

Kentucky Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation
SCVR

April 24, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting

Physical Location: Frankfort, KY – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center
Zoom Platform

Members Present:

Chairperson Joe Cowan, Vice-Chairperson David Allgood, OVR Executive Director Cora McNabb, Member-At-Large Todd Stephens, Tyler Levy, Danielle Burton, Necholyia Wright, Kelly Knoop, Kelly Bass, Jeffery Edwards, Kellie Smith, Susan Farra, Terrie Terlau, and Briana Sweatt

Members Absent:

Christopher White, Amy Luttrell, Lynn Florence, and Benjamin Henderson

Staff Present:

Susie Edwards, Helga Gilbert, Holly Hendricks, Corey Marcum, Alan Gullett, Ron O’Hair, Jonathan White, Kristen Beach, Jennifer Withrow, Kellie Scott, Chad Hunt, Chris Sheeting, Kathryn Spears, Whitney Marcum, Lametta Isaacs and Brooke McDaniel

Guests were present.

SCVR Chairperson Joe Cowan welcomed everyone to the meeting. The public did not offer questions or comments. A roll call was taken by Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Administrator, Lametta Isaacs. A quorum was established.

Executive Directors Report

The Executive Directors Report was presented by OVR Assistant Executive Director Susie Edwards. An update on the OVR personnel situation was provided. OVR has seen continued stabilization within the agency after raises were distributed to employees last year. There are currently 38 vacancies within OVR, some in the process of being filled and others to be filled as needed based on data driven decision making. This process is being utilized to ensure the agency is hiring when and where staff are needed. The latest data from Personnel reflect 421 staff combined with additional contracted employees total a rough estimate around 450. Susie reported the new Case Management System (CMS)

is still an active project and consumes a great amount of staff's time. May 8th through May 12th GEO Solutions will be on-site at Frankfort's Central Office to discuss the implementation of the system.

Susie reported several staff attended the Council of State Administrators for Vocational Rehabilitation in Bethesda, Maryland. The primary focus of the training was fiscal responsibility to ensure that OVR has policies and procedures and internal controls in place so that money is spent correctly, and no money is returned. Some discussion was had regarding internal controls, spending habits, and the COVID-19 pandemic affecting VR services in comparison to other states.

Susie reported a partnership between Workforce Development and the Cabinet of Health and Family Services (CHFS) to implement House Bill 7. This legislation was put into place to be more engaged with CHFS clients who are seeking employment opportunities. A letter was sent to all CHFS clients detailing resources available. Collected data from this partnership revealed over 11,000 CHFS clients who could potentially be eligible for VR services. These data files are being sent monthly, with the most recent data showing another 8,000 individuals on top of the previous 11,000. A plan to systematically contact these individuals to determine service eligibility is being developed. Susie reports training for staff in relation to this partnership will also be put into place. Statewide Assistants Training will take place April 25th through April 27th.

OVR was invited to apply for the Council of State Government State Exchange on Stay-At-Work/Return-To-Work. This will convene June 12th through June 13th in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This will bring together policymakers from five states to connect with and learn from one another and subject matter experts about strategies for advancing policies that prevent workplace illness and injury and help workers who experience an injury/illness or have a change in medical condition to stay at work or return to work. Susie reported that KYOVR will apply, and submission is Wednesday, April 26th. Susie announced that OVR is also working with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) on a potential grant for Transitions titled Pathways to Partnerships to support innovative activities aimed at increasing Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) as defined in section 7 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act) (29 U.S.C. 705(5)), for children and youth with disabilities.

Susie reported that in comparison to OVR's 2021 numbers, regarding the 15% reserve, the state did meet the expectation and no further improvement plan action is needed from CSAVR. A brief update regarding the Employment First Council was provided. KYOVR applied for technical assistance to expand employment opportunities to individuals across the state and propel the Employment First movement in Kentucky. 100 hours of technical assistance have been received, with additional hours requested for the future. With the

National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network (NEON) grant for technical assistance 25% of the 100 hours will be spent on council support, 25% on leadership support and 50% on policy development. The Employment First Council is working on a lunch and learn series to target employers, as well as researching a one-stop app for services geared towards specific groups such as educators, employers, parents, and self-advocates. The council is also in the process of developing a strategic plan for a partnership with ECU. Susie concluded her report.

