

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes

September 14, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Government Contract Review Committee met on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM ET/8:00 AM CT, in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Donald Douglas, 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 Jared Bauman, Bobby McCool, Jason Petrie, and Rachel Roarx.

Guests: Hilarye Dailey, Deputy Commissioner of Support Services, Department of Corrections (DOC); Leslie Hoffman, Deputy Command Services, DOC; Ann Blaylock, General Counsel, Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (KJPSC); Dr. Clark Lester, Chief of Mental Health, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ); Nathan Goens, Deputy General Counsel, KJPSC; Dena Burton, Executive Director, DJJ; Austin Grey, Associate University Counsel, University of Louisville (UofL); Sally Molsberger, Chief Procurement Officer, UofL; Amanda LaFerve, Commissioner, Department for Environmental Protection (DEP); David Gormley, Director of Division of Professional Services, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); James Edmunds, Division of Maintenance, KYTC; Jenny Sand, Executive Director, Government Community Relations, Northern Kentucky University (NKU); Amy Gellen, Chief Human Resources Officer, NKU; Kevin Locke, Associate Vice President, Planning and Design Construction, University of Kentucky (UK); Stacey Hans, Contract Manager, Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, KYTC; Todd Kilburn, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Kentucky Community Technical College System (KCTCS); Becca Korosec, Director for Payables and Procurement, KCTCS; Chris Crumrine, Director of Government Affairs, KCTCS; Matt Sawyers, Commissioner, Department for Local Government (DLG); Aaron Jones, Branch Manager, Office of State Grants, DLG; Sam Flynn, Executive Director, Pre-K for All Program, Education and Labor Cabinet (ELC); Sarah Hail, Chief of Staff, ELC; Cali Arnold, Legislative Director, ELC; Victoria Eldridge, Commissioner, Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL); Marnie Mountjoy, Director, Division of Quality, DAIL; Amy Metzger, Division Director, DAIL; Astrud Masterson, Executive Director, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), Office of Administrative Services (OAS); Angie Lawrence, Director, Grants Management Division, KJPSC.

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

A motion was made by Senator Meredith and seconded by Representative Bauman to approve the minutes of the August 11, 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. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

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

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

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

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

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

AUGUST DEFERRED LIST:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Diamond Drugs. Inc., 2600001682; Wellpath, LLC., 2600002509. Hilarye Dailey, Deputy Commissioner of Support Services, DOC, and Ann Blaylock, General Counsel, KJPSC, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Dailey state the Diamond Drugs contract provides medications for all 14 state prisons and is the final two-year renewal of the original 2022 contract. The state spent \$20.7 million on medications last year, compared with \$18.8 million the previous year. The Wellpath contract covers medical and mental health care for inmates in all 14 state prisons, including certain care provided in county jails.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Blaylock stated new regulations had been issued defining what qualifies as “beyond routine care” for inmates in county jails after a court case found DOC’s previous interpretation was incorrect but did not provide a new definition. DOC worked with jailers to identify additional services that should be included, and two changes were added to the emergency regulations.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Dailey stated the service is currently out for bid, with the goal of having a new contract in place by January 1, 2027.

In response to Representative Bauman, Ms. Blaylock stated DOC has issued an RFP for inmate medical services and the department is carefully reviewing the services and proposals. This contract is different from the Department of Juvenile Justice contract, which only provides mobile X-ray services at juvenile facilities to avoid sending juveniles to community emergency rooms.

In response to Representative Bauman, Ms. Dailey stated the previous contract was originally awarded in January of 2022.

In response to Representative Bauman, Ms. Blaylock stated the Wellpath contract was originally with the Finance and Administration Cabinet, not the Department of Corrections and Wellpath’s financial problems were not known at the time.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Dailey stated the contract is currently being evaluated, with the goal of starting a new contract beginning January 1, 2027. However, the process could be delayed by various issues.

No motion was made. Contracts move forward.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

CHS – Department for Medicaid Services, 2600003552. Hilarye Dailey, DOC, and Leslie Hoffman, Deputy Command Services, DOC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Dailey stated the two-year agreement supports the Reentry 1115 Program, a partnership between Corrections and Medicaid. Corrections pays the state share of Medicaid costs for services provided to state inmates during the 60 days before release. The program serves about 12,200 inmates, with funding split between general and federal funds.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Hoffman stated since the program began April 1, 2026, about 1,057 inmates have been identified for pre-release services, with 677 already released into the community.

