

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
LITERACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 17, 2024**

The September 17, 2024, meeting of the Literacy Advisory Committee Summit was held in Conference Room Kathy Rupp in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka, KS.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr Cynthia Lane
Rep. Nikki McDonald
Dr. Suzanne Myers
Laurie Winter
Idalia Shuman
Dr. Howard Smith
Dr. Carolyn Carlson
Heather Morgan
Dr. Beverly Schottler
Dr. Laurie Curtis
Martha Mendoza
Dr. Kim Wilson
Sen. Renee Erickson
Rep. Susan Estes
Sen. Molly Baumgardner
Dr. David Hurford
Amber Pagan
Dennis Burke
Nick Mancini
Judi Price
Susan Martinez
Jeanine Phillips
Mike Hill
Ed McKechnie
Dr. Randy Watson
Dr. Ben Proctor
Kelly Oliver
Dr. Blake Flanders
Elaine Frisbie

Welcome

Dr. Cynthia Lane, Director welcomed members to the meeting and reviewed and reviewed the agenda. The four Pillar Action Teams broke out into their groups to work on their information. The members then joined back together and discussed the culture of the committee.

Centers for Excellence in Literacy Framing Document

The committee engaged in discussion resulting in a recommendation for the Centers of Excellence Framing Document. Dennis Burke and Idalia Shuman summarized the process used to develop the Framing Document. The process included several working sessions by the Pillar 4 Center's Action Team, and sixteen updates resulting in the document presented for consideration. Director Lane led the committee through a process for consensus building, which included making final edits.

After extensive discussion, the voting members of the committee unanimously recommended revising the wording in the Identify Key Partnerships Roles and Collaborations section (a) to include the words "including, but not limited to" those with an accredited educator preparation program; and "including but not limited to" those with accredited programs in early childhood education.

Next, members discussed changing the wording of the second sentence in the Vision section on page one. A member requested to add "The centers operated by organizations including but not limited to an accredited education preparation program." A roll call vote of the voting members resulted in the motion failing, with eight No to five Yes votes.

The Framing Document to be used in the development of Proposals for the Centers of Excellence in Literacy was recommended unanimously by the Advisory Committee.

The committee then reviewed the Intent to Apply document. This document is to be used by any non-public university interested in submitting a proposal as lead for a Center of Excellence. A motion was made to edit item #3 to add "and the Advisory Committee" at the end of the sentence, and to change the dates in #4 to October 14, 2024, #5 to October 28, 2024, and #6 to November 14, 2024. The motion carried by the voting members 12 Yes, and 3 No.

Next, the committee reviewed the proposed Centers for Excellence Catchment Map. Clarification was provided by Dennis Burke that the catchment areas are not restrictive. Families are free to seek services from any Center. The lead organization is responsible for services within the area and is highly encouraged to network and share expertise between and among the Centers. The voting members of the committee unanimously recommended the Catchment Map.

Closing

The remaining agenda items will be moved to the next meeting, October 15, 2024, at the Kansas Board of Regents office, Topeka, KS.