Budget Report

A budget update was provided by Budget Specialist Martie Kupchinsky. For State Expenditures through March 31st, OVR is currently around 78% spending. The current cash balance is \$2.8M. OVR is currently at around 45% matched of the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (FFY23) grant. She does not foresee OVR spending the approx. \$67M by the end of the FFY23. Based on current spending patterns, it is not likely OVR will have to meet the grant match. There are currently 38 vacancies that Fiscal would like to see filled by August 1st. If the vacancies were filled, this would help in spendings. Martie reports there are some vendors that do not send invoices on time and stresses the importance of contacting the vendors to ensure these invoices are not delayed. Receiving these necessary invoices would greatly increase spending patterns. Vice Chairperson David Allgood asked for clarification on who could contact these vendors and how this task could be accomplished. Martie responded it would be whoever is overseeing the contract with any particular vendor, so it could span different branches within OVR. Pre-ETS has spent around 41% of their FFY22 funds as of March 31st.

Division Director's Reports

The Division of Blind Services

The Division of Blind Services Director Helga Gilbert provided the report. There are currently 499 cases for the current fiscal year, spanning a little over 100 counties in reach, for the Independent Living/Older Blind (IL/OIB) Program. Of these cases, 83% are older individuals who are blind, and 17% have an open VR case making a dual customer for the agency. 57% are at least 75 years or older, and a few individuals who are at least 100 years of age. Numerous outreach activities have taken place, including the Optometry Conference recently held in Lexington, which the IL/OIB Program is focusing heavily on. Helga reports they are also focused on increasing staff knowledge surrounding assistive technology, with a training for counselors planned in the future. The IL/OIB Program will be receiving two new administrative assistants, noting this third area of the Strategic Plan to expand services within the branch by hiring these assistants. One assistant will be located in Louisville, and another in Bowling Green. Helga provided an

update on the McDowell Center's remodeling project. She anticipates having the dorms fully operating in early July. An open house event will be held on July 26th, and more information will be sent out from the Cabinet once details have been finalized. There are currently 72 consumers with open cases, and 4 are in an employed status. In 2022, 8 McDowell Students exited successfully in Competitive Integrated Employment. 701 total services were provided to 45 consumers in 2022. So far in 2023, there have been 23 successfully employed consumers. The McDowell Center has hired an Assistive Technology Instructor, an Orientation and Mobility Instructor, a Personal Adjustment Counselor, and two contracted employees helping with Assistive Technology and Home Management. Current positions to be filled are a Health Educator, four Dorm Staff, Maintenance, and a Rehab Counselor. Helga reports the McDowell Center is seeing stability in staff turnover due to the recent salary increases. A Progressive Employment Learning Collaborative Training with Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) is being planned for Blind Services and Field Services Staff in the McDowell Center, hopefully taking place in August or September. The Deaf Blind Program will be posting a Deaf Blind Coordinator position soon. The current caseload for the Deaf Blind Program totals around 64 cases, where vision and hearing are listed as the primary or secondary impairment. Of those 64 cases, 50 are coded primarily deaf blind. There are currently three individuals who are deaf blind participating in services at the McDowell Center. Helga briefs the Council on recent hirings for the Orientation and Mobility Branch. Helga concluded her report.

Division of Field Services

The Division of Field Services Director Holly Hendricks provided the report. From January through March 2023, OVR has taken 4,043 referrals and added 197 potentially eligible students. Vice-Chairperson David Allgood asked how the numbers compared to pre-COVID in 2019, with Holly responding that the numbers currently are even higher than reported then, with numbers doubling in some areas. Member Todd Stephens asked what may be contributing to the rise in cases, with Holly responding the number of staff on hand to assist and the rising economy/people seeking work. 2,953 applications have been taken and 2,537 were determined eligible for services. The average days between application and eligible status is 26 days. 2,334 new Individualized Plans for Employment were implemented, averaging 36 days from the time eligibility was determined. There have been 1,046 cases closed in competitive integrated employment. Average hours worked per week of those cases was 34 hours, with an average salary of \$20.71 per hour. Holly briefly touched on the CMS and her continued involvement in the implementation, mentioning a weeklong in-person meeting with Geo Solutions for the following week. Jonathan White, Kristen Beach, and Holly have begun their 2023 listening tour at the request of staff. Common Measures training is being provided to staff