No motion was made. Contract moves forward.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Diamond Drugs, Inc., 2600002022; Wellpath, LLC., 2600002908. Dr. Clark Lester, Chief of Mental Health, DJJ, and Nathan Goens, Deputy General Counsel, KJPSC, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Goens stated the Diamond Drugs contract provides medications for youth in the custody of DJJ. DJJ spent approximately \$1.16 million in FY26. The contract is based on reimbursement, and only pays for medications used.

In response to Representative Bauman, Dr. Lester stated DJJ medical staff may be involved from the time youth enter detention, including continuing medications they were taking in the community and evaluating or prescribing treatment as-needed.

In response to Chair Douglas, Dr. Lester stated limited mental health resources in communities and schools can make treatment more difficult. Staff try to look at youth needs in a broader way, including family, community, and social factors.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Wellpath, LLC., 2400004442. Dr. Lester, DJJ, and Mr. Goens, KJPSC, discussed the contract with the committee.

A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart 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. Dr. Lester, DJJ, Mr. Goens, KJPSC, and Dena Burton, Executive Director, DJJ, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Goens stated the contract delays were caused by vendor and approval processes, but services continued because they were essential. There was a reduction in cost due to expected budget cuts, but services were not reduced. One ankle-monitoring contract received a discount that lowered the cost.

In response to Representative Bauman, Dr. Lester stated there are other administrative costs in the University of Kentucky contract, not just salary funds.

In response to Representative Bauman, Ms. Burton stated the additional service will support a restorative justice study and help provide more services to youth and families. The goal is to reunite offenders with victims and reduce crime in the community.

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

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Law Office of J. Gregory Clare, 00001351. Austin Grey, Associate University Counsel, UofL, and Sally Molsberger, Chief Procurement Officer, UofL, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Grey stated these are specialized immigration services for doctors and other highly skilled individuals, including programs that help doctors work in rural or medically underserved areas.

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

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2300000721. Amanda LaFerve, Commissioner, DEP, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. LaFerve stated this is the final phase of a \$32 million dam repair project. The contract provides engineering services for the next 2 years to oversee the construction work and ensure it is done correctly. The design and monitoring work were completed in earlier phases.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Peraton, Inc., 2200001543. David Gormley, Director of Division of Professional Services, KYTC, and James Edmunds, Division of Maintenance, KYTC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Gormley stated the contract covers the staffing and operations of the Louisville Transportation Operations Center and supports Northern Kentucky's traffic systems. It provides for monitoring traffic, cameras, road conditions, truck parking, and digital signs, and supports KYTC's snow and ice operations and new transportation technologies. The contract is renewed annually and has been in place since at least 2018.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

HDR Engineering, Inc., 2500001434. Mr. Gormley, KYTC, and Mr. Edmunds, KYTC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Mr. Gormley stated a clerical error caused the contract to be incorrectly closed out in the accounting system as a final payment. The remaining funds were returned to the General Fund. The contract is being reopened because additional work is still needed.

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

JUSTICE – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Cabinet for Health and Family Services – DBHDID, 2600004685. Mr. Goens, KJPSC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Representative Bauman, Mr. Goens stated he did not have the correct information in hand, but would email it to the committee at a later time.

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

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, 2700000537.

BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

Clinton Investigations, LLP, 2700000081.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Conroy Transcription Services, LLC, 2700000136.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Doyle & Seelbach, PLLC, 2600004754.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Albany Post No. 1096 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Inc., 2600004045.

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING

Strategic Minds Therapy, LLC, 2600001166.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

HDR Engineering, Inc., 2700000284; QK4, Inc., 2700000546; H. W. Lochner, Inc., 2700000556; Palmer Engineering County, 2700000560.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Raymond F. Debolt, 2600004758; Keith Hardison, 2700000192.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Hurst Review Services, Inc., 4233-2027; Facility Commissioning Group, Inc., 4235-2027.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Champlin Haupt Architects, Inc., 2600004714.

KENTUCKY LOTTERY CORPORATION

Ellipse Solutions, LLC, 27-17-016.

KENTUCKY PUBLIC PENSIONS AUTHORITY

Reinhart Boerner Vandeuren, PSC, 2600003228; Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC, 2600003231; Reinhart Boerner Vandeuren S.C., 2600003448.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Stratagon Agency, Inc., 27-010; Protiviti Government Services, 27-019.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Campbell Coyle Holdings, LLC, d/b/d Campbell Coyle, 042-27; Risepoint, LLC, 043-27.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Compliance Holdings, LLC d/b/a Lumelight, 2027-150; RES Kentucky, LLC, 2027-151; Magnolia Consulting, LLC, 2027-152; Hanson, Inc., 2027-156.

