

STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITS

MINUTES OF THE March 21, 2024 MEETING

Members present: Auditor of Public Accounts Designee, Shawna Crouse; Office of Education Accountability Designee, Sabrina Cummins; Commissioner of Education Designee, Marshall Smith; Office of the Attorney General Designee, Stacy Woodrum; Office of the Governor Designee, John Hicks.

Also in attendance: APA Attendees: Joy Markland, Alex Evans, Jennifer Salsman; Kentucky Department of Education Attendees: Kim Carter, Kelli Young, Gail Cox, and Jackie Chism

I. Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Shawna Crouse called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. All applicable KRS Statues were read aloud, and a roll call was performed.

II. Approval of Minutes of the March 14, 2024 Meeting:

Stacy Woodrum made a motion to approve the March 14, 2024 meeting minutes. John Hicks seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.

III. Old Business

Nothing to report.

IV. New Business

APA, Shawna Crouse, brought to order the first item of business to discuss, the “FY 2024 Audit Contract”. In reference to the March 14th meeting’s points of discussion, opened the floor to any Committee member wishing to raise additional comments or questions. All members stood in agreeance regarding the prior points discussed.

KDE, Marshall Smith, proposed a change that could take effect with the current contract or apply to the FY 2025 version. KDE, while working with electronic transfers, created a template adding drop down menus for more efficient selection by each district as well as a part for their electronic signature. The reason for this change is to alleviate a variety of issues that appear while districts return their signed contracts to KDE. As a preventative and mitigating change, KDE feel this process update will yield positive results for all parties involved.

- The Committee received the proposal favorably, wishing to implement it immediately during FY24.

KDE also brought to everyone’s attention the need to update the effective date of the contract on Pg. 33, having only found this the day of the meeting.

Nothing further was brought to the Committee’s attention to discuss.

John Hicks made a motion to approve the FY 2024 Audit Contract. Marshall Smith seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Shawna Crouse moved to the second item of business, the proposed future meeting dates for FY25.

No issues were brought forward.

Sabrina Cummins made a motion to approve the proposed dates for FY25. John Hicks seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.

V. Miscellaneous

Following up on her proposal during the March 14, 2024 meeting, Shawwna Course opened the discussion of the Committee transitioning to in-person meetings fully or in some partial form.

After discussing various options, the Committee settled on the course of action to have their next two meetings in-person at the APA instead of virtually. The Committee remained flexible with being in-person or virtual for future meetings, depending on the circumstance and items of discussion.

Sabrina Cummins made a motion for the next two SCSDA meetings to be in-person. Marshall Smith seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Committee

VI. Future Meeting Date

The next SCSDA meeting is in-person and scheduled for June 13th, 2024 at 11:00 am at the APA.

VII. Adjournment

Sabrina Cummins made a motion for adjournment. John Hicks seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Evans