**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS**

**LITERACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

November 22, 2024

The November 22, 2024, meeting of the Literacy Advisory Committee was held on TEAMS.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Dr. Cindy Lane |
| Rep. Nikki McDonald |
| Dr. Suzanne Myers |
| Laurie Winter |
| Idalia Shuman  |
| Dr. Carolyn Carlson |
| Heather Morgan |
| Dr. Beverly Schottler |
| Dr. Laurie Curtis |
| Martha Mendoza |
| Dr. Kim Wilson |
| Rep. Susan Estes |
| Regent Diana Mendoza |
| Dr. Howard Smith |
| Sen. Renee Erickson |
| Sen. Molly Baumgardner |
| Dr. David Hurford |
| Amber Pagan |
| Dennis Burke |
| Dana Hensley |
| Judi Price |
| Mike Hill |
| Dr, Ben Proctor |
| Ed McKechnie |

**Call to Order**

Chair Lane welcomed members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda and procedures for the meeting.

**Finalize and Recommend the Plan for the Centers for Excellence in Literacy**

Rachel Rubio reviewed the changes the committee recommended at the November 15th meeting. The committee discussed the changes, and Rep. Nikki McDonald made a motion to change the wording in the Impact Measures-Center Staff section to “The Center Director shall affirm that staff is qualified and/or being trained to be qualified in Structured Literacy relative to their position to the Director of Literacy within 45 days of employment; this provision shall expire on July 1, 2026” and it was seconded by Dr. Carolyn Carlson. After more discussion, Rep. McDonald amended her motion to strike “within 45 days of employment; this provision shall expire on July 1, 2026” and Dr. Carlson seconded it. Rep. Susan Estes made a substitute motion to remove the words “but are not limited to” Heather Morgan seconded it. The vote failed with 11 no, 2 yes, and 1 abstain. The members then voted on Rep. McDonald’s motion, which passed with 10 yes, 4 no.

Dr. Cindy Lane reviewed the Budget Model and Projected Cost for Establishing the Centers for Excellence in Literacy. After some discussion, Martha Mendoza moved to recommend the plan to the Kansas Board of Regents for consideration, and Idalia Shuman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 11 yes and 1 no.

**Closing**

Chair Lane adjourned the meeting at 11:07 am.

The next meeting will be on December 17, 2024, at the Kansas Board of Regents office in Topeka, Kansas.