PERSONNEL BOARD

James L. Dickinson, 2700000163; Roland P. Merkel PSC, 2700000203; Keith Hardison, 2700000208.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Kentucky Training, LLC, 2700000245.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Bureau Veritas Certification North America, Inc., K27-192; Norley Carbon & Graphite Consultants, LLC, K27-193; Seth Noar, K27-194; Advanced Fiber Technologies, Inc., K27-195; Mashni Law, PLLC, K27-196; The Stelter Company, K27-197; Trinity Consultants, K27-198; Beacon Systems, Inc. subsidiary of Radiant Digital, K27-199.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Paladin, Inc., 00001346; Facility Commissioning Group, Inc., 00001348.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Bell Orr Ayers and Moore, PSC., 262824; Huron Consulting Services, LLC, 262826.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC, 2600004255.

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Multi, 2600000242.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

GRW Engineers, Inc., 0700006362; Palmer Engineering Company, 1100001520; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 1200001635; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 1200001639; GRW Engineers, Inc., 1300002158; STV, Inc., 1800001152-1; HDR Engineering, Inc., 1900002815; Integrated Engineering, 1900003492; H. W. Lochner, Inc.,

2000000469; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2000000523; STV, Inc., 2000000705-1; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2100000815; Strand Associates, Inc., 2100001707; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2100001942; Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc., 2100002278; Burgess and Niple, Inc., 2200001433; Prime AE Group, Inc., 2200003067; HNTB Corporation, 2300001362; Strand Associates, Inc., 2300001835; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2300002042; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2300003634; QK4, Inc., 2400000006; Palmer Engineering Company, 2400000084; QK4, Inc., 2400000196; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 2400000197; Gresham Smith, 2400001390; H. W. Lochner, Inc., 2400002789; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2600000257; Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc., 2600000717.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Vertical Structures, Inc., 2200003355; EOP Architects PSC, 2200003831; Omni Architects, 2200003840; Hafer PSC, 2300001205; Biagi Chance Cummins London Titzer, Inc., 2300001530; Kesler Simpson Architects, LLC, 2300001632; Paladin, Inc., 2300001751; Paladin, Inc., 2300001751; EOP Architects PSC, 2300001911; Clotfelter/Samokar PSC, 2400001018; Kerr Greulich Engineers, Inc., 2400003607; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2500001237; Stengel Hill Architects, LLC, 2500002351; Hafer, PSC, 2600000491; Kesler Simpson Architects, LLC, 2600000770.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Sustainable Streams, LLC, 16FW000034; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 19FW004505; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 2300003399; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001273; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001447; Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 2500001447; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2500001448.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Signature Healthcare Consulting Services, LLC, 2600000716.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dustin Markwell, 2600002748.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

HDR Architecture, Inc., A241110.

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2700000199.

CHFS - DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Multi, 2700000018.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc., 2700000047; Family Scholar House, Inc., 2700000117; Northern Kentucky Community Action, 2700000126; Community Action of Southern Kentucky, Inc., 2700000161.

DEPARTMENT FOR FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS & VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Association of State Service Commissions, 2600003071; Jefferson County Board of Education, 2600004789; Multi, 2700000017; Kentucky Environmental Education Council, 2700000222; Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation, 2700000261.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - Department of Highway Marlowe Project, 2600001845; Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority, 2700000252; Allen County Fiscal Court, 2700000335; Kentucky Dance Council, Inc., 2700000358; Green County, 2700000365.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Foundation for A Healthy Kentucky, 2600004355; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600004807; Kentucky Primary Care Association, Inc., 2700000089; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2700000105; Community Medical Associates, Inc., 2700000107; Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, 2700000133; Kentucky Cancerlink, Inc., 2700000177; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2700000178; University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., 2700000251; Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation, 2700000286.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Kentucky 4-H Foundation, 2700000385; University of Kentucky, 2700000393.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Campbell County Board of Education, 2600003130; Cabinet for Health and Family Services - DBHDID, 2600004131; Kentucky Non Public Schools Commission, Inc., 2700000145; Green River Regional Educational, 2700000168; Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, 2700000238; Campbell County Board of Education, 2700000257; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2700000260; Bath County Board of Education, 2700000265; Covington Independent School District, 2700000266; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2700000268; Newport Independent School District, 2700000269; Paducah Independent School District, 2700000270; Spencer County Board of Education, 2700000273; Whitley County Board of Education, 2700000274; Dayton Independent School District, 2700000275; Mercer County Board of Education, 2700000313; Green River Regional Educational, 2700000338.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