during each of these tours so that training requirements set forth in the Corrective Action Plan assigned by the Rehabilitation Services Administration can be met. Holly reported these listening tours and trainings are successful thus far. For the Federal Fiscal Year 2023, OVR has received \$2,535,696 in Social Security Reimbursement. Holly reported March 7th-9th a meeting was held with the Field Services Division leadership, including Assistant Directors, Regional Program Managers and District Branch Managers to review training recommendations for Assistants. These recommendations were compiled by a team of Field Services Assistants. An in-person Assistants training will take place April 25th-27th in Lexington and will be the first the group has had in 8-10 years. Goals of this training will include team building, clarification on roles and responsibilities of Assistants, as well as how Assistants can increase their engagement with consumers while understanding tasks that can only be performed by Counselors. During the March Leadership meeting, managers were trained on caseload size and consumer engagement guidelines that were developed by a small team within the Division of Field Services. The intent of the guidelines is to provide managers with specific steps to monitor the work of their counselor/assistant teams in a way that ensures the caseloads are being managed appropriately. These guidelines will also provide measures to use when determining if additional staff are needed for specific caseloads. It was determined that a workable and reasonable caseload size was roughly 100 cases. If caseloads of 120 or more are being met, Branch Managers will review data within their district to determine if more staff is needed. This process will be monitored and reassessed over the next six months. Assistant Director of Field Services Jonathan White offered further insight to how these guidelines were established, with an increased focus on engagement throughout the life of the case. Holly reported the first of four Skill Enhancement Trainings (SET) was held in-person in Frankfort the week of March 20th. There were around 25 participants. In the past this training has been held primarily for new staff, however moving forward Field Services plans to have experienced staff in attendance to ensure skills are kept up to date. Holly concluded her report.

The Kentucky Business Enterprises (KBE) Division

The Kentucky Business Enterprise Division Director Corey Marcum provided the report. Staff recently attended CSAV, with a full day focused on the changes in Randolph Shepard, including financial pieces and reporting. There was also discussion of changes in the future for vending at military bases. Corey reported two bids in the last quarter, one being the Gene Snyder Courthouse that did not have suitable vendor respond to it. An emergency appointment was made. Another bid for the Mayo-Underwood Building was also made, due to the vendor wanting to concentrate on other locations, however the resignation has since been rescinded and the vendor plans to stay with the building. Corey reports KBE has been active with site visits and responding to RFPs. The

permanent party contract was released by the military and KBE has responded but have not received word back at this time. A site visit to Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond, but ultimately passed on the opportunity due to the security concerns of the location and not being ADA compliant. A cafeteria operation at Bluegrass Station was observed and passed on due to the current leaseholder (the State) wanting to receive utilities and rent, which is not customary for KBE. Corey reports if there are no solicitations on this location the State may come back with an offer that is more in line with KBE's practices regarding other opportunities with the State. KBE did respond to an RFP with the University of Kentucky for laundry services but have not yet heard back. The last RFP being pursued is at the University of Louisville with their vending, noting there are some concerns with the RFP but overall appears to be a good venture. Corey provided staffing updates, informing the council a repair technician had been hired and a second food service coordinator position had been posted. Interviews for this position are set to begin soon. Vendors are being encouraged to participate in the National Automated Merchants Association (NAMA) being held in May, and OVR plans to cover the registration for any vendors who wish to attend. Corey reported an update to the Gordon Food Service (GFS) Contract that the State uses, and the vendors piggyback on; the updated delivery minimum has now increased to \$1,000. KBE Staff and two vendors will be attending the National Restaurant Association in May. There will also be a training opportunity hosted by NABM in Iowa in June that staff/vendors will be attending. This training will focus on machine training and opportunities in micro markets. Corey reported the automated-payment, or the electronic payment system, is now in operation but there are kinks still being worked through. The success and fail rate are currently around 50/50 and they are working to remedy the issues as quickly as possible. New micro markets have been installed, one in the Rotor Correctional Facility (Louisville) and the DEA Office (Louisville); both are successful. Another micro market will be installed at the American Printing House once some modifications to the location are made. Corey reported the online vendor training with Lighthouse for the Blind is running, with the first candidate successfully enrolled. This program will allow candidates to receive training quicker than in the past. Corey concluded his report.

Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center (CDPVTC) Division

Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center Division Director Alan Gullett provided the report. Since January, the CDPVTC has served 188 consumers. As of March 31st, the center had 112 enrollments, which has increased to 127 enrollments at the time of the meeting. Out of the 120 counties, the Center has served 67 in total. There are currently 85 consumers on the waiting list; 58 await training, 27 are waiting for a Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation (CVE). Alan reported success with the Online Permit Class, having 17 enrollments in March. The Center is currently working with three high schools with this

online permit class and has the capacity to serve more if any the Council knows of any consumers in need. Training for staff has been arranged for Supported Employment which is now offered as part of the Job Readiness Program at the Center. Some staff will also attend the upcoming Kentucky Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) Conference. The Reaching Team at the Center continues to look at data, citing the tours of the Center are a major factor in outreach. Since January 1st, the Center has given 38 tours, totaling around 307 people in attendance. Referrals through March totaled at 96, making the largest number of referrals in the first three months of any year since 2016. The average wage of consumers that have gone into Competitive Integrated Employment is \$13.33, with 26.61 average hours worked per week. Alan reported the local Prestonsburg Office has sent 19 referrals to the Center since January 1st, East Jefferson and Danville have sent 11 referrals, and Florence has sent 10. The Forklift Training Program has 11 program completions, with 10 consumers receiving a forklift certification. This program is in high demand at the Center. Alan reports the Center has upcoming projects scheduled that have been approved by RSA, one being an update to the HVAC controls and another to the fire panel. The Assisted Living Unit restrooms are being reworked to be more accessible and these plans will go out for bid soon. The Center is also hoping to install a new gymnasium floor, and p-tac units (air conditioning units) throughout the building. The Assisted Living Unit project, the p-tac and gymnasium floor replacement are expected to cost \$1.5M-\$2M. Alan reports other projects that need to be completed in the future, noting upgrades to the Forklift Training area and property drainage issues. The Center will be adding new credentials in the future, one being Materials Management, with more credentials being researched further. Alan reported he also had staff attend CSAVR recently, and the focus of budget and fiscal planning has led the Center to review their own budget. Graduation at the Center is planned for June 16th at 11:00am. There are currently 111 consumers eligible to graduate, with the hope that a few more will qualify. July 7th will mark 50 years that the Center has been in operation. September 12th through September 14th the Center will be hosting representatives from other state operated facilities and will celebrate the 50th Anniversary on September 14th at 10:00am. Alan noted that the Food Services Training Program will be baking, delivering, and serving cupcakes at the Assistants Training to be held in Lexington this week. Alan concluded his report.

Program Reports

Consumer Rehabilitation Program (CRP)

Consumer Rehabilitation Program Branch Manager Ron O'Hair presented the questions and results of the Supported Employment Provider Satisfaction Survey. The survey was revised based on previous Council responses. The revised CRP is more specific to

supported employment providers, adds more clarity to the questions and provides more measurable responses. This survey was provided across the state in January, with the expectations of receiving a baseline of consumer experiences in 2022. A suggestion was made that methods of engagement other than email should be utilized to lower the 'no response' percentage from one of the questions. The feedback was taken. Ron concluded his report, and there were no further comments.

Consumer Satisfaction Survey

University of Kentucky's Human Development Institute Principal Investigator Katie Wolfe Whaley presented the results of the 2022 Consumer Satisfaction Survey. She concluded her report, and there were no further questions or comments. The complete survey will be made available on OVR website.

Client Assistance Program:

Client Assistance Program Division Director Jeffrey Edwards provided an update. Since January, CAP has opened and closed 5 information referrals: two regarding CAP specifically, and three with OVR. One closed case involved multiple communications between a consumer and multiple OVR Staff. This client has retained private counsel and CAP has closed the case. An additional three information and referrals have been opened, providing information on OVR services. Two consumers are receiving assistance with communications with OVR regarding transition into adult life, and one person was represented on an appeal for assistive technology. The denial for assistive technology for this consumer was reserved based on information provided by CAP about the consumers situation. CAP provided technical assistance to two OVR counselors, one regarding a consumer's mental health services, and one regarding identity theft. Jeff informed the council that CAP has created a training PowerPoint for OVR staff, they have attended multiple meetings and sessions with different organizations such as INTACT Kentucky and the National Disability Rights Network, participated House Bill 144, Employment First, KITC and WIC-KY, and have multiple upcoming meetings with OVR scheduled in the near future. There are also several trainings scheduled that CAP will attend or participate in. Client Assistance Program Coordinator Beth Metzger informed the council of an upcoming meeting with OVR staff to record a training that can be simplified and easily accessed by OVR staff. This concluded the CAP update. Jeff confirmed an upcoming annual meeting for CAP advisory body—Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness—being held in-person only on May 26th. He will send a link to Joe, Chairperson, and the Council to register for this event. The focus this year is on employment, and he hopes the Council can attend. Jeff concluded his report, and there were no further questions or comments.

