelia Cutadean, 2700000077.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Multi, 2600000270; Quality Deer Management Association, 2700000025; Center for Aquaculture Technologies, Inc., 2700000067.

KENTUCKY HORSE RACING AND GAMING CORPORATION

Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC, 2026-021.

KENTUCKY STATE POLICE

Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc., 2600002008; Phillip Lamont Robertson, 27000000092; Jeremy Marcus Devasher, 2700000102.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, 27-004; Judith K. Jones-Toleman, Attorney at Law, 27-015.

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Trace Creek, 26-003; Omni Architects, 26-011.

KY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Synapse Energy Economics, Inc., 2600001574.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Throwing Words, 031-27; Greenwood Asher & Associates, a division of Kelly Services, Inc., 041-27.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Healthcare Interactive, Inc., 2600003207; Exercize Innovations, 2600003685.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Roland P. Merkel PSC, 2600004683.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

OSCI, PLLC, 27-107; BAHA Anesthesia, LLC, 27-109; G. Perry Majors, MD, PSC, 27-110; Innerface Architectural Signage, Inc., 355583; Deaf Services Center, Inc., 355936; Crowe, LLP, 357295; CMTA, A271000; Applied Engineering Services, A271010; Embry Merritt Womack Nance, PLLC, K27-187; Apax Software, K27-188; RSM US, LLP, K27-190; RSM US, LLP, K27-191.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Luckett & Farley Architects, 00001332; Champlin Haupt Architects, Inc., 00001368; Walker Parking Consultants, 00001380.

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES

D&S Residential Services, LP, 2600004139.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SOCIAL WORK

Mark R. Brengelman Attorney At Law, PLLC, 2400004627.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

QK4, 1400001951; URS Corporation, 1600000572; Integrated Engineering, 1900003440; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 1900005015-1; Gresham Smith, 2000000178; QK4, Inc., 2000000386; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2000001344; QK4, Inc., 2100003448; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2200004769-1; Leslie M. Haney & Albert W. Gross Partner, 2300001112; HNTB Corporation, 2300001362; Stanton Constructability Services, LLC, 2300001539; Palmer Engineering Company, 2300002052; GRW Engineers, Inc., 2300003162; DLZ Kentucky, Inc., 2300003353; Palmer Engineering Company, 2400000003; H W Lochner, Inc., 2400000005; Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC, 2400000007; Haworth Meyer Boleyn, Inc., 2400000009; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2400000010; The Raleigh Company, 2400001360; WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., 2400005398; WSP USA, Inc., 2400005398-1; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2400005399; KTA-Tator, Inc., 2500000190; Palmer Engineering Company, 2500000217; Burgess and Niple, Inc., 2500000231; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2500000232; QK4, Inc., 2500000587; Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., 2500001316; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2500001579; Strand Associates, Inc., 2600000813.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Brandstetter Carrol, Inc., 2822-2024.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Hafer PSC, 2000000001; Architectural Investments, 2000000358; KZF Design, Inc., 2200000755; Patrick D. Murphy Company, Inc., 2200001132; Vertical Structures, Inc., 2200003355; Work Architecture & Design, 2300003338; Kersey and Kersey, Inc., 2400000413; Clotfelter/Samokar, PSC, 2400001018; Kersey and Kersey, Inc., 2500001373; Champlin Haupt Architects, Inc., 2500002554; Gallagher Office of Architecture, LLC, 2600003255.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001447; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2500001448; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2500001448; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2500001448.

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Marcum Engineers, 24-019; TOGETHERWITH, Inc., 989.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC, 029-27; Timely TeleHealth, LLC, 035-27.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Long-Term Care Consultants, LLC, 2500001993.

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

CHFS - DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Multi, 2600000104.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Kentucky Communications Network Authority, 2600002837; Board of Control for Southern Regional Education, 2600004051; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2600004229; University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2600004357.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Multi, 2600000095; Multi, 2600000101; Play Cousins Collective, 2600004712; Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc., 2600004806.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Leslie County, 2600001190; Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, Inc., 2600002860; Perry County Fiscal Court, 2700000085; Perry County Fiscal Court, 2700000087; Marshall County Fiscal Court, 2700000096.