University of Kentucky, 2600003250; Boyle County Board of Education, 2600004658; Bullitt County Board of Education, 2600004659; Calloway County Board of Education, 2600004661; Campbell County Board of Education, 2600004662; Fayette County Board of Education, 2600004667; Franklin County Board of Education, 2600004668; Hopkins County Board of Education, 2600004669; Knox County Board of Education, 2600004670; Laurel County Board of Education, 2600004672; Ohio County Board of Education, 2600004675; Todd County Board of Education, 2600004681; Warren County Board of Education, 2600004682.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

Multi, 2700000021; Multi, 2700000023; Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 2700000137.

ECON DEV - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Blue Grass Community Foundation, 2700000230; Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, 2700000239.

EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET

Community Action Lexington Fayette, 2600002610; Casa By the Lakes, Inc., 2600002623.

JUSTICE - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Lake Cumberland Area Development District, Inc., 2600004698.

KY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Kentucky Community and Technical College System, 2600001576.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

CHFS - Office of Inspector General, 2600003694.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Owsley Brown Frazier Historical Arms Museum Foundation, Inc., 2700000193.

TOURISM - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, 2700000124; Shakertown At Pleasant Hill, 2700000167; Breckinridge County United, Inc., 2700000180.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 2700000162; The Children's Hospital Foundation, Inc., 2700000235; The Children's Hospital Foundation, Inc., 2700000236; Students Against Destructive Decisions, 2700000293; Unite Corporation, 2700000318; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2700000319; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2700000320; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2700000337; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2700000340; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2700000344; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2700000348; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, 2700000354.

**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, 2600001092; Louisville Recovery Community Connection, 2600001290; Recovery Cafe Lexington, Inc., 2600001291; Mental Health Association of Kentucky, Inc., 2600001571; Young People In Recovery, 2600002325; Metro Louisville Harm Reduction Task Force, 2600002328; Eastern Kentucky CEP, Inc., 2600002344; Kentucky Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation, Inc., 2600002350; People Advocating Recovery, 2600003247; Shepherd's House, Inc., 2600003580; Kentucky River District Health Department, 2600003591; Voices of Hope - Lexington, Inc., 2600003675; Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio, 2600003871.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Consortium for Children, 2600001458.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation, 2500002012; Department for Environmental Protection, 2600000994.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Perry County, 2400000110.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2500000550; Dayton Independent School District, 2500000974; Jefferson County Board of Education, 2500000975; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2500000976; Paducah Independent School District, 2500000984; Bullitt County Board of Education, 2500001151; Webster County Board of Education, 2500001164; Montgomery County Board of Education, 2500001181; Perry County Board of Education, 2500001184; Crittenden County Board of Education, 2500002965; Henderson County Board of Education, 2500002974; Mayfield Independent School District, 2500002977; Metcalfe County Board of Education, 2500002988; Ashland Board of Education, 2500003032; Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education, 2500003041; Williamstown Board of Education, 2500003060; Adair County Board of Education, 2500003061; Bourbon County Board of Education, 2500003079; Casey County Board of Education, 2500003084; Wolfe County Board of Education, 2500003096; Save the Children Federation, Inc., 2500003120; Johnson County Board of Education, 2500003137; Harlan County Boys and Girls Club, 2500003172; Grayson County Board of Education, 2500003203; Hardin County Board of Education, 2500003207; Whitley County Board of Education, 2500003209; YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, 2500003278; Allen County Board of Education, 2600000316; Calloway County Board of Education, 2600000319; Floyd County Board of Education, 2600000325; Fulton Independent Board of Education, 2600000327; Grant County Board of Education, 2600000328; Grayson County Board of Education, 2600000330; Jackson County Board of Education, 2600000332; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2600000334; Larue County Board of Education, 2600000336; Lee County Board of Education, 2600000337; Nelson County Board of Education, 2600000345; Newport Independent School District, 2600000347; Pulaski County Board of Education, 2600000350; Robertson County Board of Education, 2600000351; Woodford County Board of Education, 2600000355; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2600000380; Whitley County Board of Education, 2600000381; Covington Independent School District, 2600000388; Dayton Independent School District, 2600000389; Jefferson County Board of

Education, 2600000390; Newport Independent School District, 2600000391; Spencer County Board of Education, 2600000393; Kentucky Valley Education, 2600000543; Northern Kentucky University, 2600002707; Leslie County Board of Education, 2600003152; Oldham County Board of Education, 2600003183; Pulaski County Board of Education, 2600003218.

