



HISTORY OF THE KENTUCKY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE



KENTUCKY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE
140 WALNUT STREET
FRANKFORT, KY 40601

Kentucky Registry of Election Finance

140 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

HISTORY

The Kentucky Registry of Election Finance was created by the General Assembly in 1966 to monitor the financial activity of candidates for public office and committees formed to participate in the election process. Succeeding General Assemblies have adopted amendments to the original act and enacted regulations to support the statutes. The duties and responsibilities of the Registry are found in Chapter 121 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The Kentucky Registry of Election Finance's Board held their first meeting on September 13, 1966. Those present were: Frank B. Hower, Jr., Jo M. Ferguson, Jo T. Orendorf, Mrs. Adron Doran, and W. Henderson Dysard. All appointed by Governor Breathitt.

On January 21, 1967 the Registry office moved into its first permanent facility located at 310 West Liberty Street, Room 400, Louisville, KY 40202. The offices of the Registry occupied that building for nine years. Then on July 1, 1976 the offices were moved to 1520 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601 where it resided for 15 years. On July 1, 1991 the offices were moved to the current address of 140 Walnut Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

THE REGISTRY'S ROLE

The role of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance is to assure the integrity of the Commonwealth's electoral process by making certain there is full public access to campaign financial data and financial disclosure reports, and by administering Kentucky's campaign finance laws.

The Registry ensures that information reports pertinent to election campaign financing are filed on a timely basis and reviews this information for completeness, accuracy, and compliance with campaign finance laws. The Registry's regulatory function includes tracking of candidate and committee election finance activities, audit functions, investigations, review of and response to requests for advisory opinions, and adjudication of administrative charges of violations of campaign finance laws.

Under KRS Chapter 121, Kentucky's campaign finance laws apply to all candidates for office, including gubernatorial slates, judicial, statewide, legislative, city, county, and school board candidates, as well as political issue committees, permanent committees (PACs), unauthorized campaign committees, contributing organizations, inaugural committees, state and local party executive committees, and caucus campaign committees.

KENTUCKY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE OVERVIEW

The role of the Registry of Election Finance is to assure the citizens of the Commonwealth of the integrity of the electoral process by making certain there is full public access to campaign financial data and financial disclosure reports, and by administering Kentucky's campaign finance laws, including the public financing program for gubernatorial slates.

The Registry is charged with the administration and regulation of Kentucky's campaign finance laws. The agency ensures that reporting information pertinent to election campaign financing is filed on a timely basis and reviews this information for completeness and accuracy. Financial reports are reviewed for compliance with campaign finance laws. The agency's regulatory function includes tracking of candidate and committee election finance activities, audit functions, investigatory functions, review of and response to requests for Advisory Opinions, and adjudication of administrative charges of violations of campaign finance laws.

As part of a campaign finance reform effort in the early 1990's, a voluntary program of partial public financing was established (KRS Chapter 121A) through which a participating slate of candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor may receive matching funds based on a threshold amount generated through qualifying contributions and on agreement to limit expenditures. The Registry oversees the administration of this public financing program.