Business Meeting

The council reconvened, and a roll call was taken by Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Administrator Lametta Isaacs. A quorum was established. SCVR Chairperson called the meeting to order for business. Council members reviewed the Minutes from the January quarterly meeting. Council Member Todd Stephens made a motion to accept the minutes. Member Tyler Levy, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

Chairperson Joe Cowan provided the report. Discussion was had regarding the new member training that was held in February. The committee discussed the certificates to be presented to outgoing members, to be address later in today's meeting. Discussion regarding an Annual Retreat for the Council was had amongst the committee. The committee members feel very strongly this would be beneficial to the Council as a whole, allowing members to make connections with one another. This will be brought to the full Council during New Business. Dates for the next quarter committee meetings were discussed and will be sent out to those committees once decided on. New Council Member Benjamin Henderson was appointed to the Consumer Services and Program Evaluation Committee. The committee also discussed the nominations for new SCVR Officers to be held later during today's meeting. The committee adjourned.

Public Awareness and Legislative (PAL) Committee:

Chair Tyler Levy provided the report. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted. SCVR Vice Chairperson David Allgood provided legislative updates. The ongoing push for the sub-minimum wage legislation has not seen much traction and there are mixed feelings amongst legislators on the topic. David also mentioned the Annual Report, noting that further discussion on this will be had during the full council meeting. Member Christopher White discussed a new SCVR Recruitment document that will be shared with the Nominating and Bylaws Committee. There was a brief discussion regarding a SCVR Member Retreat. The Employment First Council will meet for the second time on September 14th. Tyler is stepping down from his role with SCVR, and Chris White expressed his interest in filling the vacancy. This will be addressed by the full council, as Chris already serves in a similar role with another

committee. Brent Sturgill attended the Annual Kentucky Chamber Day Dinner on February 9th and provided a short summary of this event. The committee adjourned.

Blind Services Committee:

Chair Danielle Burton provided the report. The minutes from January's meeting were reviewed and approved. Helga Gilbert provided updates on the McDowell Center. Chad Hunt provided an update with an ongoing project with informational videos on the McDowell Center to be shared with the public. The committee has set a goal with the Older Blind Program to serve all counties across the state, and Danielle reports that most of the counties are being served currently. Discussion was had regarding employment and open positions at the McDowell Center and how to disseminate that information to the public. Todd Stephens provided an update on the NFB Newslines and how to incorporate this service with individuals in OVR. The committee adjourned.

Policy and Planning Committee:

Chair Nicky Wright provided the report. The committee reviewed the state OVR-10B form related to equipment inventory and disposal. The committee discussed concerns that the committee meetings were not being utilized for its intended purpose, stating the committee should spend more time on policies and processes within OVR and planning ventures. It was decided moving forward that matters such as forms for internal use will not be discussed within this committee as it does not meet the purpose of the committee. Locations and hybrid options for future meetings were discussed, along with potential speakers. The committee will continue to discuss its purpose during the next meeting and plans to discuss the Strategic Plan. The committee adjourned.

Nominating and Bylaws Committee:

Todd Stephens provided the report. The minutes from the January meeting were approved. The committee reviewed the previous bylaws changes and felt that further amendments were in order. The first amendment pertains to having language regarding video-teleconferencing being consistent with what is written in State law. These changes will be presented to the full council. Please see the attached documents titled "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" for these changes. Discussion of nominations for SCVR Officers was had, and Todd gave a brief explanation on how the nominating process will work later in the meeting and certain requirements to hold these positions. There are appointment applications in progress to fill the upcoming vacancies within the Council. Todd made the announcement of member Matthew Davis' resignation from the Council. Matt has recommended a referral to fill the remainder of his term which expires in 2024. However, we have not received an application and resume as of yet. The committee discussed the importance of maintaining a full and active Council and would like to formally request that

SCVR develop a pipeline of referred individuals for the Council with completed applications. Lametta Isaacs has helped prepare an informational document titled “Joining SCVR” to help facilitate this process. This document will be available for review within the month. The committee adjourned.

