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**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, January 17, 2025
THOMAS D. CLARK KENTUCKY HISTORY CENTER, BROWN-FORMAN ROOM B
AND ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Person: Bobbie Smith Bryant, Haley McCoy, Sheila Mason, Cynthia Torp, Mel Hankla, Suzanne Wells Miell, Tommy Hines, and Tommy Druen.

Via video conference: Dee Alvin Davis, Brent Bjorkman, Lora Suttles, and Scott Keadle.

GUESTS PRESENT:

In Person: Jerry Deaton (KHSF), Anthony Apro (KHSF), Charles Stewart (KHSF), Sebastian Kitchen (TAHC), and Emily Fabian (Compass Group).

Via video conference: Steve Stewart (KHSF), Dan Barbercheck (KSHF), Ryan Newcomb (KSHF), Carolle Jone Clay, and Alyssa Keller (Kentucky Museums & Heritage Alliance).

KHS STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Alvey, Leah Craig, Sarah McIntosh, Stuart Sanders, Jonathan Noffke, Karen Marlowe, Dana Zinger, and Michael Cruikshank.

I. Call to Order/Welcome

President Cynthia Torp called the meeting of the Kentucky Historical Society governing board to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. EDT. A quorum was present. President Torp welcomed the members of the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation Board, new governing board members, and new Deputy Director, Leah Craig.

II. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2024, Board Meeting

The minutes of October 18, 2024, governing board meeting were presented to the board in advance electronically and with a copy in the board meeting packet. President Torp called for any additions or corrections. There were none.

Motion by Tommy Druen, second by Sheila Mason, that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

III. Reports:



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A. Committees/Commissions:

1. Kentucky Oral History Commission- KHS Director of Historical Resources, Jonathan Noffke, referenced the report for the commission as presented in the board packet, in the absence of Chair Amanda Matthew. Noffke reminded the governing board that the KY Oral History Commission grant program is a bi-annual grant cycle, and upcoming applications are due March 14th, 2025.

B. Finance:

Executive Director, Scott Alvey, presented the KHS FY25 2Q Finance Report as found in the board packet. Scott spoke on key points of grants that have yet to go out, as well as an overage in the General Fund for vacant personnel positions.

C. Membership:

The governing board was presented the new and renewed KHS memberships for the past quarter, as found in the board packet.

Motion by Sheila Mason, second by Brent Bjorkman, that the new and renewed memberships presented be accepted. The motion unanimously carried.

D. Executive Director:

Executive Director Alvey referenced the report in the board packet, highlighting the strategic plan and new personnel positions. Alvey also updated that KHS will be hosting the General Assembly, at the Old Sate Capitol, on Tuesday, February 11th. Updates also included information on the Black Legislative Caucus, and working with Senate Minority Leader, Gerald Neal, as KHS plans programming for February.

IV. Old Business:

A. KHS Strategic Planning:

Emily Fabian, from Compass Group, presented the strategic plan, as created by KHS staff and the governing board. The KHS leadership team presented the four goals for the strategic plan: empower our people, deepen connection with our patrons, grow an active community of dedicated supporters, and elevate Kentucky history statewide. The leadership team and governing board discussed the strategies to achieve these goals, and how to implement them moving forward.

President Torp thanked Emily Fabian and everyone who worked to craft the Strategic Plan.

Motion by Bobbie Bryant, second by Tommy Druen, that the strategic plan be approved and adopted as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

B. Executive Director's Review



President Torp discussed participation in the performance review of Executive Director, Scott Alvey. Torp stated the census from this review was positive from all groups, and shared that leadership, program development, ethics, and networking were a few of Alvey's strengths highlighted in the review. A copy of the report is available for governing board members, upon request.

V. New Business:

A. KHS Nominating Committee

President Torp stated that persons serving on the KHS 2025 Nominating Committee as provided under KRS 171.311 § XII, will be appointed at the next governing board meeting in April 2025.

B. KHS Salary Schedule

Deputy Director, Leah Craig, referred to the salary schedule as presented in the board packet. Craig stated that the salary schedule has been updated to mirror the personnel cabinet salary structure. President Torp called for any discussions. There were none.

Motion by Sheila Mason, second by Haley McCoy, that the salary schedule be approved as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

VI. Additional Reports:

- A. Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet updates by Sebastian Kitchen.
- B. Kentucky Museums & Heritage Alliance updates by Alyssa Keller.

VII. Announcements/Adjournment:

- A. Next Governing Board Meeting Date: Friday, April 18, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m. EDT
- B. 2025 KHS Annual Meeting – Friday, November 7, 2025, at 11:00am ET

With no further business to come before the KHS Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Alvey