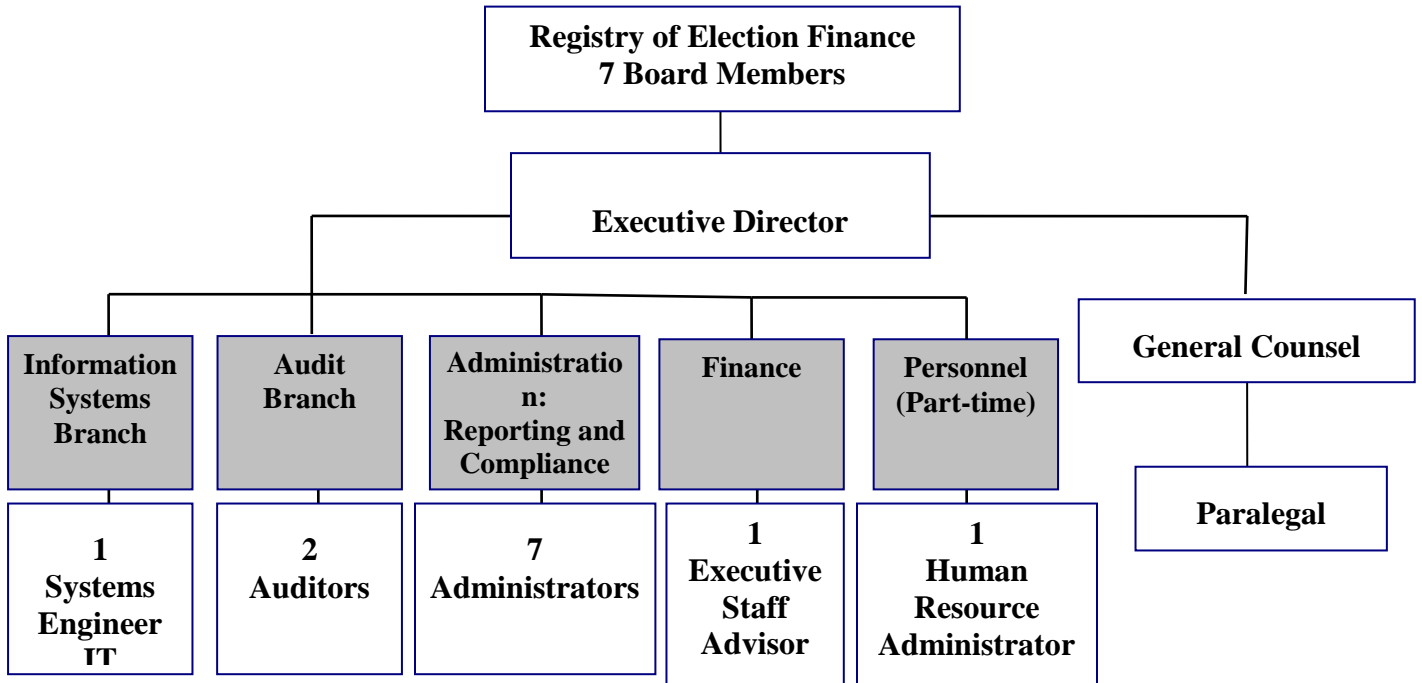
The agency also receives, compiles, and maintains Financial Disclosure Reports of elected officials and candidates for specified offices as provided in KRS Chapter 61.

In the past the agency annually fills an average of 3,500 requests from the public and media for copies of the reports it maintains. The agency also maintains an information retrieval system whereby information is made accessible to the public and publishes a summary of election financial transactions in the form of an Annual Report.

House Bill No. 939, legislation passed by the 2000 General Assembly, now codified in KRS 121.005, KRS 121.015, KRS 121.120, and KRS 121.180, required the Registry to develop an Internet-based electronic filing system for candidates' campaign finance reports, and an accompanying web-based searchable database. The legislation further required that filer software was to be provided at no cost to those candidates wishing to use the electronic filing software. The agency has implemented the electronic filing and disclosure system, and it has been operational and successfully received (by filers and by the public) since January of 2002.

KREF Organizational Chart

(by Position – Revised April 2020)



121.110 Registry of Election Finance — Membership — Terms — Meetings — Compensation.

- (1) There is hereby created as an independent agency of state government a Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. The registry shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed as provided herein. The registry shall remain independent of any other agency or department of state government. Members shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age, registered voters in Kentucky, not announced candidates for public office, not officers of a political party's state central executive committee, shall not have been convicted of an election offense, and shall be persons of high ethical standards who have an active interest in promoting fair elections. Appointees shall be subject to Senate confirmation at the next regular session of the General Assembly following appointment, or at the next special session if included in the Governor's call. Appointees shall have full power to serve until any vote of non-confirmation.
- (2) Members of the registry shall be selected as follows:
 - (a) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the state central committee of the political party polling the largest vote at the last gubernatorial election.
 - (b) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the state central committee of the political party polling the second largest vote at the last gubernatorial election. The members appointed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall take office on August 15, 1990, for a term of one (1) year and their successors shall serve a term of four (4) years beginning August 15, 1991, or until their successors are appointed and qualified.
 - (c) Two (2) other members shall be appointed by the Governor. Before making these appointments, the Governor shall solicit nominations from at least two (2) organizations which have demonstrated a nonpartisan interest in fair elections and informed voting. The Governor's solicitations and the replies shall be public records. The Governor shall give due consideration to such nominations. The two (2) members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall be one (1) from each of the two (2) political parties which polled the greatest number of votes at the last gubernatorial election. Members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall take office on August 15, 1988, for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are appointed and qualified and their successors shall serve a term of four (4) years.
 - (d) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Auditor of Public Accounts after soliciting nominations as provided by subsection (c) of this section. The appointee shall be a member of one (1) of the two (2) political parties which polled the greatest number of votes at the last gubernatorial election. The member appointed pursuant to this subsection shall take office on August 15, 1997, for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is appointed and qualified and his successors shall serve a term of four (4) years.
 - (e) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Attorney General after soliciting nominations as provided by subsection (c) of this section. The appointee shall not be a member of the same political party as the person appointed by the Auditor of

Public Accounts pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. The member appointed pursuant to this subsection shall take office on August 15, 1990, for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is appointed and qualified and his successors shall serve a term of four (4) years.