Todd Stephens made a motion for the Council to accept the changes to the Bylaws as presented. Kelly Knoop, second. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Consumer Services and Program Evaluation Committee:

David Allgood provided the report. The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted. The committee discussed the Consumer Satisfaction Survey (CSS). David made a motion to approve the 2022 CSS. Todd, second. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. A vendor has been obtained for the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA) however details could not yet be released until all contracts have been completed. Plans and introductions are expected to be presented at the next quarterly meeting. DB101 is being updated to be more user-friendly and to be utilized on mobile devices. The committee adjourned.

Old Business

There were no old business matters to discuss.

New Business

Chairperson Joe Cowan recognized the following Council Members with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service: Amy Luttrell, Susan Farra, Tyler Levy, and Lynn Florence. Tyler Levy, having attended the meeting in-person, was presented with his certificate. He gave a short speech about his time with the Council. For members who attended virtually, certificates will be mailed to their home. Susan Farra also shared some kind words with the Council.

Todd Stephens volunteered to perform the officer election for the Council. For position of Chairperson, the Council has nominated David Allgood. Tyler Levy moved the nomination. Joe Cowan, second. All in favor, nomination carried unanimously. For position of Vice Chair, the Council has nominated Joe Cowan. Briana Sweatt moved the nomination. Tyler Levy, second. All in favor, nomination carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was requested by Chairperson Joe Cowan. Motion made by Todd Stephens. David Allgood second. The Council adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: July 24, 2023

Exhibit A

Article VI, Section 1, Number 4 – Susan Farra proposed on 02.01.23

Under Article VI.

The inclusion of Video Teleconference as in the Open Meetings Act. The statement below is language referenced from KRS 61.826. Please look over this section It was suggested to add a section to reflect the allowance of video teleconference in accordance with the act.

“The SCVR may conduct meetings through a video teleconferencing format as permissible under KRS 61.826 (“Video teleconferencing of meetings”) of the Open Meetings Act.

The SCVR may also conduct meetings through a hybrid arrangement where members of the Council and the public may elect to participate via either in-person at the meeting or through a video teleconferencing option.

When the SCVR convenes meetings with an available video teleconferencing option, the Council shall ensure that it provides a meeting notice which shall include specific information on how any member of the Council or of the public may view the meeting electronically. Members of the Council who participate in a meeting by video teleconference shall remain visible on camera at all times that business is being discussed.

When two or more members are attending a meeting in-person from the same physical location, the Council must designate a primary physical location so that all members of the Council and the public can be seen and heard by the public.” By Susan Farra

Exhibit B

SCVR Bylaws Article IV

Nominating and Bylaws Committee – January 23, 2023

Current Language

1. Article VI – Meetings, Section 2- Attendance

Failure to attend three (3) consecutive quarterly SCVR meetings may constitute grounds for recommendation for replacement of that member pursuant to law. Such recommendation requires a two-thirds vote by eligible SCVR Council members.

Proposed Amendment to Include Video Teleconference

2. Article VI – Meetings, Section 2 – Attendance and Kentucky’s Open Meetings Act

Failure to attend three (3) consecutive quarterly SCVR meetings may constitute grounds for recommendation for replacement of that member pursuant to law. Such recommendation requires a two-thirds vote by eligible Council members present and voting.

Members who participate in meetings by video teleconference must follow the requirements of KRS 61.826 of the Open Meetings Act entitled “Video teleconferencing of meetings”. Members who do not comply with KRS 61.826 are not considered present and shall not propose, second or participate in voting or business discussions at SCVR meetings.

Failure to follow KRS 61.826 two (2) or more times shall constitute grounds for recommendation for replacement of that member pursuant to the law. Such recommendation requires a two-thirds vote by eligible Council members present and voting.

(Phrase added to the master bylaw tracking 01/31/23 per Susan Farra)