DEPARTMENT FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

Kentucky KYTC Capital City Airport, 2600004524; Hazard Community and Technical College, 2700000097.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600001283; University of Pikeville, 2600001880; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600001882; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600004478; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2700000112; Appalachian Kentucky Health Care Access Network, Inc., 2700000121.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board, Inc., 2700000031.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Kentucky Alternative Livestock Association, 2700000159.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Fayette County Board of Education, 2600003598; Office of the Attorney General, 2600003701; Bourbon County Board of Education, 2600003714; Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation, 2600003956; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600004141; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2600004143; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2600004179; Mason County Board of Education, 2600004209; Rowan County Board of Education, 2600004224; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600004249; The Achievement Network, Ltd., 2600004706; Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services, Inc., 2600004814; Boyd County Board of Education, 2700000080; Green River Regional Educational, 2700000088; Green River Regional Educational, 2700000158; Oldham County Board of Education, 2700000165.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

New Legacy Reentry Corporation, 2600002888; Option To Success, Inc., 2600002889; Keys Community Development Center, 2600002890; Rhema Word Foundation (RWF), 2600002891; Western Kentucky Regional Mental Health & Retardation Advisory Board, 2600002892; Young Mens Christian Association of Greater Louisville, Inc., 2600002901; Kentucky School Board Association Educational Foundation, Inc., 2600002903; Gateway Juvenile Diversion Project, Inc., 2600002923; The Methodist Home of Kentucky, Inc., 2600002929; Specialized Alternatives for Families & Youth of Kentucky, 2600002932; Sunrise Children's Services, Inc., 2600002934; Arbor Youth Services, Inc., 2600003254; The Lionheart Foundation, Inc., 2600003498; Franklin County Board of Education, 2600003514; Home of the Innocents, 2600003634; Ameelio, Inc., 2600004313; Foothills Academy, Inc., 2600004538; Christian County Board of Education, 2600004664; Nelson County Board of Education, 2600004674; the Methodist Home of Kentucky, Inc., 2600004813; American Correctional Association, 2700000010.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Brain Injury Association of America, Inc., 2600003967; Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation d/b/a Kentucky Valor, 2700000029.

EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET

Center for Rural Development, 2600002613; United Way of the Ohio Valley, 2600002616; The Creative School, Inc., 2600002638; Corbin Public Library, 2600002642; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600003496; Glasgow Independent School District, 2600004534; Franklin County Board of Education, 2600004535.

FINANCE - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Public Protection Cabinet, 2700000170.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2600004272.

KENTUCKY STATE POLICE

Kentucky Medical Services Foundation, Inc., 2600002407.

KY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

Cumberland Valley Area Development District, 2600004722.

MEDICAID SERVICES BENEFITS

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600002336.

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

Department of Professional Licensing, 2600004334; Public Protection Cabinet, 2700000106.

OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bluegrass Area Development District, 2600004204.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Leadingage Kentucky Foundation, 2600004024.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Kentucky State Police, 2026-02; Warren County Sheriff Office, 2026-03.

THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Kentucky River Community Care, Inc., 2600002553.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600004159.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Bath County Board of Education, 2400005275; Bell County Board of Education, 2500001133; Ballard County Board of Education, 2500001149; Ballard County Board of Education, 2500001149; Boyd County Board of Education, 2500001150; Christian County Board of Education, 2500001152; Clark County Board of Education, 2500001158; Woodford County Board of Education, 2500001162; Whitley County Board of Education, 2500001163; Corbin Independent School District, 2500001165; Taylor County Board of Education, 2500001167; Fayette County Board of Education, 2500001168; Fulton County Board of Education, 2500001169; Henderson County Board of Education, 2500001170; Henry County Board of Education, 2500001171; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2500001172; Johnson County Board of Education, 2500001173; Lincoln County Board of Education, 2500001178; Logan County Board of Education, 2500001179; Marshall County Board of Education, 2500001180; Nelson County Board of Education, 2500001182; Owensboro Independent School District, 2500001183; Pike County Board of Education, 2500001185; Pulaski County Board of Education, 2500001187; Spencer County Board of Education, 2500001188; Ballard County Board of Education, 2500002959; Glasgow Independent School District, 2500002967; Bracken County Board of Education, 2500003036; Covington Independent School District, 2500003039; Fayette County Board of Education, 2500003042; Martin County Board of Education, 2500003047; Newport Independent School District, 2500003058; Clinton County Board of Education, 2500003086; Cumberland County Board of Education, 2500003091; Menifee County Board of Education, 2500003094; Logan County Board of Education, 2500003156; Monroe County Board of Education, 2500003158; Caldwell County Board of Education, 2500003165; Campbell County Board of Education, 2500003168; Webster County Board of Education, 2500003204; Hart County Board of Education, 2500003218; Clark County Board of Education, 2500003222; Taylor County Board of Education, 2500003224; Lincoln County Board of Education, 2500003232; Nelson County Board of Education, 2500003256; Spencer County Board of Education, 2500003259; Corbin Independent School District, 2500003271; Greenup County Board of Education, 2500003272; Wayne County Board of Education, 2500003273; Harrison County Board of Education, 2500003274; Ludlow Independent School District, 2500003275; Leslie County Board of Education, 2500003317; Barren County Board of Education, 2600000317; Breathitt County Board of Education, 2600000318; 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; Frankfort Independent School District, 2600000326;