- (f) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Secretary of State after soliciting nominations as provided by subsection (c) of this section. The Secretary of State's appointment shall be without regard to political affiliation. The member appointed pursuant to this subsection shall take office on August 15, 1990, for a term of three (3) years or until his successor is appointed and qualified and his successors shall serve a term of four (4) years.
- (3) The members of the registry shall select a chairman from among the appointed membership, effective August 15, 1990. The chairman shall serve in that capacity for one (1) year and shall be eligible for reelection. The chairman shall preside at all meetings and shall have all the powers and privileges of the other members.
- (4) In the event of a vacancy in the office of any member, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the vacating member's office was filled pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.
- (5) The registry shall fix the place and time of its regular meetings by order duly recorded in its minutes. No action shall be taken without a quorum present. Special meetings shall be called by the chairman on his own initiative or on the written request of three (3) members. Members shall receive seven (7) days' written notice of a special meeting and the notice shall specify the purpose, time and place of the meeting, and no other matters may be considered, without a specific waiver by all the members.
- (6) The members of the registry shall receive sixty-five dollars (\$65) per diem, and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses.

Effective: July 15, 1994

History: Amended 1994 Ky. Acts ch. 458, sec. 5, effective July 15, 1994. — Amended 1988 Ky. Acts ch. 341, sec. 40, effective July 15, 1988. — Amended 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 154, sec. 5, effective June 17, 1978. — Created 1974 Ky. Acts ch. 130, sec. 185.

How Registry Members Are Appointed

A total of seven members are appointed to the Registry by the Governor, the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State. The board members serve four year terms and their appointments are staggered.

The Governor's four selections are made as follows:

One member of the registry is appointed by the Governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the state central committee of the political party with the largest vote count in the last gubernatorial election.

One member of the registry is appointed by the Governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the state central committee of the political party with the second largest vote count in the last gubernatorial election.

The two other gubernatorial appointments are chosen from nominations solicited from at least two organizations which have demonstrated a nonpartisan interest in fair election and informed voting, with one appointee from each of the two political parties with the first and second largest vote counts in the last gubernatorial election.

The selection by the Auditor of Public Accounts is as follows:

The Auditor of Public Accounts solicits nominations from at least two organizations which have demonstrated a nonpartisan interest in fair elections and informed voting. The appointee shall be a member of one of the two political parties with the largest vote counts in the last gubernatorial election.

The Attorney General selects as follows:

The Attorney General solicits nominations from at least two organizations which have demonstrated a nonpartisan interest in fair elections and informed voting. The appointee shall be a member of one of the two political parties with the largest vote counts in the last gubernatorial election, but the appointee may not be a member of the same political party as the appointment made by the Auditor of Public Accounts.

The Secretary of State's selection follows these guidelines:

Names of nominees are solicited from at least two organizations which have demonstrated a nonpartisan interest in fair elections and informed voting. The person appointed by the Secretary of State is appointed without regard to political party affiliation.



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REGISTRY
CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN
PAST & PRESENT

Chairman

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NOTE: First meeting of the Registry of Election Finance was September 13, 1966

