



KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Kentucky Qualification System (KQS) Advisory Committee

Mr. Dustin Heiser, KYEM
(Chair)

Mr. Steve Brukwicki,
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Mr. Drew Chandler,
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Mr. Michael Froelich,
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Mr. Grant Gillion, KDPH

Ms. Jennifer Hitch, KYEM

Mr. Marc Rudder, KY Fire
Commission

Mr. Todd Schulkers,
Kenton County HS/EM

Mr. Kevin Vogelpohl,
Boone County EM

Mr. Jason York, KYEM

Maj. Eric Walker
KSP

Mr. Garth Wireman,
KENA-APCO

Ms. Charla Sands, DMA,
Legal Counsel, Nonvoting

Dr. Charlie Harris, KYEM,
Secretary, Nonvoting

Ninth Meeting

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Attached at the End of These Minutes

Date: 26 August 2024

Location: Room 208, Emergency Operations Center,
Boone Center, Frankfort, KY 40601

Call to Order: Dr. Charlie Harris at 10:03 AM.

Roll Call: Eleven of the fourteen committee members
attended virtually or in-person. This constituted a
quorum. Mr. Garth Wireman, Ms. Charla Sands, and
Mr. Dustin Heiser were excused.

Director's Comments: Director Eric Gibson welcomed
everyone to the meeting and stated that KQS was one
of his top priorities. He said that KQS was part of
KYEM's evolution as an organization. He emphasized
the importance of Historical Recognition moving
forward.

Introductions: Maj. Eric Walker, KSP, was introduced to
the committee. This was his first meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mr. Kevin
Vogelpohl moved to accept the minutes from the
May 13, 2024 meeting with the correction of a
grammatical error, and Mr. Steve Brukwicki
seconded. The vote to approve the minutes was
unanimous.

Meeting Agenda and Objectives: Dr. Harris covered
the agenda and objectives. The major parts were:

(1) Introduction of New Committee Member.

(2) Update of Where We Are and Where KQS Is Heading in the Fall

(3) Review of Draft Decertification and De-credentialing Section of the KQS SOG

Decertification and De-Credentialing Discussion:

The committee reviewed the draft Decertification and De-Credentialing Section of the KQS SOG, developed by the subcommittee organized for this purpose. The committee recommended several changes, including the use of fewer acronyms, to make it easier for a person, unfamiliar with KQS, to read and understand. One of the main discussion points centered upon the need to obtain an electronic system or database to track the status of the KQS packets. Director Gibson stated that at the next meeting, we would get back with the committee for a possible strategy to get this completed. Also, the committee has specific recommendations for wording to the section, Dr. Harris said he would integrate the revisions into the document and also have the legal department provide a review of the final draft.

Update of Where We Are and Where KQS Is Heading in the Fall:

Next, Dr. Harris reviewed the significant KQS milestones for 2024. He stated the program was on track and had met 100% of its milestones to date. He continued by saying the active marketing of KQS would commence September 1, 2024 for Historical Recognition submissions. Dr. Harris concluded by saying he would be speaking about Historical Recognition and KQS at the Kentucky Emergency Services Conference on September 4, 2024.

Possible KRS Revision to Chapter 39A.050 to Add KYEM's Responsibility to

Implement KQS: The committee reviewed the proposed KRS changes and expressed their consent to continue with the revisions. Director Gibson stated the changes were important to ensure that KQS had a permanent home or place in law.

Next Steps – the Advisory Committee's Next Meeting: The committee gained consensus to schedule its tenth meeting for Monday, November 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Mr. Walker moved to adjourn, and Mr. Brukwicki seconded. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:56 AM

Attachments: Advisory Committee Slidedeck 26 August 24 (PowerPoint)