



TEAM KENTUCKY PRE-K FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2025, MEETING

- I. The regular meeting of the Team Kentucky Pre-K for All Advisory Committee was called to order by Sam Flynn, Executive Director of the Pre-K for All Program, on July 15, 2025, at approximately 4:04 PM. The members met virtually via Zoom.

Committee Members Present:

Jamie Link
Robbie Fletcher
Felicia Cumings Smith
Aaron Thompson
Jeff Noel
Mary Elizabeth Bailey
Lesa Dennis, Proxy for Steven Stack
Sarah Davasher-Wisdom
Ron Bunch
Brent Cooper
Sharon Price
Alice Forgy Kerr
Ruth Ann Palumbo
Laura White-Brown
Carrie Ballinger
Joel Wolford
Jeni Ward
Rudy Spencer
Jamie Rodgers

Committee Members not Present:

Scott Davis
Colby Hall
Alvin Garrison
Pamela Morehead-Johnson
Jason Slone
Derrick Graham
R. Travis Brenda
Greg Terry



Maddie Shepard

Additional Attendees:

Michael Yoder, Commissioner, Department of Workforce Development, Education and Labor Cabinet

Lynn Baker, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Early Childhood, Education and Labor Cabinet

Kelsey Turley, Director, Head Start Collaboration, Education and Labor Cabinet

Andrea Day, Director, Division of Childcare, Department of Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Sam Flynn, Executive Director, Pre-K for All Program

Malaya Rivers, Executive Administrator, Pre-K for All Program

Georgiana K. Ledford, Executive Advisor, Pre-K for All Program

Ben Weathers, Outreach Coordinator, Pre-K for All Program

Cali Mills Arnold, Legislative Liaison, Education and Labor Cabinet

Sarah Hail, Deputy Executive Director, Governor's Office of Legislative Affairs

Gretta Hylton, Associate Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

Members of the Public

II. Old Business

The Committee voted on the approval of the July 02, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Cumings Smith seconded. The motion carried 19-0.

III. New Business

a. Report from Executive Director

Mr. Flynn provided an update on the Program and discussed Pre-K for All's recent events and outreach efforts, and highlighted some of the Statements of Support received for the Town Hall event in Northern Kentucky.

Mr. Flynn also provided an overview of the "State of the Commonwealth" Part II.

b. Presentation: "State of the Commonwealth" Part II: Kentucky Early Childhood Landscape and Funding Streams

Ms. Baker, Ms. Turley, and Ms. Day followed up on data requests from the previous meeting and provided an overview of the number of children enrolled in state-funded public preschool, Head Start, and Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).



Ms. Baker, Ms. Turley, and Ms. Day gave a presentation on Kentucky's early childhood landscape and funding streams. They discussed the structure of the early childhood system and the funding streams that support the early childhood programs that serve Kentucky's 4-year-olds. They also discussed the results seen in respect to the current early childhood system in the Commonwealth.

IV. Comments and Announcements

Mr. Flynn took questions, comments, and requests.

A member of the public asked if the Program is considering ensuring mixed-age classrooms are able to participate.

A member of the public asked if there are resources available on the website.

Mr. Flynn announced that the next Town Hall event will be July 23, 2025, in Bowling Green, Kentucky and the next regular meeting of the Advisory Committee will be August 13, 2025.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Price moved to adjourn the meeting, Secretary Bailey seconded, and the motion carried 19-0 (approximately 4:49 PM).

Jamie Link
Jamie Link (Aug 19, 2025 14:59:55 EDT)

Secretary Jamie Link
Committee Chair