Chair	Action	Dates	Number of Terms	Length of Term
Jo T. Orendorf	Elected Chair	10/07/1966	1	4 years
	Sworn in as Chair	10/17/1966		
	Term Expired	08/15/1970		
James R. Voyles	Elected Temp Chair	9/4/1970	1	1 meeting
Lively M. Wilson	Elected Temp Chair	9/9/1972	1	1 meeting
William W. Davis	Nominated ¹	9/4/1970	1	4 years
	Appointed by Governor	12/12/1970		
	Resigned	5/20 - 9/9/1972 ²		
Lively M. Wilson	Elected Temp Chair	9/9/1972	1	1 meeting
Robert L. Sloss	Nominated ¹	9/9/1972	1	4 years
	Appointed by Governor	9/9/1972-2/10/1973 ³		
	Chair Resigned	1/21 - 2/9/1976 ²		
Elmer N. Carrell	Elected Acting Chair	2/9/1976	1	1 meeting
L. Stanley Chauvin, Jr.	Nominated ¹	2/9/1976	1	4 years
	Appointed by Governor	2/9 - 3/17/1976 ⁴		
	Chair Resigned	before 5/9/1978		
Foster Ockerman	Nominated ¹	5/9/1978	1	4 years
	Appointed by Governor	8/15/1978		
	Term Expired	11/2/1982		
Charles Beach, Jr.	Appointed by Governor	11/03/1982	1	4 years
	Chair Resigned	11/21/1986		
Kent Masterson Brown	Appointed by Governor	12/18/1986	1	4 years
	Term Expired	1/27/1987		
R. Wayne Stratton	Elected Chair	1/27/1987	4	1 year
	Served until	12/18/1991		

NOTE: On January 23, 1991 a newly enacted law allowed for the Chairman to be elected annually from among membership.

Chairman

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Chair	Action	Dates	Number of Elections	Length of Term
Joseph H. Terry	Elected Chair	12/18/1991	5	1 year
	Served until	7/24/1996		
Donald L. Cox	Elected Chair	8/28/1996	3	1 year
	Served until	10/15/1999		
John L. Smith	Elected Chair	10/15/1999	4	1 year
	Resigned	3/27/2003		
John Rogers	Elected Chair	3/27/2003 ⁵	5	1 year
	Re-elected	7/15/2003		
	Re-elected	10/27/2004		
	Re-elected	9/19/2005 ⁶		
	Re-elected	9/26/2006 ⁷		
	Resigned	10/10/2007		
Craig C. Dilger	Elected Chair	12/5/2007	12	1 year
	Re-elected	12/17/2008		
	Re-elected	09/25/2009 ⁷		
	Re-elected	11/18/2010 ⁸		
	Re-elected	11/30/2011 ⁹		
	Re-elected	11/28/2012 ¹⁰		
	Re-elected	10/30/2013 ¹¹		
	Re-elected	09/18/2014 ¹²		
	Re-elected	09/24/2015 ¹³		
	Re-elected	09/29/2016 ¹⁴		
	Re-elected	09/27/2017 ¹⁵		
	Re-elected	10/11/2018 ¹⁶		
	Re-elected	9/26/2019 ¹⁷		
Term Expired	9/24/2020			
Thomas P. O'Brien, III	Elected Chair	12/3/2020		

¹ Board transmitted two (2) names to Governor for Chair. Governor appointed Chair from the two (2) names submitted.

² Chair resigned from Board at some point between these two (2) meetings.

³ Chair appointed by Governor at some point between these two (2) meetings.

⁴ On 3/27/2003, John Rogers was elected to serve the remainder of former Registry Chair John L. Smith's term.

⁵ Term of Chair to be effective 10/27/2005.

⁶ Term of Chair to be effective 10/27/2006.

⁷⁻¹⁷ Term of Chair to be effective December 17, 2009-2019.

Vice-Chairs

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NOTE: The first Vice-Chair was elected on August 28, 1997. Since 2004 the Chair and Vice-Chair have always been chosen from different political parties

Vice-Chair	Action	Dates	Number of Terms	Length of Term
R. Kent Westberry	Elected Vice-Chair	8/28/1997-10/15/1999	2	1 year
Scott C. Cox	Elected Vice-Chair	10/15/1999-1/30/2002	2	1 year
Sam Burchett	Elected Vice-Chair	3/27/2003	1	1 year
Jeff Tipton	Elected Vice-Chair	10/27/2004	1	1 year
Craig C. Dilger	Elected Vice-Chair Re-elected Vice-Chair Elected Chair	9/19/2005 - 7/11/2006 12/05/2007	2	1 year
David Martin	Elected Vice-Chair Resigned	12/5/2007 8/15/2013	6	1 year
Terry Naydan	Elected Vice-Chair Resigned	10/30/2013- 10/11/2018	5	1 year
Elizabeth G. Weber	Elected Vice-Chair Re-elected Vice-Chair Term Expired	10/11/2018 9/26/2019 9/24/2020	2	1 year
Adrian M. Mendiondo	Elected Vice-Chair	12/3/2020		



