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## PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Russell Coleman, Attorney General
Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit
Jackie Steele, Commonwealth's Attorney, 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney, 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney
John Estill, Mason County Attorney
Jenny Oldham, Hardin County Attorney
Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney
Stacy Tapke, Kenton County Attorney
Lisa Foley, Citizen member

## PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Stokes
Gina Carey
Julie Cox
Susan Blake
Penny Quatman
Chad Coleman
Samantha Bracco

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Mike Stacy, Commonwealth's Attorney, 1st Judicial Circuit
Maureen Leamy, Commonwealth's Attorney, 3rd Judicial Circuit
Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 4th Judicial Circuit
Mike Van Meter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 6th Judicial Circuit
Kori Bumgarner, Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit
Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9th Judicial Circuit
Michelle Snodgrass, Commonwealth's Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit
Melvin Leonhart, Commonwealth's Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit
Ashton McKenzie, Commonwealth's Attorney, 21st Judicial Circuit
Parker Boggs, Commonwealth's Attorney, 26th Judicial Circuit
David L. Dalton, Commonwealth's Attorney, 28th Judicial Circuit
Gerina Whethers, Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit
Ronnie Bowling, Commonwealth's Attorney, 34th Judicial Circuit
Blake Chambers, Commonwealth's Attorney, 38th Judicial Circuit

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Dennis Foust, Commonwealth's Attorney, 42<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Hart Megibben, Commonwealth's Attorney, 53<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit Bailey Taylor, Commonwealth's Attorney, 55<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Corey Thomas, Spencer County Attorney Monica Hill, Fleming County Attorney Ben Harrison, Lewis County Attorney Michael Laws, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Kevin Grout, Attorney General's Office Amy Hall Wil Shroder

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

Bobby Stokes welcomed everyone to the special meeting being held by telecommunication today. He reminded everyone since this is a special meeting, conversations would be limited to only topics on the agenda.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

# DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEYS OFFICE OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Bobby Stokes announced given the nature of the discussions today the Council will go into a closed session in pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c), (j), and (m). He explained Gina Carey will email a new link for the closed session. Once the closed session has concluded, everyone will return to the open session.

John Estill made a motion to move to a closed session in pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c), (j), and (m), to discuss matters related to the Commonwealth's Attorney Office of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, the motion was seconded by Stacy Tapke, and passed by voice vote.

Jackie Steele made a motion to return to open session, the motion was seconded by Rob Sanders, and passed by voice vote.

Stacy Tapke made a motion to authorize Bobby Stokes, Executive Director, forward the complaints received relating to the Commonwealth's Attorney of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit,

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to the Kentucky Bar Association, the motion was seconded by Courtney Baxter, and passed by voice vote.

Stacy Tapke made a motion for Bobby Stokes, Executive Director, to inform the alleged victims that the complaint has been received and will be sent to the Attorney General and the Kentucky Bar Association for their consideration, the motion was seconded by Martin Hatfield, and passed by voice vote.

Stacy Tapke made a motion that anything related to this matter in pursuant to the exception of the open records act related to an unwanted invasion of privacy and any law enforcement exception that may be applicable, the names, job titles, and any identifiers in pursuant to KRS 16.878 (1) (a) be redacted of the complaining parties once letters are issued to the Kentucky Bar Association, the motion was seconded by John Estill, and passed by voice vote.

Rob Sanders announced that Kelly Clarke resigned effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. It's anticipated that a new Commonwealth's Attorney will be appointed temporarily and long term upon the date of his resignation. He voiced his support for Chris Kelly if the Attorney General sees fit to appoint him as the interim Commonwealth's Attorney in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

### <u>ADJOURN</u>

Rob Sanders made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 PM EST, the motion was seconded by Joe Ross, and passed by voice vote.