OFFICE OF ENERGY POLICY

Next Step Network, Inc., 2500002666.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Leadingage Kentucky Foundation, 2500001426; Leadingage Kentucky Foundation, 2500001928; Leadingage Kentucky Foundation, 2500001981.

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

ECON DEV - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Evermore Productions, LLC, 2700000217; Eleventh Kentucky Movie, LLC, 2700000218; Copperline Productions, LLC, 2700000219; Helix Productions, LLC, 2700000220; Icestone Productions, LLC, 2700000221; Charlotte Dyke, 2700000225; House of Hawthorne, LLC, 2700000232; Applied Art Pictures, Inc., 2700000233; Wizard Film, LLC, 2700000234; Airways Productions, LLC, 2700000241; Sunshine Films Florida, LLC, 2700000244; Gambino Film Production, LLC, 2700000559.

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

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Samaritan Fund Program, LLC, 2027-155. Jenny Sand, Executive Director, Government Community Relations, NKU, and Amy Gellen, Chief Human Resources Officer, NKU, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Ms. Gellen stated the Samaritan Fund program will provide up to \$60,000 per qualifying employee with a catastrophic illness, such as cancer or the need for an organ transplant. The program helps employees find alternate health coverage and covers their annual out-of-pocket maximum. This allows employees to focus on their care while reducing the university's medical claim costs.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Gellen stated this is the first time NKU has used the Samaritan Fund program. It will be available to all employees, who will receive

information by email and letter. Employees interested in the program will complete a HIPAA form and work with a benefits consultant.

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

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Sherman Carter Barnhart, A271130. Kevin Locke, Associate Vice President, Planning and Design Construction, UK, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Locke stated the contract provides design services to renovate Taylor Education and Dickey Hall, which house the College of Education. Sherman Carter Barnhart will provide services from planning through construction. This is a renovation, not a rebuild.

In response to Representative Bauman, Mr. Locke stated the project is funded through state asset preservation funds. The contract covers design, construction documents, inspections, construction administration, and pre-construction work with a construction manager.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Locke stated the contract includes allowances for geotechnical and site survey.

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

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

WSP USA, Inc., 2400001109. Mr. Gormley, KYTC, and Stacey Hans, Contract Manager, Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, KYTC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Hans stated the contract was originally for pre-construction and plan review services. Since the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project has moved into construction, the contract was modified to provide construction inspection and engineering services. The contract is phased and will be updated annually as-needed.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Hans stated the additional \$9 million in funding is expected to be funded 80% with federal funds and 20% with road funds.

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

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Aon Consulting, Inc., 1020. Todd Kilburn, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, KCTCS, Becca Korosec, Director for Payables and Procurement, KCTCS, and Chris Crumrine, Director of Government Affairs, KCTCS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Kilburn stated an incorrect description was provided on the contract. The vendor provides actuarial services for the university's OPEB trust. The additional work will help develop a plan required by House Bill 500, including future cost forecasting and guidance for managing the employees' Medicare Advantage plan.

In response to Representative Petrie, Mr. Kilburn stated an initial study is due October 1, 2026. This study will be prepared for the January 1, 2027 report to be given to LRC. The completed actuarial study included roughly 2,100 employees.

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

THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Louisville Orchestra, Inc., 2700000494. Matt Sawyers, Commissioner, DLG, and Aaron Jones, Branch Manager, Office of State Grants, DLG, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Jones stated this is the third biennium of state funding for the Louisville Orchestra's statewide tour. The tour has been operating for about 5 years and has received positive feedback. The DLG processes the appropriation, but does not review the project in detail because the Legislature has already approved the funding. Tour stops vary by region, although some locations may be repeated.

In response to Representative Petrie, Mr. Jones stated the agreement requires quarterly reports of expenditures, invoices, and receipts. The Louisville Orchestra regularly provides this information, allowing the state to track how the funding is being used.

In response to Representative Bauman, Mr. Jones stated sponsorship expenses are used to connect with local organizations and businesses in each region where the Louisville Orchestra performs. These partnerships help promote the tour and support other community activities.

