

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Rewa Zakharia, Proxy for Attorney General Russell Coleman
Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney 16th Judicial Circuit
Jackie Steele, Commonwealth's Attorney 27th Judicial Circuit
Carrie Ovey-Wiggins, Commonwealth's Attorney, 56th Judicial Circuit
Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney 29th Judicial Circuit
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney
John Estill, Mason County Attorney
Jenny Oldham, Hardin County Attorney
Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney
Jennie Haymond, Madison County Attorney
Lisa Foley, Citizen Member

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Alyssa Logan
Amanda Ciejko
Bobby Stokes
Chris Adams
Destiny Bray
Gina Carey
Harry Rothgerber
Julie Cox
Kathy Phillips
Letitia Baker
Madeline Wise
Patricia Wise
Penny Quatman
Samantha Bracco
Susan Blake
Tammy Eversole
Tom Lockridge

GUESTS PRESENT

Karen Young, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit
Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9th Judicial Circuit
Herb McKee, Commonwealth's Attorney, 51st Judicial Circuit
John Gardner, Commonwealth's Attorney, 43rd Judicial Circuit
Thomas Dudley Cotton, Office of the Jefferson County Attorney
Jeff Derouen, Office of the Jefferson County Attorney
J. Michael VanMeter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 6th Judicial Circuit
Gerina Whethers, Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit

TEAMS Video-Teleconference Specials Public Meeting Link

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/23262904760144?p=XGvZeFs5y7FuvnNQKh>Haley Jo Fields, Commonwealth's Attorney, 41st Judicial CircuitKathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 4th Judicial CircuitKori Bumgarner, Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial CircuitRheese McKenzie, Commonwealth's Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit

Gilbert Holland, Knox County Attorney

Angela Evans, Fayette County Attorney

G. Davis Wilson, Bourbon County Attorney

Maureen Leamy, Commonwealth's Attorney, 3rd Judicial Circuit

Jason Darnall, Marshall County Attorney

Michael Endicott, Johnson County Attorney

Fred Busroe, Harlan County Attorney

Crystal Heinz, Trimble County Attorney

Melissa Phelps, Martin County Attorney

John Hayne, Office of the Fayette County Attorney

Arch McKay, Nelson County Attorney

Russell Goff, Green County Attorney

Amy Chandler, Warren County Attorney

Pursuant to KRS 15.100(2), Executive Director, Bobby Stokes called the roll. After the roll was called, a quorum was announced, and the meeting was called to order.

Bobby Stokes welcomed everyone to the meeting and reiterated this is a special meeting according to KRS 61.823 requested by the presiding officer Attorney General Coleman and advised that discussions would be limited to only topics on the agenda.

BUDGET

Gina reported that the funding provided in the conference committee version of House Bill 500 (the Executive Budget) for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 is sufficient to maintain current operations, including the SCCP. However, the budget language specifically removes the annual 2 percent salary increase provided for the rest of the Executive and Judicial Branch employees for Commonwealth's Attorneys, County Attorneys, and their staff, for the next two years.

Additional provisions within the budget bill are still under review. These include expenditure restrictions affecting travel, subscriptions (including Westlaw), and potential limitations on discretionary salary increases.

While overall funding is adequate, some uncertainties remain including the actual KERS employer share retirement rate for the biennium. Further clarification is expected prior to the April 17 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Response to Auditor of Public Accounts' (APA) Unified Prosecutorial System Draft Special Examination Report

Jennie Oldham made a motion to have a second special meeting on April 6th, 2026 at 12:00PM EDT to review the drafted response for the letter to the Auditor of Public Accounts' (APA) Unified Prosecutorial System Drafted Special Examination Report. The motion was seconded by Rob Sanders and passed by voice vote.

ADJOURN

Bobby Stokes reminded the Council that the next regular PAC Meeting will be on April 17th, 2026, in Frankfort Kentucky at 10 AM EDT, at the Office of the Attorney General.

Rob Sanders made a motion to adjourn at 2:04 PM EDT; the motion was seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.