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Policy Committee Meeting at 12:15 Wednesday, November 12th in room 117 on the first floor of the Landon Building (this is a public meeting but will not be recorded or live streamed)

Agenda Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Kansas State Department of Education, Suite 102 (Board Room)

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
10:00 a.m.	Call to Order and Roll Call Mission Statement, Moment of Silent Reflection or Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance	5 min	Chair Hopkins
10:05 a.m. (AI)	1. Approval of the October 2025 minutes	5 min	
(AI)	2. Approval of Agenda	5 min	
(AI)	3. Approval of Consent Agenda		
	a. Receive monthly personnel report and appointments to unclassified positions		Wendy Fritz, Director, Human Resources
	b. Act on recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee		Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
	c. Act on Local Professional Development Plan		Shane Carter
	d. Act on recommendations for Licensure Waivers		Shane Carter
	e. Notification to the Kansas State Board of Education of the intention of one private school, Good Shepherd Lutheran School Associated, Marysville, to participate in the Tax Credit for Low Income Students Scholarship Program		Dale Brungardt, Director, School Finance
	f. Act to approve contract request for Encore Global to provide Audio Visual services for the KSDE Annual Conference in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.		Dr. Renee Nugent, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services
10:10 a.m. (IO)	4. Commissioner's Report	20 min	Dr. Randy Watson
10:30 a.m.	5. Citizen's Open Forum	15 min	
10:45 a.m. (AI)	6. Act on Process of Reviewing, Amending and Deleting Regulations (Board Goal 3)	15 min	Dr. Renee Nugent

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(AI) Action Item, (RI) Receive Item, (IO) Information Item, * Board Member request

BOARD AGENDA for November 2025

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
11:00 a.m.	Break	10 min	
11:10 a.m. (IO)	7. Empowering Kansas Educators: Math Resources and Support from KSDE (Board Goal 1 – Standards Alignment)	50 min	Jennifer Hamlet, Asst. Director, Career Standards and Assessment Services
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK (Back at 1:30 p.m.)	1.5 hours	
1:30 p.m. (IO)	8. Student Highlight: Sumner Academy Orchestra	25 min	Michelle Sweeten, Orchestra Conductor
1:55 p.m. (IO)	9. Teacher Highlight: Kansas Music Educators Association (Board Goal 1 – High Quality Instruction)	15 min	Damien Johnson, Teacher and President of KMEA
2:10 p.m. (IO)	10. <i>Reading Corner</i> Teacher Casey Peine, Clearwater (Board Goal 1 – Structured Literacy)	15 min	Dr. Laurie Curtis, Early Literacy/Dyslexia Program Manager
2:25 p.m.	Break	10 min	
2:35 p.m. (IO)	11. Teacher Highlight: Megan Berry, Abilene High School, Civics (Board Goal 1 – High Quality Instruction)	20 min	Nathan McAlister, Humanities Program Manager
2:55 p.m. (IO)	12. Presentation: Special Education Services for Private Schools, Out of District and Out of State Students *	20 min	Brian Dempsey, Assistant Director, Special Ed & Title Services
3:15 p.m. (AI)	13. Act on Evaluation Review Committee Higher Education recommendations (Board Goal 1 – High Quality Instruction)	10 min	Dr. Catherine Chmidling, Teacher Licensure
3:25 p.m. (RI)	14. Receive Healthier Kansas Menus contract to four school districts	10 min	Kelly Chanay, Director, Child Nutrition and Wellness
3:35 p.m.	Break	10 min	
3:45 p.m. (RI)	15. Receive Legislative Priorities for the Kansas State Board 2026	60 min	Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator
4:45 p.m.	Recess until Thursday, November 13 th		

Agenda Thursday, November 13, 2025

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
9:00 a.m.	Call to Order		Chair Hopkins
9:00 a.m. (AI)	1. Act on Professional Practices Commission Recommendations	15 min	R. Scott Gordon, General Counsel
9:15 a.m. (IO)	2. Update on Federal Waiver	15 min	Dr. Renee Nugent, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services
9:30 a.m. (RI)	3. Receive regulations to amend/delete (Board Goal 3 – Policy, Regulation & Alignment)	20 min	Dr. Renee Nugent,
9:50 a.m.	Break	10 min	
10:00 a.m. (IO)	4. Student Highlight: Jobs for America's Graduates (with photos and greeting) (Board Goal 1 – High Quality Instruction)	30 min	Bev Mortimer and JAG-K Students
10:30 a.m.	Break	10 min	
10:40 a.m.	5. Committee Reports, Chair Report, Board Travel requests (AI), Future Agenda Requests	20 min	
11:00 a.m.	6. Executive Session: Issues related to hiring a new commissioner	As needed	
	7. Act on Executive Session issues if needed		
	Adjourn until TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 TH at 10 a.m.		