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BOARD MEMBERS

PAST & PRESENT

**Past and Present Members
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Yrs	From	To	Name	Appointed by	Served as Chair	Appointed /Elected
4	7/1/1966	8/15/1970	Frank B. Hower, Jr.	Gov. Ned Breathitt		
4	7/1/1966	8/15/1970	Jo M. Ferguson	Gov. Ned Breathitt		
4	7/1/1966	8/15/1970	Jo T. Orendorf	Gov. Ned Breathitt	10/17/1966- 8/15/1970	Appointed
4	7/1/1966	8/15/1970	Mrs. Adron Doran	Gov. Ned Breathitt		
4	7/1/1966	8/15/1970	W. Henderson Dysard	Gov. Ned Breathitt		
3	8/15/1970	9/13/1973	Morton Holbrook	Gov. Louie Nunn		
4	8/15/1970	8/15/1974	James R. Voyles	Gov. Louie Nunn	9/4/1970	Temp
4	8/15/1970	8/15/1974	Lively M. Wilson	Gov. Louie Nunn	9/9/1972	Temp
4	8/15/1970	8/15/1974	S. Tilford Payne, Jr.	Gov. Louie Nunn		
4	9/17/1970	8/15/1974	William W. Davis	Gov. Louie Nunn	12/12/1970- 12/10/1973	Appointed
3	10/6/1972	1/29/1976	Robert L. Sloss	Gov. Wendell Ford	9/9/1972-2/9/1976	Appointed
1	11/8/1974	8/15/1974	Frank Logan	Gov. Wendell Ford		
1	11/8/1974	6/10/1975	Bennett Bratcher	Gov. Wendell Ford		
2	11/8/1974	9/15/1976	David L. Beckman	Gov. Wendell Ford		
4	11/8/1974	5/9/1978	L. Stanley Chauvin, Jr.	Gov. Wendell Ford	2/9/1976-5/9/1978	Appointed
2	2/17/1975	6/28/1977	Frank Logan	Gov. Julian M. Carroll		
11	9/4/1975	8/15/1986	Elmer N. Carrell	Gov. Julian M. Carroll	2/9/1976	Temp
6	3/19/1976	8/15/1982	Foster Ockerman	Gov. Julian M. Carroll	5/9/1978-	Appointed
4	12/15/1976	6/18/1990	Charles R. Coy	Gov. Julian M. Carroll		
5	9/15/1977	8/15/1982	C. J. McNally	Gov. Julian M. Carroll		
8	8/15/1978	8/15/1986	Austin Mann	Gov. Julian M. Carroll		
10	12/17/1980	8/15/1990	Kent Masterson Brown	Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr.	987	Interim
4	8/15/1982	11/21/1986	Charles Beach, Jr.	Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr.	11/3/1982-	
4	8/30/1982	8/15/1986	L. Stanley Chauvin, Jr.	Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr.		
7	6/15/1983	8/15/1990	W. K. Henry	Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr.		
4	9/12/1986	8/15/1990	William A. Sanders, Jr.	Gov. Martha Layne Collins		
6	9/12/1986	3/4/1992	Patricia M. McClure	Gov. Martha Layne Collins		
4	1/27/1987	10/30/1991	R. Wayne Stratton	Gov. Martha Layne Collins	1/27/1987-	Appointed
7	2/17/1989	8/15/1996	Jeffrey C. Ralston	Gov. Bereton Jones		
7	2/17/1989	8/15/1996	Joseph H. Terry	Elections Group Attorney General Frederic J. Cowan	7/24/1986	Appointed
3	11/14/1990	3/29/1994	George C. Troutman			
2	12/7/1990	8/15/1993	Charles R. Keeton	Secretary of State Bremer Ehrler		
1	1/23/1991	10/30/1991	Henry Jernigan	Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson		
3	12/9/1991	3/28/1994	Donald Vish	Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson		
3	12/9/1991	6/27/1994	Michael A. Rankins	Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson		
5	7/7/1992	8/15/1997	Brenda M. Willoughby	Lt. Gov. Paul Patton Gov. Jones, Democratic Party		
3	12/9/1992	8/15/1995	Betty Jo Winters	Nominee		

Past and Present Members of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance

