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Agenda Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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

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 March 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		Wendy Fritz, Director, Human Resources
	b. **Act** on Local Professional Development Plans		Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
	c. **Act** on recommendations for Licensure Waivers		Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
	d. **Approve** extension of Board Attorney contract for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027		John Hess, Director, Fiscal Services
	e. **Approve** National Student Clearinghouse Contract for post-secondary attendance data		Beth Fultz, Director, Career, Standards and Assessment Services
10:10 a.m.	Introductions of Superintendents	10 min	Senator Mike Argabright, Kansas Educational Leadership Institute
10:20 a.m.	4. Commissioner's Report	20 min	Dr. Randy Watson
10:40 a.m.	5. Citizen's Open Forum	15 min	
10:55 a.m.	Break	10 min	
11:05 a.m. (IO)	6. **Kansas Teacher of the Year Team**	45 min	Denise Kahler, Director, Communications
11:50 a.m. (AI)	7. **Act** on hiring the new Commissioner, Introduction, short remarks from new Commissioner	Till lunch	Chair Hopkins

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TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	75 min	
1:30 p.m. (IO)	8. Presentation: KESA in Special Schools, Life and Employability Skills Jon Harding, Kansas State School for the Blind Mike Bonner, Heartspring	30 min	Dr. Jay Scott, Director, Accreditation and Design
2:00 p.m. (IO)	9. Reading Corner: Hailey Hawkinson, Dighton	15 min	Dr. Laurie Curtis
2:15 p.m. (IO)	10. Presentation: Career and Technical Education CTE Scholars Announcement	15 min	Natalie Clark, Asst. Director, CTE
2:30 p.m.	Break	10 min	
2:40 p.m. (RI)	11. Career and Technical Education: a. Receive CTE Cluster Reviews b. Receive CTE Pathway Credentials	30 min	Natalie Clark, Asst. Director, CTE
3:10 p.m. (IO)	12. Presentation: Teacher Retention Survey	30 min	Dr. Church, Emporia State University
3:40 p.m.	Break	10 min	
3:50 p.m. (AI)	13. Act on Professional Practice Commission items (two motions a & b)	5 min	Scott Gordon, General Counsel
3:55 p.m. (RI)	14. Receive School Breakfast Program Waivers	5 min	Kelly Chanay, Director, Child Nutrition and Wellness
4:00 p.m. (RI)	15. ~~Receive Board Policy Item on Citizen's Forum~~ THIS ITEM IS PULLED	10 min	Melanie Haas, Chair, Board Policy Committee
4:10 p.m. (AI)	16. Act on Evaluation Review Committee recommendations for higher education accreditation approval/program reviews	10 min	Catherine Chmidling, Teacher Licensure
4:20 p.m. (IO)	17. Report: Legislative Update	45 min	Dr. Harwood, Deputy Commissioner
5:05 p.m.	Break	10 min	
5:15 p.m.	18. Chair Report and Committee Reports	5 min	Chair Hopkins
5:20 p.m. (AI)	19. Act on Travel Approvals	5 min	Chair Hopkins
5:25 p.m.	20. Board Comments	5 min	All Board members
5:30 p.m.	21. Future Agenda Requests	5 min	All Board members
5:35 p.m.	Adjourn		

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Agenda Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Kansas State School for the Blind 8:30 – 1:00
Kansas State School for the Deaf 1:30 – 4:00

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
8:30 a.m.	Meet at the KS State School for the Blind (Agenda on next page)		Jon Harding, Superintendent KSSB
1:30 p.m.	Meet at the KS School for the Deaf For a general tour		Luanne Barron, Superintendent KSD
3:00 p.m.	Executive Session		KSD Auditorium
When finished w/Exec Session	Open Meeting Action will taken by the Board		KSD Auditorium

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Kansas State Board of Education
KSSB visit - Schedule
April 15, 2026

Dr. Randy Watson (Commissioner)
Betty J. Arnold - #8
Michelle Dombrosky - #3
Melanie Haas - #2
Dennis Hershberger - #7
Cathy Hopkins (Chair) - #5
Dr. Beryl Ann New - #6
Connie O'Brien - #4
Jim Porter - #9
Debby Potter - #10
Danny Zeck - #1

8:30 a.m. **WELCOME IN EAGLE ALLEY** *(Brailled Bean Espresso Bar Open)*

- **Quick visit of gymnasium/ECEP**
- **Classroom Walkthroughs/Move to Vogel Library**

9:00 a.m. **LIBRARY**

Special Guests Intro

- *David Westbrook (10);* *Dr. Mona Minkara (10)* *Greg Lever*

9:20a.m. "**STATE OF THE AGENCY"**

- *KESA Accreditation*
- *Facilities*
- *Partnerships*
- *Growth of Outreach*
- *Cerebral Vision Impairment (CVI) Initiatives*
- *Carriage House Renovation/Future Skills*

9:30 a.m. **PARENT PERSPECTIVE**: *Jane Fergus, (Lawrence, KS)*

9:45 a.m. **STUDENT NON PROFIT**: *Make48: (Sydney/Vivi)*

10:00 a.m **FIT (Families Infant Toddler Program; Birth-3) -** (Marites, Brandi)

10:30 a.m ***BREAK***

10:45 a.m. **FIELD SERVICES**: *Family Perspective/Dept. Update - Manhattan Team w/May Family and FS data*

11:15 a.m. **CAMPUS**: (Pam)

11:45 a.m. **FUTURE SKILLS & MENTOR PROGRAM (Carriage House)** (Greg + Jon)

12:00 p.m. **WRAP UP/Looking ahead:**

- *Maintaining growth*
- *Tuition Increase + OOS placement growth*
- *Managing increasing demands for direct services*
- *Parent information/choice*
- *Post-secondary outcomes*

12:05 p.m. ***LUNCH - on to KSD***

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL VISIT

Kansas State School for the Deaf
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
1:30 – 3:30 PM
West Wing Conference Room

AGENDA

1:30 Welcome ..... Luanne Barron, Superintendent

1:35 – 2:00 Update on Task Force ..... Luanne Barron, Superintendent

2:00 – 2:50 Meet and Greet Students & Staff

	Room	***Group 1*** ***Molly Rothwell***	***Group 2*** ***Mary Hughes***
Paul Ososki	*169*	*2:05 – 2:25*	*2:30 – 2:50*
Harmony Jarratt	*175*	*2:30 – 2:50*	*2:05 – 2:25*
		Group 3 ***Joelle Allen***	***Group 4*** ***Ben Cardon***
Vann Hassell	*209*	*2:05 – 2:25*	*2:30 – 2:50*
Amanda Hubbard	*208*	*2:30 – 2:50*	*2:05 – 2:25*

Group 1	***Group 2***	***Group 3***	***Group 4***
Michelle Dombrosky	*Melanie Haas*	*Commissioner Watson*	*Connie O'Brien*
Danny Zeck	*Jim Porter*	*Dr. Beryl New*	*Cathy Hopkins*
Betty Arnold	*Debby Potter*	*Dennis Hershberger*	*Deborah Bremer*

3:00 – 3:30 Kansas State Board Meeting (partial Executive Session)

3:30 – 4:00 Community Gathering in Murphy Auditorium. Possible action from Executive Session. Honoring of Superintendent Luanne Barron with Commissioner Watson and the Kansas State Board of Education