

**KENTUCKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2025
MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board convened in person and virtually at 2:03 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025. The primary location for the meeting where all members could be seen and heard and the public was able to attend in accordance with KRS 61.826 and 61.840 was COT Conference Room 547 CE at the Mayo-Underwood Building, 5th Floor, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Beshear, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order and verified press notification. Karen Yates called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Governor Beshear, Elizabeth McCoy (zoom), Keith Hamilton, Candace McGraw (zoom), Clay Ford, Lindy Karns (zoom), Ed Harris, James Lusk (zoom), Zachary Weinberg (zoom), Secretary Rebecca Goodman, Secretary Holly Johnson, Secretary Ray Perry, Secretary Jamie Link (zoom), Brandon Reed (proxy for Commissioner Jonathan Shell-zoom), Secretary Lindy Casebier (zoom) (non-voting), and Secretary Jeff Noel (non-voting).

OTHERS PRESENT

Lt. Governor Coleman, Karen Yates, Christopher Snyder, Kristina Slattery, Shannon Macdonald, David Brock, Matt Wingate, Brandon Mattingly, Marilyn Lebourveau, Kylee Palmer, Jenny Schenkenfelder, Olivia Evans (Courier-Journal).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Harris to approve the minutes of the Partnership Board Meeting held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, and was seconded by Secretary Rebecca Goodman. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Secretary Holly Johnson to approve the minutes of the Partnership Board Meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, and was seconded by Secretary Ray Perry. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **SWEARING IN NEW MEMBERS**

Matt Wingate, CED General Council swore in the new members of the CED Partnership Board, Clay Ford and Zachary Weinberg.

- Clay Ford, Owensboro, representing the 2nd Congressional District, will be occupying the vacancy left from expired board member Fred Sipes, Ekron. Term is set to expire on October 20, 2029.

- Zachary Weinberg, Hindman, representing the 5th Congressional District, will be occupying the vacancy left from expired board member Terry Forcht, Corbin. Term is set to expire on October 20, 2029.
- VICE CHAIR ELECTION – Resolution No. 25-01

Governor Beshear recognized General Counsel Matt Wingate to explain Resolution No. 25-01. The resolution recognizes the reappointment of Lindy Karns. The resolution recognizes the reappointment of Lindy Karns. Governor Beshear endorsed Lindy Karns to serve as Vice Chair of the CED Partnership Executive Committee. Lindy Karns expressed willingness to serve in the position on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Governor Beshear made a motion to approve the appointment of Lindy Karns to the position of Vice-Chair. Secretary Rebecca Goodman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Other member activity:

- Keith Hamilton, representing the 3rd Congressional District, is hereby reappointed to the CED Partnership Board to serve a term which shall expire October 1, 2028.
- Ed Harris, Loyall, representing the state at-large, is hereby reappointed to the CED Partnership Board to serve a term which shall expire October 1, 2028.
- Elizabeth McCoy, Hopkinsville, representing the 1st Congressional District, is hereby reappointed to the CED Partnership Board to serve a term which shall expire October 1, 2029.
- Lindy Karns, Lexington, representing the 6th Congressional District, is hereby reappointed to the CED Partnership Board to serve a term which shall expire October 1, 2029.
- CABINET UPDATE

The Governor gave a quick review regarding the most recent trip to Europe which was a very successful economic development endeavor.

Secretary Noel verbally presented the Cabinet Update. Sec Noel acknowledged Governor Beshear's great leadership that has led us to announce our metrics for 2025:

- Announced 4,080 jobs
- Average Hourly Wage before benefits are \$31.33 per hour (2nd highest ever)
- Announced 5.9B of investment

The presentation continued with a brief overview of performance metrics (as listed above), notable economic development announcements and grand openings in Kentucky reflected both by investment dollars and new jobs. An update on the project pipeline and site and building information for project submittals was discussed. Secretary Noel provided an explanation of the regional community meetings occurring throughout the year along with topics for each of the meetings. An update on the international trips to Europe and Asia was provided with discussion about meetings with various

companies. Incentive program metrics were provided in the meeting materials as a reference and were briefly discussed.

- GIFT REPORT

Matt Wingate presented the Cabinet's gift report for calendar year 2024, which is submitted annually to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission by April of the following year. Matt Wingate noted the gift report was submitted by the required deadline.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Secretary Ray Perry entertained a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Secretary Rebecca Goodman. The motion carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Beshear", is written over a horizontal line.

Governor Andy Beshear, Commonwealth of Kentucky