



ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES for October 14 & 15, 2025

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the minutes for the October 14 & 15th, 2025, Kansas State Board of Education meeting. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. **Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Potter present not voting.**

AGENDA

The Agenda was amended with the addition of an executive session at the end of Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the agenda as amended for November 12 & 13, 2025. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. **Motion carried 10-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. O'Brien removed items b and d, for questions/discussions and vote. Mrs. Potter removed item f for questions/discussions and vote.

Chair Hopkins moved these three items to later on Wednesday, between items 14 and 15.

The remaining items, a/c and e were left.

Mrs. Haas moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. New seconded the motion. **Motion carried 10-0.**

ACT ON PROCESS OF REVIEWING REGULATIONS

Dr. Renee Nugent, Deputy Commissioner of Learning Services

Mr. Hershberger moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the proposed process to identify regulations for review within the following primary areas:

- Impose significant administrative burdens,
- Lack connection to student learning, or
- Strain district resources.

Regulation changes will be presented article by article. The Board will first vote on the general direction of proposed changes, after which program staff will refine the specific language. The Board will then review and vote on the final edits. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motions. **The motion carried 10-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION END OF WEDNESDAY

Vice Chair Zeck moved that the Kansas State Board of Education recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of potential litigation/pending litigation/legal matters with legal counsel, which is justified pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship under KOMA, in order to protect the privilege and the Board's communications with an attorney on legal matters. Dr. Watson and Attorney Mark Ferguson were

invited to join the meeting. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

ACT ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

R. Scott Gordon, General Counsel, KSDE

- A. Mrs. Arnold moves that the Kansas State Board of Education deny the application in 25-PPC-24. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.
- B. Mrs. Arnold is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education revoke the licenses as requested in the following cases: 25-PPC-18, 25-PPC-23, 25-PPC-20, 25-PPC-34, 25-PPC-33, 25-PPC-32, 25-PPC-31, 25-PPC-30, and 25-PPC-25. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.
- C. Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the voluntary surrender issued in 25-PPC-17 and revoke the Licensee's teaching license. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Four Subjects)

(Vice Chair makes the motion)

Vice Chair Zeck moved that the Kansas State Board of Education recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of reviewing the RFP (Request For Proposal) responses for a Commissioner Search Firm, which is justified pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged under KOMA, in order to:

- a. Discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel
- b. To consult with an attorney re: Attorney-Client Privileged Communications
- c. To discuss employer-employee negotiations
- d. To discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of bidders.

Only those persons who have executed a non-disclosure document may participate in the executive session. All Board members have executed this document, along with Board Attorney Mark Ferguson and KSDE Fiscal Department Director Dr. John Hess.

The session will begin at 11:20 for 120 minutes. No action will take place during this session, and the open meeting will resume in the Board Room. All Board members, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Hess are invited to participate in the Executive Session. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Board Travel Requests

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Board member travel requests as presented. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

RECEIVE ITEMS

Legislative Priorities (Dr. Harwood and Gabrielle Hull)

Contract for Healthy Menus (Kelly Chanay)

Regulation to amend "Mentor Program" (Dr. Nugent)

WEDNESDAY PRESENTATIONS

- Commissioner's Annual Report (Dr. Watson)
- Empowering Kansas Educators: Math Resources and Support from KSDE (Jennifer Hamlet)
- KMEA Association (Damien Johnson)
- Reading Corner, Teaching team from Clearwater (Laurie Curtis)
- Teacher Highlight: Megan Berry Civics (Nathan McAlister)
- Special Education for Private Schools (Brian Dempsey)

THURSDAY PRESENTATIONS

- Legislative Priorities (Gabrielle Hull)
- Update on Federal Waiver (Dr. Nugent)
- JAG-K students (Bev Mortimer and Chuck Knapp)

Future Requests from Board Members

Dennis Hershberger: Resolution from Board to Governor supporting Braille Flags in honor of 250th anniversary

Jim Porter: Investigate the report of a parent who spoke during Citizen's Forum, regarding medical applied behavioral analysis (ABA).

Michelle Dombrosky/Melanie Haas/Beryl New: Report of the recommendations from the KSD Task force

Melanie Haas: Policy Committee presenting the recommendation for Board policy in regard to threshold of contracts that need to be approved

Betty Arnold: Dr. Curtis to speak on the distinction between dyslexia screening and dyslexia evaluation