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Agenda Tuesday, August 11, 2026

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

TUES., AUGUST 11, POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Landon State Office Building, Room 117

900 SW Jackson Street

WED., AUGUST 12, BOARD WORK SESSION

Special meeting: Work Session

August 12 | 9 a.m.

A work session will be held at the Docking State Office Building,

915 SW Harrison Street, Room 346 (The Cherokee Room)

to discuss potential policy on classroom technology use.

The session is open to the public. Please note that the session will be livestreamed.

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 July 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 Visiting Scholar License recommendations		Director Shane Carter, Teacher Licensure
	c. Act on request from USD 251 North Lyon County to hold a bond election		Director Dale Brungardt, School Finance
	d. Act on request from USD 251 North Lyon County to receive Capital Improvements (Bond and Interest) State Aid		Director Dale Brungardt School Finance

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

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	e. Act on request from USD 436 Caney Valley, Montgomery County to hold a bond election		Director Dale Brungardt School Finance
	f. Act on request from USD 436 Caney Valley, Montgomery County to receive Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest) State Aid		Director Dale Brungardt School Finance
	g. Act to approve the McKinney-Vento grants for homeless students		Maureen Tabasko, McKinney-Vento Coordinator
	h. Act to approve General Math 6-12 content test		Director Shane Carter, Teacher Licensure
	i. Act to approve contracts to be paid by Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) to vendors, to approve requested purchases under proviso, and to approve contracts where KSSB is the recipient of funds		Superintendent Jon Harding, Kansas State School for the Blind
	j. Act to authorize out-of-state school district contracts for student placement at Kansas State School for the Blind		Superintendent Jon Harding, KSSB
	k. Act to authorize out-of-state school district contracts for student placement at Kansas School for the Deaf		Interim KS School for the Deaf Superintendents Joan Macy and Joelle Allen
	l. Act to approve change of vendor to serve as state advisor for DECA through June 30, 2029		Natalie Clark, Asst. Director, CTE
	m. Notification of three new members on the SEAC Board (Beth Zillinger, Kylie Steward and Jerrie Brooks)		Director Lindsey Graf, Special Education
10:10 a.m.	4. Commissioner's Report	20 min	Commissioner 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. Student Presentation: Tanya Ramesh, winner of 2025 Civics Bee	20 min	Commissioner Steel
11:15 a.m. (IO)	7. Presentation: Overview of through-year Innovative Assessment process (IADA)	45 min	Deputy Commissioner Zach Conrad, Division of Accountability and Technology

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12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	1.5 hours	
1:30 p.m. (IO)	9. Quality Instruction: Reading Corner Wichita State University/USD 259/KSDE Collaborative Summer Intervention Project Dr. Sherrie Frazey, USD 259 Dr. Kim Moody, Wichita State University Dr. Reagan Murnan, Wichita State University	30 min	Dr. Laurie Curtis
2:00 p.m. (IO)	10. Presentation on Federal Funds: a review of federal financial assistance	15 min	Deputy Commissioner Frank Harwood Gabrielle Hull
2:15 p.m. (RI)	11. Receive Evaluation Review Committee recommendations for higher ed program approvals	15 min	Dr. Catherine Chmidling, Teacher Licensure
2:30 p.m.	Break	10 min	
2:40 p.m. (IO)	12. Presentation on Student Safe at School Act guidance	15 min	Dr. Frank Harwood John Calvert, Head School Safety Specialist
2:55 p.m. (AI)	13. Act on Student Walkout Complaint Adjudication	15 min	Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator
3:10 p.m. (AI)	14. Act on Life and Employability Skills Assessment for special purpose schools	15 min	Director Jay Scott, Implementation and Supports
3:25 p.m. (AI/IO)	15. Act on Science State Assessment Cut Scores and Explanation of Assessments vs. tests	15 min	Deputy Commissioner Zach Conrad, Division of Accountability and Technology
3:40 p.m. (AI)	16. Act on Accreditation Review Council Recommendations	15 min	Director Jay Scott, Implementation and Supports
3:55 p.m.	Break	10 min	
4:05 p.m.	Chair Report and Committee Reports	10 min	
4:15 p.m. (AI)	Act on Travel Requests	5 min	
4:20 p.m.	Board Comments	5 min	
4:25 p.m.	Future Agenda Requests	5 min	
4:30 p.m.	ADJOURN Next regular meeting is Sept. 8 & 9		

(Policy Committee meeting at 4:30 in room 117)