

Education Professional Standards Board

Phillip Rogers, of Scottsville, became executive director of the EPSB in 2005. He has been with the EPSB since 2000, serving as director of the Division of Professional Learning and Assessment prior to becoming executive director. Before joining the EPSB, Dr. Rogers served as the founding director of the Allen County Schools' Family Resource Center, recognized in 1995 as Kentucky's Outstanding Family Resource Center by the Kentucky Association of Guidance Counselors. As executive director of the EPSB, Dr. Rogers oversees the daily operation of the agency, which was established as part of the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act. He has performed research and evaluations for a variety of organizations and programs, including the Kentucky Institute for Educational Research, the National Center for Family Literacy, the Kentucky Safe Schools Project, and the Kentucky Department for Juvenile Justice. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. Rogers received a B.S. degree in counseling from Liberty University in Virginia, an M.A. in child development from Western Kentucky University, and a doctorate in education evaluation from the University of Louisville.

Lorraine Williams, of Lexington, is the EPSB board chair. She is currently in her fifth year as principal at Millcreek Elementary in Lexington. She relocated from Houston, Texas, where she worked as a teacher and then as a district level gifted and talented coordinator. In Kentucky, she has worked as an elementary teacher and a highly skilled educator before becoming a principal. Ms. Williams holds a bachelor's degree from New York University, and a master's and Rank 1 from the University of St. Thomas. She received her National Board Certification in 2002. Ms. Williams is in her second appointment on the EPSB, serving her second year as chair and representing school administrators.

Tom Stull, of Villa Hills, is in his 25th year of teaching in Kentucky where he currently teaches high school math in the Kenton County school district. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.S. in mathematics education and received his master's from Xavier University. Mr. Stull became National Board Certified in 2000, and in 2009 he successfully renewed his National Board Certification. He is in his second appointment on the EPSB board where he formerly served as chair and currently serves as vice chair. He represents middle and secondary school teachers.

Lonnie Anderson, of Williamsburg, is a 27-year veteran of Kentucky public schools. He is a native of Whitley County and will soon complete 19 years as superintendent of the Whitley County School System. He received his bachelor's in general business education from Cumberland College, his master's degree from Union College, and his Rank 1 from Eastern Kentucky University. He is in his second appointment to the EPSB, representing school administrators.

Frank Cheatham, of Campbellsville, is in his 37th year of service at Campbellsville University where he has served the last 11 years as vice president for academic affairs. Additionally, he is a professor of mathematics and computer science at the university. Dr.

Cheatham received his bachelor of science from Campbellsville University (then Campbellsville College) with a mathematics major and biology minor, a master of science in computer science education from the University of Evansville, a master of science in mathematics from Tennessee Technological University, and a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Kentucky. He is in his first appointment on the EPSB, representing chief academic officers.

Cathy Gunn, of Morehead, has more than 40 years of teaching experience, including 17 years in K-12 settings and 22 years in higher education at Morehead State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Illinois. She currently serves as the dean of the College of Education at Morehead State University. Dr. Gunn holds a B.S. from Illinois State University, where she had a dual major in special education and elementary education; an M.A. from the University of Illinois in educational administration; and a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in reading literacy and instructional technology. She is in her second appointment on the EPSB, representing postsecondary education institutions.

Mary Stewart Hammons, of Flatlick, has been a teacher in Knox County for 32 years. Her career began in elementary education but the last 16 years she has taught the gifted and talented. She has a B.S., master's, and a Rank I from Union College. She has been volunteering to officiate in Governor's Cup Competitions on all levels for over 20 years. Additionally, she has been on the State Odyssey of the Mind Board for nine years and has coached Future Problem Solving, Odyssey of the Mind, and Quick Recall Teams. She serves her church as children's choir director, assistant pianist, and youth Sunday School teacher. She is in her first appointment to the EPSB, representing elementary school teachers.

