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Agenda Tuesday, October 13, 2026

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	10 min	Chair Hopkins
(AI)	1. Approval of September 2026 meeting minutes		Chair Hopkins
(AI)	2. Approval of October 13 and 14 Agenda		Chair Hopkins
(AI)	3. Approval of Consent Agenda	5 min	
	a. Receive monthly personnel report and appointments to unclassified positions		Wendy Fritz, Director, Human Resources
	b. Act on Licensure Waiver Recommendations		Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
	c. Act to approve Board Meeting dates for 2026-2027		Deborah Bremer, Board Secretary
	d. Act to approve Commissioner of Education to enter into an RFP process for a nationally recognized career readiness exam or a series of assessments for grade 11 students		Julie Ewing, Asst. Director, Research and Accountability – Assessments
	e. Act to approve ESEA Section 1003(a) funds which are mandatory state-level set aside funds reserved by each State Education Agency (SEA) from its total federal Title 1, Part A allocation.		Twyla Sprouse Assistant Director, Research and Accountability
	f. Notification to the Kansas State Board of Education of the intention of two participating qualified schools and one scholarship granting organization to participate in the Tax Credit for Low Income Student Scholarship Program		Dale Brungardt, Director, School Finance

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(AI) Action Item, (RI) Receive Item, (IO) Information Item

BOARD AGENDA for October 13 & 14, 2026

TIME		ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
10:15 a.m.	(IO)	4. Commissioner's Report	15 min	Commissioner Steel
10:30 a.m.	(IO)	5. Citizens' Open Forum	15 min	
10:45 a.m.	(IO)	6. Presentation: Report on 2025 – 2026 State Assessment Results	25 min	Deputy Commissioner Conrad, Accountability and Technology
11:10 a.m.		Break	10 min	
11:20 a.m.	(AI)	7. Act on voting for three positions on the Professional Practices Commission	20 min	Joe Midgley, Teacher Licensure
11:40 a.m.	(IO)	8. Report: School Recess Survey	20 min	Deputy Commissioner Harwood, Fiscal and Administrative Services
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.		LUNCH	1.5 hours	
1:30 p.m.	(IO)	9. Quality Instruction: Theater Performance from Wamego High School	20 min	Joyce Huser, Fine Arts Educational Consultant
1:50 p.m.	(IO)	10. Farm to Plate and Certificates in Child Nutrition Management	30 min	Kelly Chanay and Eryn Davis, Child Nutrition and Wellness
2:20 p.m.		Break	10 min	
2:30 p.m.	(RI)	11. Receive Policy Regarding the Effective Use of Instructional Technology in Kansas Schools	60 min	Commissioner Steel
3:30 p.m.		Break	10 min	
3:40 p.m.	(IO)	12. Quality Instruction: Reading Corner Ag in the Classroom with Nancy Zenger-Beneda, and Kelsy Sproul of <i>Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom</i>	20 min	Dr. Laurie Curtis, Assistant Director, Teaching and Learning
4:00 p.m.	(IO)	13. Report: Preparing for implementation plan to support quality instruction at scale	15 min	Commissioner Steel
4:15 p.m.	(AI)	14. Act on PPC Case 25-PPC-27	10 min	Ashley Stites-Hubbard Hannah Miller KSDE Office of the General Counsel
4:25 p.m.		15. Executive Session (to discuss legal matters with counsel)	Until done	
When done		Recess until Wednesday morning at 9 a.m.		

Agenda Wednesday, October 14, 2026

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
9:00 a.m. (IO)	1. Presentation: Lawrence Public Schools	30 min	Superintendent Dr. Jeanice Swift, USD 497, Lawrence
9:30 a.m. (IO)	2. Quality Instruction: Agriculture Corner Trenton Smedley, Ag Educator at Prairie View USD 362	30 min	Anthony Meals, Agriculture Consultant
10:00 a.m.	Break	10 min	
10:10 a.m. (IO)	3. Presentation: IKEducation, Sharing information about the program and the Eisenhower Letters on Education	30 min	Mitzi Bankes Gose, Director of IKEducation
10:40 a.m.	Break	10 min	
	Chair Report (Evaluations) Committee Reports		
(AI)	Act on Travel Requests		
	Future Board Requests		
	Adjourn until next meeting on MONDAY November 9, 2026		

Please note that the November meeting will be held Monday and Tuesday because Veterans Day, which is always observed on Nov. 11, falls on Wednesday.