CALL TO ORDER
Chair Peeples called to order the meeting of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents Executive Committee at 1:14 p.m. (ET) on March 12, 2015. The meeting was held in Regency Ball Room 2 of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky. The press was notified of the meeting on March 5, 2015. Hon. J. Campbell Cantrill, KCTCS General Counsel, served as parliamentarian.

There being a quorum present, the meeting began with the approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION: Mr. Cooper moved and Dr. Henson seconded that the minutes of the December 4, 2014, KCTCS Board of Regents Executive Committee meeting be approved.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

INFORMATION:
KCTCS BOARD OF REGENTS 2016 REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR
According to KRS 164.340, the KCTCS Board of Regents is mandated to meet quarterly. Board compliance with the quarterly meeting mandate has evolved into a two-day meeting format on Thursdays and Fridays with the meetings scheduled to avoid holidays in March, June, September, and December. The Board has held special meetings as necessary under the conditions set forth in Section 4 of the KCTCS Board of Regents Bylaws.

Chair Peeples asked regents to review their calendars and let staff know by April 24, 2015, whether they are available to attend meetings on March 10-11, 2016; June 9-10, 2016; September 15-16, 2016; and December 1-2, 2016. The proposed dates do not conflict with federal holidays.

Chair Peeples noted that the Board’s 2015 regular meeting calendar would be adopted at the June 12, 2015, Board of Regents meeting.

UPDATE: 2015 KCTCS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
Chair Peeples called on President Box to present the agenda item. KCTCS Vice President Tim Burcham assisted with the presentation.

President Box distributed the KCTCS Summary of Legislation 2015 General Assembly Session document to the committee. He noted that the legislature is currently in a veto recess until March 20, 2015.
President Box noted that only a few bills introduced during the 2015 session had any impact on KCTCS and other Postsecondary Education Institutions. HB (House Bill) 205 sponsored by Representative Mary Lou Marzian if enacted would have allowed each college within the KCTCS system to determine, by majority vote, the size of their board of directors within the statutory parameter of ten and sixteen members. KCTCS opposed this bill and it did not advance from the House Education Committee.

House Bill 435 and 478, which were identical bills sponsored by Representative Rick Nelson, would have required KCTCS to publish a listing of the 100 highest-paid System employees and contractors on the KCTCS website, with the information to be updated quarterly. KCTCS opposed HB 435 and it did not advance from the House Education Committee. However, it did advance from the House Labor & Industry Committee when reintroduced as HB 478. HB 478 passed the House, but did not receive a reading in the Senate Education Committee.

House Bill 47 sponsored by Representatives Brent Yonts, Larry Clark, Jerry Miller, Ruth Ann Palumbo and Arnold Simpson was monitored by KCTCS. This bill added the Kentucky Teachers’ Retirement System, along with the Legislative and Judicial Retirement Systems, to the Public Pension Oversight Board’s review responsibilities. The bill passed both the House and the Senate with no opposition and was delivered to the Governor for signature.

It was noted that House Bill 62 sponsored by Representative Brent Yonts and Arnold Simpson spelled out a clear pathway for non-stock, nonprofit corporation agencies to voluntarily leave the state pension system or be forced out if they do not meet qualifications determined by the KERS (Kentucky Employees Retirement System) board of trustees. To protect employees of agencies that leave KERS, HB 62 would require agencies that leave KERS to set up another pension system in its place. It would also give those agencies as much as 20 years to buy their way out. The bill passed both the House and the Senate with no opposition and was delivered to the Governor for signature.

House Bill 67 sponsored by Representative Kelly Flood was also followed by KCTCS. This bill would have amended the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 164.7874 to define the minimum number of cumulative credit hours needed to be considered “on track to graduate” at the end of each award period for Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) renewal requirements. Currently, each postsecondary institutions establishes its own “on track to graduate” requirements. A Senate Committee substitute to the bill would have delayed the bill’s implementation date to July 1, 2017. The bill passed the House but was defeated in the Senate.

President Box discussed House Bill 235 sponsored by Representatives Derrrik Graham, Gerald Brown, Jr., and Ruth Ann Palumbo. This bill would have required the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to work with postsecondary institutions to develop orientation and education programs for new governing board members including our Board of Regents. The bill required six hours of instruction time to be delivered within
one year of a new member’s appointment and completed for the appointee to be eligible for a second term. The bill passed the House but was not heard in the Senate Education Committee.

Chair Peeples called for discussion.

During the discussion, an inquiry was made regarding Senate Bill 71 sponsored by Senators Albert Robinson, Ralph Alvarado, Danny Carroll, C.B. Embry Jr., Chris Girdler, and Mike Wilson. This bill would have required postsecondary education institutions governing boards to ensure that students are permitted to voluntarily express religious or political viewpoints. At the time of the committee meeting, this bill had passed the Senate and was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee where it was not heard. A discharge petition has been filed, in order to bring the bill out of the committee to the floor for consideration without a report from the committee.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the KCTCS Board of Regents Executive Committee is scheduled for June 11, 2015, at Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Roth moved and Ms. Flynn seconded that the Executive Committee adjourn.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously, and the Executive Committee adjourned at 1:29 p.m. (ET).

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