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Agenda Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Kansas State Department of Education, Suite 102 (Board Room)

Note: Lunch will be held at Constitution Hall with a presentation by Thomas Fulbright on the history of Topeka's 1854 building and recent renovation (429 S Kansas Avenue)

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 *Singing of National Anthem by Emree Gabriel, junior at Eudora High School	10 min	Chair Hopkins
(AI)	1. Approval of June 2026 meeting minutes		Chair Hopkins
(AI)	2. Approval of Agenda		Chair Hopkins
(AI)	3. Approval of Consent Agenda		
	a. Receive monthly personnel report and appointments to unclassified positions		Director Wendy Fritz, Human Resources
	b. Act on Licensure Review Committee Recommendations		Director Shane Carter, Teacher Licensure
	c. Act on request from USD 259 Wichita, Sedgwick County for a Bond		Director Dale Brungardt, School Finance
	d. Act on request from USD 259 Wichita, Sedgwick County for Capital Improvement		Director Dale Brungardt
	e. Act on request from USD 266 Maize for a Bond		Director Dale Brungardt
	f. Act on request from USD 266 Maize for Capital Improvement		Director Dale Brungardt
	g. Act to approve the yearly fee to participate in the National Association of State Boards of Education \$20,080		

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

BOARD AGENDA for July 14 and 15, 2026

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
	h. Act to approve contracts for Central Regional Executive duties for the 2026-2027 school year.		Director Dr. Jay Scott, Implementation and Supports
	i. Act to approve the Safe and Secure Schools grants		John Calvert, Safe and Secure Schools
10:10 a.m.	4. Commissioner's Report	20 min	Dr. Jake Steel
10:30 a.m.	5. Citizen's Open Forum	15 min	
10:45 a.m.	Break	10 min	
10:55 a.m. (IO)	6. Presentation: America's Origin: From Colonies to a Country	20 min 5 Q & A	Adam Topliff, Humanities program manager, Teaching and Learning Division
11:20 a.m. (IO)	7. Presentation: Licensed Personnel Report, an update of educator demographics across Kansas.	40 min	Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	BOARD VISIT TO CONSTITUTION HALL 429 S Kansas Avenue With presentation from Thomas Fulbright	1.5 hours	Thomas Fulbright, History Teacher, Hope Street Academy
1:30 p.m. (AI)	8. Act on Professional Practices Commission (PPC) with Dr. Mischel Miller (2 cases)	30 min	Scott Gordon Chair Ricardo Sanchez
2:00 p.m. (IO)	9. Quality Instruction: <i>Reading Corner</i> Building Readers, Changing Futures: Ottawa USD 290's Journey Toward Literacy Excellence.	20 min 10 Q & A	Dr. Laurie Curtis Amy Bybee Curriculum Director Ottawa School District
2:30 p.m.	Break	10 min	
2:40 p.m. (IO)	10. Presentation: Training of Administrators and Instructional leaders - Susan C. Bon, J.D., Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Provost and Acting Dean of the College of Education, Pittsburg State University - Douglas Huffman, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Teacher Education & Undergraduate Programs, KU - Jennifer Bessolo, Ed.D., Professor of Practice, Dept of Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, KU	15 min 5 Q & A	Dr. Catherine Chmidling and Guests
3:00 p.m. (AI)	11. Act on KSDE Budget Options for 2027 - 2028 <i>With breaks</i>	1 hour	Dr. John Hess, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations
4:00 p.m.	Breaks as necessary		

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TIME		ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
4:10 p.m.	(AI)	12. Act on Nominations for Professional Standards Board Vacancy	20 min	Shane Carter Director, Teacher Licensure
4:30 p.m.	(AI)	13. Act on Nominations for Licensure Review Committee Vacancy	5 min	Shane Carter Director, Teacher Licensure
4:35 p.m.	(AI)	14. Act on Higher Ed Accreditation and Math Standards	15 min	Dr. Catherine Chmidling, Teacher Licensure
4:50 p.m.	(RI)	15. Receive Science State Assessment Cut Scores and addressing assessments vs. tests	20 min	Deputy Commissioner Dr. Zach Conrad
5:10 p.m.	(AI)	16. Act on Cell Policy Certification Procedure	10 min	Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator
5:20 p.m.	(AI)	17. Act on Student Walkout Complaint Procedures	10 min	Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator
5:30 p.m.		Recess until Wednesday morning at 9 a.m.		

Agenda Wednesday, July 15, 2026

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
9:00 a.m. (IO)	1. Presentation: Tech in the classroom: the view from a large school district in Kansas	40 min 10 Q & A	Dyane Smokorowski USD 259 Wichita Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld
9:50 a.m.	Break	10 min	
10:00 a.m. (IO)	2. Quarterly Report: Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)	15 min	Deputy Commissioner Renee Nugent Dr. Lena Kisner Brooke Moore
10:15 a.m. (IO)	3. Quality Instruction: Kansas Eco System	20 min 5 Q & A	Deputy Commissioner Renee Nugent
10:40 a.m. (IO)	4. Colin Burke , Winner of the Kansas Civics Bee	15 min	
10:55 a.m.	Break	10 min	
11:05 a.m. (RI)	5. Receive Life and Employability Skills Assessment for Special Purpose Schools	10 min	Dr. Jay Scott, Director Implementations and Supports
11:15 a.m. (RI)	6. Receive Accreditation Review Council Recommendations	15 min	Dr. Jay Scott, Director Implementation and Support
11:30 a.m. (IO)	7. Chair Report and Committee Reports Act on Travel Approvals	10 min	Chair Hopkins and All Board members
11:40 a.m.	8. Board Comments	5 min	All Board members
11:45 a.m.	9. Future Agenda Requests	5 min	All Board members
11:50 a.m.	Short Lunch Break until 12:30		
12:30 p.m.	10. Kansas Open Records Act Training	90 minutes	Matt Bingesser, Office of the Kansas Attorney General
1:45 p.m.	Adjourn until next meeting on August 11, 2026		