



## BOARD OF REGENTS

March 3, 2023

Dr. Aaron Thompson, President  
Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
100 Airport Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear President Thompson,

Essential to our process of finding Kentucky State University's next president is hearing diverse views and ensuring representation from across the KSU community and beyond.

During the Thursday, March 2, special-called meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents, the Board approved the presidential search committee composition and charge with a caveat regarding the extent of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education involvement on the committee. The fully approved action item is attached for your reference.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education will be represented by one committee member selected by the CPE President. The selected member must be submitted to the Kentucky State University Board of Regents Chairman, Gerald W. Patton, [Regent.Patton@kysu.edu](mailto:Regent.Patton@kysu.edu), no later than Monday, March 6, by 5 p.m.

Ideal candidates should possess the following characteristics: committed to maintaining the integrity of the process by respecting confidentiality; works with a collaborative spirit; willing to endure the time-consuming and serious commitment of choosing Kentucky State's next president; and have a comprehensive understanding of the history, challenges, and opportunities of Kentucky State University.

These are uncertain times, but Kentucky State University is a remarkable institution, grounded in our mission and fortified and enhanced by a strong plan for our future. I am excited about the path ahead and have confidence this search will bring us a dynamic, innovative new leader who will advance and strengthen Kentucky State for the future. Thank you for participating in this important journey.

Onward and Upward,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald W. Patton".

Gerald W. Patton, Ph.D.  
*Chairman of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents*