



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort, Kentucky

2019-002
December 10, 2019

RELATING TO THE
REORGANIZATION OF THE
KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is committed to public education and has a duty to foster the educational development and success of its children; and

WHEREAS, the education of the Commonwealth's children is paramount to the future success and prosperity of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Board of Education has statutory authority to manage all common or public schools in the Commonwealth and all programs operated in such schools; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Board of Education prescribes regulations, courses of study, and curriculums, as necessary, for the efficient management and operation of the Commonwealth's public schools; and

WHEREAS, members of the current Kentucky Board of Education have conflicting relationships, lack experience in public education, failed to conduct a nationwide search before appointing the Commissioner of Education, and accepted plane tickets, hotel rooms, and conference fees from an organization closely tied to registered lobbyists of both the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the current Kentucky Board of Education, together with the actions and public comments of the prior administration, have served to undermine public confidence in the Board and in the Commonwealth's commitment to public education; and

WHEREAS, reorganization of the Kentucky Board of Education is needed to restore public confidence in the Board and in the Commonwealth's commitment to public education; and



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WHEREAS, reorganization of the Kentucky Board of Education is necessary to the future health and strength of the Commonwealth's public education system; and

WHEREAS, reorganization of the Kentucky Board of Education will serve to promote greater economy and efficiency and improved administration:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution, Sections 69 and 81, and KRS 12.028 and 12.029, and otherwise, do hereby Order and Direct the following to take effect immediately:

I. The Kentucky Board of Education as created by KRS 156.029 is hereby abolished;

II. The provisions of Executive Order 2019-500, dated June 28, 2019, that relate to the Kentucky Board of Education be and are hereby rescinded, declared null and void, and are no longer in effect.

III. The terms of members serving on the Board of Education prior to the filing of this Order shall cease to exist.

IV. The Kentucky Board of Education is hereby created and shall consist of eleven (11) voting members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate as follows:

1. Holly Bloodworth, 304 North 10th Street, Murray, Kentucky 42071, representing Supreme Court District 1;
2. Patrice McCray, 325 Crestlake Way, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42104, representing Supreme Court District 2;
3. Mike Bowling, 508 Dorchester Avenue, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40905, representing Supreme Court District 3;
4. Sharon Porter Robinson, 12422 Captains Bridge Way, Louisville, Kentucky 40223, representing Supreme Court District 4;
5. Lu Young, 18 Olde Village Drive, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356, representing Supreme Court District 5;
6. JoAnn Adams, 6805 Castle Hwy., Pleasureville, Kentucky 40057, representing Supreme Court District 6;
7. Cody Pauley Johnson, 348 Cedar Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 representing Supreme Court District 7;



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8. Lee Todd, 1800 Pascoli Cove, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 representing the state at large;
9. David Karem, 2439 Ransdell Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40204, representing the state at large;
10. Claire Batt, 121 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Unit 406, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, representing the state at large; and
11. Alvis Johnson, 771 Allin Drive, Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330, representing the state at large.

V. Each of the above eleven (11) members shall begin service immediately upon appointment; please issue commissions to them. The consent of the Senate shall be obtained during the time the General Assembly next convenes.

VI. David Karem shall serve as the Board's chairperson until such time as the voting membership of the Board shall elect a chairperson pursuant to KRS 156.029(4).

VII. The seven (7) members of the Board of Education representing the Supreme Court districts shall serve a term which shall expire on April 14, 2024, and the four (4) at-large members shall serve a term which shall expire on April 14, 2022; thereafter, all members shall serve four-year terms.

VIII. The appointments of the above eleven (11) voting members of the Board of Education are made without reference to occupation, political affiliation, or similar consideration, and no voting member is a professional educator.

IX. The Kentucky Board of Education also shall consist of three (3) ex officio nonvoting members: the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education; the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet; and an active elementary or secondary school teacher appointed by the Governor.

X. The Governor hereby appoints Allison Slone, 191 Honeysuckle Road, Morehead, Kentucky 40351, active teacher at McBrayer Elementary School, to serve on the Board of Education as an ex officio nonvoting member. Please issue her a commission.



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XI. The Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education shall serve as the executive secretary to the Board of Education.

XII. In making the appointments of the above eleven (11) voting members of the Board of Education, the Governor strove for broad geographic, racial, and gender diversity among members.

XIII. All other provisions of law and statute that apply to the Kentucky Board of Education shall remain in full force and effect.

XIV. This Order shall be effective as of December 10, 2019.



ANDY BESHEAR, GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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REORGANIZATION PLAN

Reorganization of the Kentucky Board of Education is necessary to restore public confidence in the Commonwealth's commitment to public education and to restore public confidence in the Board itself.

The prior administration reorganized various education boards, including the Kentucky Board of Education, no less than three (3) times. The current Board consists of members who have conflicting relationships and lack experience in public education. Its members failed to conduct a nationwide search before appointing the current Commissioner of Education. Additionally, its members accepted plane tickets, hotel rooms, and conference fees from an organization closely tied with registered lobbyists to both the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education. All this, combined with the prior administration's actions and public comments, served to undermine public confidence in the Commonwealth's commitment to public education, the ability of the current Board to act in the best interests of public education, and the Commissioner of Education. By rescinding the most recent Executive Order issued by the prior administration and recreating the Board as this administration's first official act, Kentucky citizens will understand that public education and the integrity of the Board are priorities in the Commonwealth. Further, including an active elementary or secondary school teacher on the board as an ex officio member will improve communication between the Board and the teachers it serves.

Kentucky Board of Education:

This Executive Order expressly rescinds the most recent reorganization of the Kentucky Board of Education. It further abolishes and recreates the Board in order to restore public confidence. It adds the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and an active teacher to the Board as ex officio, nonvoting members, in order to increase and improve communication between the Board, the Cabinet, and teachers.

Fiscal Impact:

This Executive Order will have minimal, if any, fiscal impact.

Delivery of Services:

It is expected that the reconstituted Board will improve the delivery of services to schools, teachers, students, and parents.

Personnel Impact:

This Executive Order will have minimal impact on personnel.