Yrs	From	To	Name	Appointed by	Served as Chair	Appointed /Elected
3	4/18/1994	6/18/1997	Carolyn S. Bratt	Secretary of State Bob Babbage		
3	4/27/1994	6/18/1997	William T. Warner	Attorney General Chris Gorman		
1	5/18/1994	8/15/1995	Victor B. Maddox	Gov. Brereton C. Jones		
				Gov. Jones - Democratic Party	8/28/1996-	
4	9/18/1995	8/15/1999	Donald L. Cox	Nominee	10/15/1999	Elected
4	9/18/1995	8/15/1999	R. Kent Westberry	Nominee	10/15/1999	Chair
2	8/15/1996	1/19/1998	Scott Madon	Gov. Paul Patton - Fair Elections		
4	8/23/1996	8/15/2000	Robert E. Sanders	Groups		
2	7/17/1997	9/15/1999	Dayna Matthew	John Y. Brown, III		
2	8/4/1997	1/28/1999	D. Scott Furkin	Attorney General Ben Chandler		
2	8/13/1997	11/5/1999	Judith Grisham Clabes	Auditor Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.		
1	5/12/1998	3/2/1999	Warren Scoville	Gov. Paul Patton		
					10/15/1999-	Elected Vice-
3	5/3/1999	1/30/2002	Scott C. Cox	Attorney General Ben Chandler	1/30/2002	Chair
				Gov. Patton - Republican Party		
>1	8/30/1999	1/14/2000	David Shawn Samford	Nominee		
3	8/30/1999	12/20/2002	John L. (Jack) Smith	Gov. Paul Patton	10/15/1999-	Elected
>1	10/8/1999	1/20/2000	Scott Madon	Gov. Paul Patton		
				Secretary of State John Y.		
1	11/19/1999	7/27/2000	Lizbeth White	Brown III		
5	2/18/2000	8/15/2005	Susan Porter Cooper	Auditor Ed Hatchett		
				Gov. Patton - Republican Party		
2	5/11/2000	2/4/2002	Judith Susan Boggs	Nominee		
				Secretary of State John Y.		
4	2/2/2001	8/15/2005	Richard Beliles	Brown III		
3	5/15/2001	8/15/2004	Scott Madon	Groups		
3	5/15/2001	8/15/2004	John Jay Fossett	Gov. Paul Patton - Nonpartisan		
4	5/15/2001	8/15/2005	Scott Madon	Gov. Paul Patton		
					10/27/2004-	Elected Vice-
4	5/20/2002	8/15/2006	Jeffrey R. Tipton	Attorney General Ben Chandler	9/19/2005	Chair
2	9/19/2002	1/24/2004	Sam P. Burchett	Gov. Paul Patton	3/27/2003-	Elected Vice-
4	3/27/2003	8/15/2007	John C. Rogers	Gov. Paul Patton	3/27/2003-	Elected
3	2/7/2005	8/15/2008	Walter Patrick	Gov. Ernie Fletcher		
2	6/1/2005	8/15/2007	Lea Pauley Goff	Gov. Ernie Fletcher		
	6/1/2005	9/24/2020	Craig C. Dilger	Gov. Ernie Fletcher - Fair	9/19/2005-	Elected Vice-
				Elections Group	12/5/2007	Chair Elected
8	9/30/2005	8/15/2013	Ken Harper	Secretary of State Trey Grayson		
8	12/9/2005	8/15/2013	David R. Martin	Auditor Crit Luallen	12/5/2007 -	Elected Vice-

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8	9/25/2006	8/15/2014	Leigh A. Jones	Attorney General Greg Stumbo		
0	12/7/2007	2/6/2008	Brent McKim	Gov. Ernie Fletcher		
>1	12/7/2007	5/8/2008	Kristen Webb Hill	Gov. Ernie Fletcher		
7	4/23/2008	12/3/2015	Rosemary F. Center	Democratic Party Nominee Gov. Steve Beshear - Fair	12/15/2013 - 12/15/2018	Elected Vice- Chair
	10/29/2008		Teresa (Terry) L. Naydan	Elections Group		
4	11/3/2011	11/5/2015	Thomas B. Stephens	Republican Party Nominee		
5	8/16/2013		Reid Haire	Auditor Adam Edelen		
5	10/7/2013	10/11/2018	Chastity Ross	Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes		
4	8/15/2014	10/11/2018	Robert D. Mattingly	Attorney General Jack Conway		
4	12/3/2015	4/15/2020	Elizabeth G. Weber	Gov. Steve Beshear - Democratic Party Nominee	10/11/2018 - 4/15/2020	Elected Vice- Chair
	10/14/2016		Thomas P. O'Brien, III	Party Nominee		
	12/19/2017		James L. Deckard	Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes		
	6/27/2019		Richard Clayton Larkin	Auditor Mike Harmon		
	9/3/2020		Adrian M. Mendiondo	Gov Andy Beshear - Fair Elections Group		
	9/10/2020		H. David Wallace	Attorney General Daniel Cameron - Fair Elections		
	9/17/2020		J. Bissell Roberts	Gov Andy Beshear - Democratic Party Nominee		
	9/24/2020		Laura Marie Bennett	Gov Andy Beshear - Fair Elections Group		