Graves County Board of Education, 2600000329; Harlan County Board of Education, 2600000331; Jackson Independent School District, 2600000333; Johnson County Board of Education, 2600000335; Livingston County Board of Education, 2600000338; Magoffin County Board of Education, 2600000339; Marshall County Board of Education, 2600000340; Mason County Board of Education, 2600000341; McCreary County Board of Education, 2600000342; Monroe County Board of Education, 2600000343; Montgomery County Board of Education, 2600000344; Paducah Independent School District, 2600000348; Paintsville Independent School District, 2600000349; Taylor County Board of Education, 2600000352; Whitley County Board of Education, 2600000354; Bath County Board of Education, 2600000387; Paducah Independent School District, 2600000392; Kentucky Valley Education, 2600000539; Henderson County Board of Education, 2600004652.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves, 2500001566; Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves, 2500001760.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

CHFS - DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Neurobehavioral Resources, Ltd., 2600002913. Tiffany Smither, Assistant Director, Division of Finance and Administration, Department of Aging and Independent Living, CHFS, and Dena Rogers, Assistant Director, Division of Quality Living, Department of Aging and Independent Living, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Bauman, Ms. Smither stated the contract is funded through a 13H2 agency fund, which receives 8% of DUI fines. The contract is paid from this revenue and does not involve Medicaid funding.

In response to Representative Roarx, Ms. Rogers stated one participant requires medical and behavioral health services unavailable in Kentucky, requiring out-of-state care which does not qualify for Medicaid.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Smither stated the contract currently serves one individual, with an additional spot available if needed. The individual has been covered since 2018, and the contract costs about \$285,000 annually. The fund receives approximately \$316,000 from DUI fines, but because that revenue is insufficient and has not increased since 2004, the remaining cost is covered by the General Fund.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Rogers stated the individual has severe medical and behavioral health needs requiring a highly specialized facility. Few facilities nationwide can accommodate both needs, and efforts continue to find appropriate placement in Kentucky.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contracts as reviewed. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. Contract moves forward.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Diamond Drugs, Inc., 2600001682; Wellpath, LLC, 2600002509.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contracts. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contracts to the September 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Meredith and Senator Richardson voting no.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Diamond Drugs, Inc., 2600002022; Wellpath, LLC, 2600002908.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contracts. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contracts to the September 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Meredith and Senator Richardson voting no.

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD

Michael Edward Berry, 2700000009. Ms. Dickens, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Dickens stated the contract was reviewed as requested following the Kentucky Supreme Court case. The review confirmed the contract was properly procured and complied with applicable procurement laws and procedures.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contract. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Thomas and Representative Roarx voting no.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Dinsmore & Shohl, 27-005; Sturgill Turner Barker & Moloney, PLLC, 27-008. Eileen Butts, Interim Purchasing Director, KSU, and Nicole Sergeant, General Counsel, KSU, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Sergeant stated the contracts were new contracts after a gap period caused by a missed renewal deadline. No legal work was performed during the gap. The firms handle different specialized matters and provide coverage for litigation not covered by insurance, including employment cases, COVID litigation, commercial matters, and investigations where conflicts arise. Both firms

maintained the same hourly rates, which were considered favorable compared with higher rates paid by the University.

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

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Maloney, 1032; Dinsmore & Shohl, 1035. Jessica Stigall, General Counsel, KCTCS, and Deck Decker, Assistant Vice President, Business Services, KCTCS, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Stigall stated the University could not piggyback on the prior contract because it had lapsed. An RFP showed rates as high as \$700 per hour for specialized legal services, including tax, intellectual property, and artificial intelligence. Dinsmore provides expertise in these areas, while Sturgill Turner Barker & Maloney focuses on employment, education, and other matters. Their previous rate was \$125 per hour, but they indicated they would require \$225 per hour upon renewal.

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

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Evaluation and Grant Support Collaborative, 987. Ms. Stigall and Mr. Decker, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Petrie, Mr. Decker stated this was a renewal of an existing grant contract that was mistakenly marked as already processed on the biennial contract tracking spreadsheet. The error was discovered afterward and additional procedures will be implemented, including a secondary review of all contracts next year.

