

**UPDATE: LEADERSHIP CHANGES**

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**Leadership changes to the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet**

- On April 16, 2018, Hal Heiner announced that he would resign as Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and take a position on the Kentucky Board of Education.
- Governor Bevin appointed Don Parkinson as Interim Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. He was previously the Secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.

**Leadership changes to the Kentucky Department of Education**

- On April 16, 2018, Governor Bevin appointed seven new members to the Kentucky Board of Education:
  - Hal Heiner, former Secretary of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet
  - Kathy Gornik, of Lexington, the retired co-founder and president of Thiel Audio, a high-performance audio equipment manufacturer which she helped launch in 1977
  - Tracey Cusick, of Union, the mother of 10 children
  - Joe Papalia, of Louisville, an entrepreneur and the chief executive officer of Munich Welding and Deposition Technology Innovations
  - Laura Timberlake, of Ashland, chief operating officer for Big Sandy Distribution/Big Sandy Superstores, a large furniture store chain
  - Amanda Stamper, of Lexington, public relations director for Anthem, Inc. and former communications director for Gov. Matt Bevin
  - Ben Cundiff, of Cadiz, first appointed by Gov. Bevin in May 2016 to fill an unexpired term, has been the owner/operator of Cundiff Farms since 1967
- After the new appointments, the Board of Education called a special meeting including a closed session to consider a personnel issue:
  - At the conclusion of the closed session, the Commission of Education, Stephen Pruitt, offered his resignation.
  - The Board named Dr. Wayne D. Lewis Jr. the interim commissioner of education. Lewis is a University of Kentucky professor and most recently served as the executive director of educational programs with the Kentucky Cabinet for Education and Workforce Development.