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REGISTRY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
&
GENERAL COUNSEL

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	<u>Hired</u>	<u>Resigned</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kenneth P. Vinsel	1/7/1967	3/1/1975	\$12,000
William F. Burbank	3/1/1975	6/10/1975	\$12,000
	<i>Acted as temporary Executive Director</i>		
Charles F. Woods	6/10/1975	2/28/1976	
John W. Craig	7/1/1976	12/31/1983	\$21,500
			\$23,650
			\$30,552
			\$35,900
			\$37,500
			\$39,375
			\$43,313
Raymond E. Wallace	1/1/1984	1/11/1992	\$30,000
			\$33,000
			\$34,650
			\$36,384
			\$38,203
			\$40,113
			\$42,119
George Russell	1/12/1992	6/23/1992	
	<i>Assumed duties until permanent Director could be hired</i>		
George Russell	6/24/1992	2/27/1999	
Mack Bushart	3/11/1999	7/31/1999	
	<i>Acting Executive Director</i>		
Sarah M. Jackson	8/1/1999	10/31/2014	
Rebecca Feland	11/01/2014	5/17/2015	
	<i>Assumed duties until permanent Director could be hired</i>		
John R. Steffen	5/18/2015	Present	

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Assistant Executive Directors - Past & Present

Anita Taylor Stanley	12/9/1992	1996
Rhonda Farmer Monroe	2005	05/2013

General Counsel - Past & Present

	<u>Hired</u>	<u>Resigned</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Allen Prewitt, Jr.	12/15/1976	6/24/1992	\$500 per month
Tim Shull	9/14/1992	9/15/1994	
Rosemary F. Center	9/21/1994	5/1/2005	
Connie Verrill Murphy	7/1/2005	2/6/2008	
Emily Dennis	5/1/2008	9/30/2019	
Leslie Saunders	1/1/2020	Present	



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REGISTRY STAFFING HISTORY

Staffing History of Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (2000-2015)

In 2000, Registry had 18 full-time positions and 3 part-time positions:

- Executive Director
- General Counsel
- Assistant General Counsel
- Principal Assistant
- Legal Secretary
- Division Director of Administration & Compliance
- Division Director of Audit
- 3 Auditors
- 5 Administrators
- Network Analyst
- Information Systems Manager
- Administrative Secretary
- Plus 3 employees shared with another agency: Budget Analyst/Fiscal Officer, Human Resource Administrator and Receptionist.

By 2005 the Registry 17 full-time positions and 3 part-time positions:

- Executive Director
- Assistant Executive Director
- General Counsel
- Legal Secretary
- Division Director of Audit and Administration & Compliance
- Branch Manager, Division of Administration & Compliance
- 3 Auditors
- 5 Administrators
- Network Analyst
- Information Systems Manager
- Administrative Secretary
- Office Support Assistant
- Plus 3 employees shared with another agency: Budget Analyst/Fiscal Officer, Human Resource Administrator and Receptionist.

In 2007, the Division Director of Audit and Administration & Compliance retired and was not replaced; one of the Auditors transferred to another position; and the Office Support Assistant transferred to another position, thus reducing the number of positions to 15 full-time positions and 2 shared positions Human Resource Administrator and Receptionist) and 1 part-time position (Budget Analyst).

In 2008, the Registry lost the Network Analysts position reducing the Registry work staff to 14 full-time positions plus 2 shared positions and 1 part-time position.

In 2009, the Branch Manager, Division of Administration & Compliance retired and the Registry lost that position, reducing the Registry work staff to 13 full-time positions plus 2 shared positions and 1 part-time positions.

In 2013, the Assistant Executive Director left the agency and was not replaced, thus reducing the Registry work staff to 11 full-time positions, 1 shared position (Human Resource Administrator and 1 part-time position (Budget Analyst). In addition, we lost 1 shared position and had to use one of the full-time positions to replace the shared position we used as a Receptionist.

In April 2015, the Registry had the following positions:

- 1 Executive Director (Vacant)
- 1 General Counsel
- 1 Paralegal
- 2 Auditors
- 7 Administrators (one of which is now the Receptionist and one the Assistant to the Executive Director)
- 1 Information Systems Manager
- Plus 2 part-time employees: Budget Analyst/Fiscal Officer and Human Resource Administrator

In the Spring of 2021, the Registry had the following positions:

- 1 Executive Director
- 1 General Counsel
- 1 Paralegal
- 1 Executive Staff Advisor
- 2 Auditors
- 6 Administrators (one of which is the Receptionist and one the Assistant to the Executive Director)
- 1 Information Systems Manager
- Plus 1 part-time Human Resource Administrator



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REGISTRY

MEETING DATES

PAST & PRESENT

Kentucky Registry of Election Finance
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 Frankfort, KY 40601

Registry Board Meetings Since Formation, October 11, 1966

Year	Month	Day
1966	September	13
	October	7
	October	19
	November	12
1967	February	18
	April	15
	June	17
	August	26
	December	2
1968	March	30
	June	22
	October	25
1969	April	5
	August	9
	December	6
1970	February	21
	May	9
	September	4
	December	12
1971	March	20
	July	24
	November	13
1972	February	26
	May	20
	September	9
1973	February	10
	June	16
	December	15
1974	March	2
	March	26
	April	15
	May	16
	July	17
	August	22
1975	January	30
	February	14

Registry Board Meetings Since Formation, October 11, 1966

Year	Month	Day
1975	March	19
	April	4
	May	20
	June	10
	July	2
	September	23
	December	17
1976	January	21
	February	9
	March	17
	May	21
	June	3
	June	16
	September	15
	December	15
1977	March	16
	April	19
	June	15
	August	1
	September	21
	October	25
	December	21
1978	March	15
	May	9
	June	21
	August	30
	September	20
	December	20
1979	March	21
	May	24
	June	20
	July	25
	September	19
	November	14
1980	January	10
	March	19
	June	18
	September	17
	October	29
	December	17
1981	March	18

Registry Board Meetings Since Formation, October 11, 1966

Year	Month	Day
1981	May	20
	June	17
	September	16
	November	18
	December	16
1982	January	19
	March	17
	June	16
	August	30
	September	15
	December	15
1983	January	11
	February	3
	February	22
	March	16
	June	16
	December	15
1984	February	14
	March	6
	March	21
	June	20
	July	16
	September	19
	December	19
1985	February	18
	March	20
	June	19
	September	18
	December	18
1986	March	19
	June	18
	September	17
	December	17
1987	January	27
	March	18
	June	24
	September	16
	December	9
1988	March	17
	June	23
	September	29

Registry Board Meetings Since Formation, October 11, 1966

Year	Month	Day
1988	December	15
1989	March	16
	June	29
	September	14
	October	14
	December	21
1990	February	21
	March	22
	June	21
1991	January	23
	March	27
	May	8
	May	20
	June	19
	September	18
	October	5
	October	30
	December	18
1992	January	11
	March	25
	April	23
	June	24
	September	2
	September	16
	September	30
	December	9
1993	January	23
	February	10
	February	17
	March	17
	April	2
	June	16
	September	15
	October	27
	December	9
1994	January	16
	March	9
	August	10
	September	21
	November	19
	December	6

Registry Board Meetings Since Formation, October 11, 1966

Year	Month	Day
1995	January	20
	March	17
	May	19
	June	30
	July	19
	August	16
	September	20
	November	15
1996	February	13
	April	23
	July	24
	August	28
	September	13
	October	23
	December	17
1997	February	27
	May	28
	August	27
	December	16
1998	April	29
	June	17
	August	11
	October	21
1999	January	21
	March	27
	March	28
	April	20
	July	15
	October	15
	November	19
2000	March	22
	May	9
	August	28
	November	8
2001	February	1
	August	1
2002	January	31
	May	20
	September	19
2003	March	27
	April	17

Registry Board Meetings Since Formation, October 11, 1966

Year	Month	Day
2003	May	22
	September	15
	December	10
2004	January	24
	May	12
	October	27
	December	21
2005	May	11
	May	25
	September	19
2006	February	13
	July	11
	September	26
2007	March	1
	July	30
	August	27
	December	5
2008	April	14
	August	8
	December	17
2009	June	3
	September	25
2010	March	25
	August	6
	November	18
2011	April	15
	November	30
2012	April	27
	August	29
	November	28
2013	March	14
	June	4
	October	30
2014	March	20
	September	18
2015	April	17
	September	24
2016	March	23
	September	29
2017	February	23
	June	14