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

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Blue and Company, LLC, 27-108; Hargis & Associates, LLC, 356933; Forvis, LLP (f/k/a Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP), K27-189. Barry Swanson, Chief Procurement Officer and Interim Vice President for Facilities Management, UK, and Craig Collins, Chief Financial Officer, UK, discussed the contracts with the committee.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contracts. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Richardson, Senator Thomas, and Representative Roarx voting no. A motion was made by Senator Thomas to consider the contracts as reviewed. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, with Senator Meredith, Representative Bauman, Co-Chair Douglas, and Chair Hart voting no. Contracts move forward.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Law Office of J. Gregory Clare, 00001351.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contract. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contract to the September 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Meredith and Senator Richardson voting no.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2300000721.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contract. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contract to the September 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Meredith and Senator Richardson voting no.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Peraton, Inc., 2200001543; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2500001434.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contracts. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contracts to the September 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Meredith and Senator Richardson voting no.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Wellpath, LLC, 2400004442.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contract. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contract to the September 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Meredith and Senator Richardson voting no.

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

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

CHS- Department for Medicaid Services, 2600003552.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contract. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contract to the September 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Meredith and Senator Richardson voting no.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Kentucky Datasam Initiative, Inc., 2600004491. Karen Wirth, Director of Budgets and Financial Management, KDE, and Brian Gupton, Chief Executive Officer, Kentucky Datasam Initiative, KDE, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Mr. Gupton stated the contract continues program services for the Kentucky Data Seam Initiative, which supports education and workforce development through technical training, teacher professional development, and registered apprenticeships for high school students. The program reaches nearly one-half of Kentucky's K-12 public school population. Approximately \$3 million is provided annually, including approximately \$2.4 million in technology workstations for participating school districts that otherwise could not afford them.

In response to Representative Petrie, Mr. Gupton stated the program serves 62 of Kentucky's 171 school districts and provides technology at essentially no cost to participating districts. Districts contribute about 17 cents for every dollar of program investment. The partnership also develops the state's technology workforce through training and apprenticeships, helping students enter family-sustaining technology careers without necessarily needing a 4 year degree.

In response to Representative Bauman, Mr. Gupton stated Datasam is a nonprofit and has received \$3.5 million in state funding in each of the past two bienniums. The funding has helped expand programs and leverage more than \$3 million in federal grants for technology apprenticeships through the Appalachian Regional Commission and U.S. Department of Labor. The organization has also expanded its apprenticeship program statewide and believes it has sufficient resources to fulfill the contract.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

University of Kentucky, 2600003010; Kentucky Department of Education, 2600004494; Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc., 2600004541; Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc., 2600004542.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to disapprove the contracts. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which failed with Senator Thomas, Representative Roarx, and Co-Chair Douglas voting no. A motion was made by Co-Chair Douglas to defer the contracts to the September 2026 meeting. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed, with Senator Meredith and Senator Richardson voting no.

JUSTICE - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Cabinet for Health and Family Services - DBHDID, 2600004685.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Barren County Board of Education, 2600003420; Barren County Board of Education, 2600003424; Franklin County Board of Education, 2600003882; Raceland Independent School District, 2600003912; Newport Independent School District, 2600003924; Corbin Independent School District, 2600004154; Fayette County Board of Education, 2600004299; Green River Regional Educational, 2600004317; Barren County Board of Education, 2600004323; Barren County Board of Education, 2600004324; Warren County Board of Education, 2600004485; Green River Regional Educational, 2600004518. Ms. Wirth, Jason Wheatley, Unit Administrator, Office of Special Education and Early Learning, KDE, Micki Marinelli, Chief Academic Officer, KDE, Gretta Hylton, Associate Commissioner, Office of Special Education and Early Learning, KDE, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Wirth stated these are new, year-to-year MOA contracts beginning July 1, 2026, although work continues from the previous biennium. The contracts allow school district employees with specialized expertise, such as literacy, special education, and early learning, to support state programs and grants while remaining district employees.

In response to Co-Chair Douglas, Ms. Hylton stated contract numbers 2600003882 and 2600004299 support federally funded initiatives aimed at improving postsecondary transition outcomes for students with disabilities. The state received about \$16 million in time-limited federal grants over 5 years because students with disabilities have been underperforming compared with their peers after leaving high school. The contracts provide additional support to schools, districts, parents, and families to improve these outcomes.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Marinelli stated 2 highly qualified teachers from Boone County were selected as statewide literacy coaches, but their district would not enter a direct MOA with KDE. KDE therefore worked through the regional education cooperative so the coaches could retain their benefits and retirement service without a lapse. They no longer have an employment connection with Boone County.

No motion was made. Contracts move forward.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM ET/10:01 AM CT.