Lynn May, of Grayson, has taught physical science over the past 14 years. She currently teaches accelerated chemistry, physics, and earth science at East Carter County High School in Grayson, Kentucky. She is the science department chair and is actively working to help build Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) not only within departments but also throughout the school. She graduated with a B.S. degree in secondary education-science/math emphasis from Kentucky Christian University and holds a master's degree in secondary education with a science emphasis from Morehead State University. She is in her first appointment to the EPSB, representing secondary school teachers.

Greg Ross, of Louisville, is in his 13th year of teaching in Kentucky. Currently he teaches first grade at H. B. Slaughter Elementary in Louisville. Mr. Ross received his bachelor's in education from Oral Roberts University and his M.A. and M.S. from Murray State University. He has served on the Volunteer Partnership Assistance Team, District Curriculum Committee, NAACP Education Committee, and was president of the Paducah Education Association. He currently holds a seat on the Association of Childhood Educators' International Diversity Committee and recently participated in the WKU Center for Leadership Studies as an assessor for leadership assessment of undergraduate/graduate leadership students. He is in his second appointment on the EPSB, representing elementary school teachers.

Becky Sagan, of Lexington, has been on the Fayette County School Board of Education since 2004 where she currently serves as chair. She also has served on the Kentucky PTA board of directors. She received a bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree from the University of Louisville. In her first appointment on the EPSB, she is representing local boards of education.

Sandy Sinclair-Curry, of Columbia, is in her 25th year of working with exceptional students in Adair County where she has served as the ESS district coordinator since 1991. She received her B.S. in elementary and exceptional education, her master's degree in exceptional education, and her Rank 1 in administration and director of exceptional education from Western Kentucky University. She is in her second appointment to the EPSB, representing secondary school teachers.

Zenaida Smith, of Worthington, has served as a K-12 Spanish teacher at Raceland-Worthington High School for the past 13 years. She also teaches at Ashland Community and Technical College. Ms. Smith received her bachelor's degree in general education and Rank II from Morehead State University. She serves on the Diversity Committee for the Eastern Kentucky Education Association and is a sponsor for the Raceland-Worthington High School Beta Club and Spanish Honor Society. In her spare time, she and her son volunteer at Safe Harbor, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. In her second appointment to the EPSB, she is representing middle/junior high school teachers.

Bobbie Sammons Stoess, of Crestwood, is in her 30th year of teaching at Crestwood Elementary School. She received her B.S. and master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and Rank 1 from the University of Louisville. She is actively involved in KEA, the PR/chair of the Scholarship Committee at the Oldham County Teachers' Association, president of the South Oldham InterChurch Council, and 2003 Oldham County of the Year. She is in her first appointment on the EPSB, representing elementary school teachers.

Mark Wasicsko, of Highland Heights, is the dean of the College of Education and Human Services and Bank of Kentucky chair of educational leadership at Northern Kentucky University. He also is director of the National Network for the Study of Educator Dispositions. He received his B.S. in science education, M.Ed. in secondary science, and Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Florida. Before coming to NKU in 2005, his 30+ years as an educator have included positions such as teacher, professor, provost, and dean. His research interests focus on defining and measuring the dispositions associated with educator effectiveness and integrating them into the recruitment, admissions, and training programs for future teachers and leaders. Dr. Wasicsko is in his third appointment on the EPSB, representing deans of public colleges of education.

Cassandra A. Webb, of Louisa, has worked in education for the past 17 years and has specifically served career-technical education since 1996. She is the director of assessment, curriculum, and career-technical education for Lawrence County Schools in Louisa, Kentucky. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and her master's degree

and Rank 1 from Morehead State University. She is in her first appointment on the EPSB, representing vocational secondary school teachers.

Cynthia York, of Glasgow, has worked in education for the past 18 years. She has worked as both an elementary and middle school teacher in Kentucky and Tennessee. For the past ten years, she has served as Teacher Consultant for Special Programs for Barren County Schools. In this role, she works with ECE teachers across the district, grades preschool through 12. Ms. York received her bachelor's degree and Rank I from Western Kentucky University and her master's degree from the University of Kentucky. She is in her first appointment to the EPSB, representing elementary school teachers.