In response to Representative Bauman, Mr. Sawyers stated the agency's role is to administer the requirements of the appropriation, while recipients have flexibility in how they spend the funds. The agency does not review every individual expense.

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

EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET

Dawson Springs Board of Education, 2700000285. Sam Flynn, Executive Director, Pre-K for All Program, ELC, Sarah Hail, Chief of Staff, ELC, and Cali Arnold, Legislative Director, ELC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Flynn stated the pilot program is designed to show the benefits of expanding preschool access, including improved kindergarten readiness and increased workforce participation. The goal is for the General Assembly to use the results to consider expanding preschool access to more 4 year-olds in Kentucky.

In response to Representative Petrie, Mr. Flynn stated the preschool pilot is being evaluated mainly for its workforce impact, while also tracking educational outcomes. The program collects information from parents and school districts on employment, plans to return to work, household income, and kindergarten readiness. The goal is to determine whether expanded preschool access helps parents return to work and improves outcomes for children.

In response to Senator Thomas, Mr. Flynn stated Kentucky has offered preschool since 1990, but eligibility has remained limited mainly to children with disabilities and families below 160% of the federal poverty level. A proposed expansion to 250% would reach about 10,000 more children. Since that expansion did not move forward, federal workforce funds are being used for a pilot that allows all 4 year-olds in participating districts to attend. In Dawson Springs, the funding supports 2 teachers, 2 instructional aides, and \$8,000 per classroom for supplies and setup.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Flynn stated Kentucky has significant child care shortages. In Hopkins County, there are 2,630 children under age 5, but only 1,392 child care slots, with about 500 considered high quality. Expanding preschool could free up child care spaces for younger children and increase access in communities with limited or no child care.

In response to Representative McCool, Mr. Flynn stated the preschool program runs like a regular school day. It's a full 185-day school year, 5 days a week, for 7 hours each day.

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

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

CHFS - DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Multi, 2600000107. Victoria Eldridge, Commissioner, DAIL, Marnie Mountjoy, Director, Division of Quality, DAIL, Amy Metzger, Division Director, DAIL, and Astrud Masterson, Executive Director, CHFS, OAS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Ms. Masterson stated the original contract amount is \$57 million, with a \$4 million modification. The agency is working with Finance to correct an eMars issue that currently prevents the amount from being updated.

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

JUSTICE - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Fayette County Board of Education, 2500001700. Mr. Goens, KJPSC, and Angie Lawrence, Director, Grants Management Division, KJPSC, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Ms. Lawrence stated the program was created to help reduce gun violence and work with mental health courts to provide alternatives to immediate incarceration. It is 100% federally funded, with federal funds advanced to grant recipients to carry out the program's goals.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Mr. Goens stated Kentucky does not currently have a process set up to use these funds for court purposes, so the funds are not being used for that purpose.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Ms. Lawrence stated the agency has a contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts, which provides funding for its various court functions and normal operations.

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

EXEMPTION REQUESTS:

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

Division of Water requested an exemption from Committee Policy Statement #99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond the biennium for the Water Quality Management 604(b) Grant, (WQMPRG and WQMINF). A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to extend the grant request to June 30, 2029. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

Division of Water requested an exemption from Committee Policy Statement #99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond the biennium for the Brownfields Multipurpose Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Agreements (BCAINF), funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cooperative Agreement Grant Number 05D50125. A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to extend the grant request to June 30, 2030. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

Division of Water requested an exemption from Committee Policy Statement #99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond the biennium for the State and Tribal Response Program Grants (BRGINF), funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cooperative Agreement Grant Number 02D41123. A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to extend the grant request to September 30, 2027. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

Division of Water requested an exemption from Committee Policy Statement #99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond the biennium for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Section 40101(d): Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of Electric Grid (40101(d)) projects awarded under Office of Energy Policy IIIA (REGINF). A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to extend the grant request to April 30, 2032. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

Division of Water requested an exemption from Committee Policy Statement #99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond the biennium for FFY2027 National Small and Underserved Communities Emerging Contaminants Grant Program (SDCPRG). A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to extend the grant request to September 30, 2030. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Division of Procurement and Grant Oversight requested an exemption from Community Policy Statement 99-4, which prohibits contracts and agreements from extending beyond biennium to allow the Cabinet to establish a Memoranda of Agreement

for a limited period, which will cross the biennium, for Fiscal Year 2029 Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) projects. A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to extend the grant request to September 30, 2029. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM ET/10:23 AM CT.