

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 26, 2026 @ 11:00 am CST (12:00 pm ET)**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Hershell Key called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM CT in the large conference room of the LCADD in Russell Springs, Kentucky. This meeting was held in-person as well by Zoom.

**Opening Prayer**

Prayer was led by Mayor Robert Lawson

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Waylon Wright, led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

Ms. Caprishia Nevels, Executive Assistant, gave the roll call and a quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Hershell Key asked for a motion to approve the minutes covering 2025-2026 executive committee minutes. Mayor Robert Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Ken Upchurch, State Representative gave a brief legislative update. Mr. Upchurch stated they are still currently in session and over 1,000 bills filed at this time. Mr. Ken Upchurch gave a brief update for the transportation budget that was passed out of the house. After his update Mr. Upchurch gave a moment for questions.

**Guest Speaker**

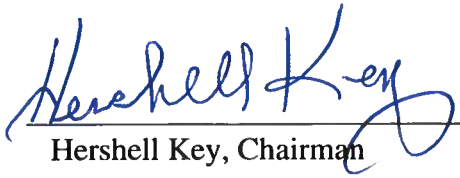
Mr. Chris Hall, Dean of Career and Technical Education first recognized the partnership with LCADD. Mr. Hall presented the importance and growth of career and technical education, highlighting programs like welding and CDL training. He discussed the increasing demand for skilled trades and emphasized the need to educate students about the various career paths beyond four-year degrees.


**Executive Directors Report**

Chairman Hershell Key asked for a motion to approve the nomination of Michael Roberts for Wayne County Citizen Member. Mr. Allen Chapman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman Hershell Key introduced Ms. Sandy Simpson, Field Rep. for Congressman Comer, Ms. Mary Carter Barton, Field Rep. for Congressman Comer and Ms. Hunter Whitaker, Field Rep. for Senator Mitch McConnell's office. All of which gave current updates in each office and spoke highly of the LCADD Region.

With no other business or comments, Chairman Hershell Key asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Robert Lawson made a motion to adjourn at 12:22 pm. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

  
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Hershell Key, Chairman

  
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Judge Executive Jimmie Greene, Secretary