



**ANDY BESHEAR**  
**GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Secretary of State**  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

**2026 – 402**  
**June 29, 2026**

The Kentucky Supreme Court has vacated House Bill 518 (R.S. 2021), legislation that unconstitutionally amended the make-up of the State Fair Board by operation of law. The ruling voids all terms of current appointees as all were appointed under the unconstitutional law. Because HB 518 was ruled unconstitutional, the previous law, Section 247.090 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as it existed on March 28, 2021, is controlling. Under the authority of that statute, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby appoint the following as members of the State Fair Board:

Dorsey Ridley, Henderson,  
representing agribusiness, to serve  
for a term expiring June 28, 2030;

Sadiqa Reynolds, Louisville,  
representing the state at large, to  
serve for a term expiring June 28,  
2030;

Cleo Battle, Louisville, representing  
the Louisville Convention and  
Visitors Bureau, to serve for a term  
expiring June 28, 2027;

John Cox, Louisville, representing  
the state at large, to serve for a term  
expiring June 28, 2029;

Michael Berry, Louisville,  
representing the state at large, to  
serve for a term expiring June 28,  
2029;

Greg Pope, Louisville, representing  
the state at large, to serve for a term  
expiring June 28, 2030;

Hans Poppe, Prospect, representing  
the state at large, to serve for a term  
expiring June 28, 2029; and



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Lee Robey, Adairville, representing crop or plant production, to serve for a term expiring June 28, 2028.

Further, I do hereby designate Ray Perry, Deputy Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet, who shall serve as my designee, as Chair of the Board. Furthermore, I do hereby designate Michael Berry, Louisville, as Vice Chair of the Board.

Please issue commissions to them.

For the sake of clarity, all members serving on the Board enacted through House Bill 518 passed during the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly, which the Kentucky Supreme Court has now ruled unconstitutional and void, shall no longer serve as a matter of law and are removed by operation of law. Organizations required by KRS 247.090 to submit lists of six nominees shall submit those lists by July 15, 2026.



*Andy Beshear*  
ANDY BESHEAR, GOVERNOR  
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