



Meeting Advisory

Media Contact: Jennifer Ginn

Director of Communications

Office: (502) 564-2000 ext. 4601

jennifer.ginn@education.ky.gov

Advisory 26-118

April 29, 2026

The Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board will meet May 7

(DANVILLE, KY) – The Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board will meet at 6 p.m. ET on May 7.

Per [KRS 167.037](#), this board is to be composed of nine members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) upon the recommendation of the commissioner of education.

The purpose of the board is to act in an advisory capacity to assist school leadership and make recommendations related to: (1) school goals and objectives; (2) budget requests; (3) student services; (4) public relations; (5) construction and maintenance; and (6) program evaluation.

Membership on the board is statewide and consists of two parents of deaf children, one professional in education of the Deaf, one former student of the Kentucky School for the Deaf, one member of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf (KAD), two members who represent school districts, and two members at large. A majority of the board's membership is persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Advisory Board Members

Scott Haun, Professional

Bethany Yance, Former Student

Jeff Kassinger, Member at Large

Hailey Brock, Kentucky Association of the Deaf

Kela Parton, Member at Large

Robin Bush, District

Vacant, District

Erin Rhoden, Parent of deaf children

Cathy White, Parent of deaf children

A full agenda follows:

Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board

May 7, 2026, 6 p.m. ET

**Kerr Hall Open Area at the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD),
303 S. Second St., Danville, KY**

Watch Live on the [KSD YouTube Channel](#)

Agenda

- **Welcome**
 - Jeff Kassinger, Chair of the KSD Advisory Board
- **Approval of Oct. 30, 2025, Board Minutes**
 - Jeff Kassinger, Chair of the KSD Advisory Board
- **KSD Report**
 - Dr. Faneshia Jones, Interim Principal, Kentucky School for the Deaf
- **KSD Facilities Update**
 - Chris Grey, Director of KSD Operations, Kentucky School for the Deaf
- **Student Life Report**
 - Justin Padgett, Student Life Director, Kentucky School for the Deaf
- **New Business: Discussions, Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations of Advisory Board.**
 - Jeff Kassinger, Chair of the KSD Advisory Board

- *Discussions: Upcoming election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair on Aug. 20*

- **Public Comments**

- Jeff Kassinger, Chair of the KSD Advisory Board

- **Adjournment**

- Jeff Kassinger, Chair of the KSD Advisory Board

Next Meeting:

Aug. 20