



January 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
January 16, 2026; 12 noon to 2pm

**Introductions and Welcome**

- In the chat, type a response to the following: **The most relaxing thing you did over the holidays/break...**

**Attendance:** Emily Goetz, Amber Dejmaj, Hilary Koehn, Maria Torres, Tabitha Morris, Allee Huninghake, Aaron Grunewald, Janet Cody, Angie MEndez, Dana Clary, Monique Koerner, Lisa Williams, Brittany Denson

Meeting started **12:00**

Approval of [December 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)-

Maria moved to approve the minutes, Janet seconded, 10 yes, passed unanimously

**KSDE update, Lisa Williams**

- Fiscal year 2026 Mid-year report (July 1 - Dec 1) is due January 26th. Working on reviewing the reports and providing feedback to programs on their reports.
- Meaningful reports with accurate data will be really important as we move into the Office of Early Childhood. Also helpful to be able to tell the “PAT Story” with data and with successful events and program updates which are included.
- KPAT grant for FY2027 will be opening March 1st, likely will have very minimal changes, but another aspect which will be looked at closely to ensure smooth transitioning to KOEC, recommendations will most likely still go to the BOE this year. Anticipating level funding.

**President Report, Amber Dejmaj** (*Reports will be noted as received for filing in minutes unless finance reports which require a vote*)

- Happy New Year!
- KPATA Board Applications are now OPEN! Do you know anyone who would be a great candidate for the NE Regional Director or the SE Regional Director position?

Noted and received

**Executive Director Report, Hilary Koehn**

- [January Executive Director Report](#)
  - View report for updates (additional notes below)
  - Acknowledging everyone’s role, contributions and impact to make a well rounded Board and Leadership group. Sufna John video

- New software training with Bonterra-Apricot, staff is very positive about what this system could provide to the program
- AIFKK Strategic Plan Progress Dashboard - sharing what is on the dashboard and functions within each area. Link available for sharing feedback about the dashboard for edits and improvements.
- Advocacy work - Feb 25th will be Early Learning Day, Mar 2nd will be the Early Learning Caucus, Mar 4th will be Home Visiting Program Advocacy Day
  - Will be hosting a lunch and learn time to help prepare program staff to attend Advocacy days, where to park, what to expect, how to prepare for questions and talking with legislators, etc.
  - Photo Gallery Walk of Home Visits in the Rotunda

Noted and received

### **Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, shared by Janet Cody**

- Monthly meeting date altered to the 4th Wednesday, 1:00pm
- [KPATA's Medical Leaves of Absence policy](#) -
  - Board members invited to share input on the policy and notify Janet if you make comments or have additional feedback.

Noted and received

### **Finance Report, Aaron Grunewald [Motion/Vote Needed To Accept](#)**

- [Finance Documents - Post-Reviewed](#)

Aaron moved to accept financial reports as presented, Janet seconded, 10 yes passed unanimously

### **Advocacy Committee Report, shared by Hilary Koehn**

- Advocacy Lunch and Learn is planned for January 29th
- March 4th - Home Visiting Program Advocacy Day
  - See ED Report for details

Noted and received

### **Education and Training Committee Report, shared by Maria Torres**

#### Upcoming Training

- February: Hope Training (Dana Book)
- March 12 @ 1 PM: Safe Sleep Training (Meg Yenser Certified Safe Sleep Instructor)
- Visit Tracker Training: Logistics to be discussed at the next meeting

#### Conference: Back to the Future

- Subcommittees needed (Registration, Decorations, Meals, Sessions) If you are interested in helping with a subcommittee, please let us know.

- Registration fee TBD; no virtual option this year
  - Registration will include meals
- Call for proposals in progress
- Vendor tables planned around room perimeter, final count TBD
- Sessions: 5 on Day 1 (afternoon), 5 on Day 2 (morning)
- Will have a presenter from PATNC, Frida Markley

Noted and received

### **Personnel Committee, shared by Amber Dejmaj**

- We worked through and reviewed the KPATA action plan.

Noted and received

### **Membership and Nominating Committee, shared by Dana Clary**

- 323 members
- Board Member open positions announcement sent out Monday Jan 12th: new revised application below:  
<https://kpata.wufoo.com/forms/kpata-board-member-application-2026>
- Behavior Checker Group Connection for all KPATA program families now planning in Fall 2026.
- KSDE requested hiring Hilary/KPATA consider providing monthly Visit Tracker office hours/training; currently providing these informally. (Only to be shared with Board members right now and not with affiliates just yet)

Noted and received

### **Supporting Care Providers Update, shared by Becky Stewart**

- Office of Early Childhood Transition Director Discussion
- SCPK Expansion Plan
- Sharing proposal of SCPK expansion with Zach Vincent who shared it with Gov. Kelly. Looking at options on where this could fall under KOEC structurally and financially.
- Viewing 3 year proposed plan shared with KOEC

Noted and received

### **FFPSA Committee, shared by Jenny Smith**

- [Oct 2019-Dec 2025](#)
  - View January Meeting report in folder for updates

Noted and received

Next Meeting: February 20th 12:00 - 2:00 pm, March 27th (week following KS Spring Break)

Meeting adjourned 1:22pm