UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
CENTRAL DIVISION
FRANKFORT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:26-CV-00035-CHB-EBA

SAMANTHA WIGGINTON, *et al.*, PLAINTIFF,

V. **ORDER**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, *et al.*, DEFENDANTS.

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This matter is before the Court on the parties' joint status report. [R. 99]. On September 3, 2026, this matter came before District Judge Claria Horn Boom for a status conference. [R. 98]. At the hearing, Judge Boom directed counsel for the Plaintiffs, Governor Beshear, Secretary Johnson, and Commissioner Miller to meet and confer and file a joint status report advising the Court as to the status of the documentary evidence discussed on the record. [*Id.*]. Thus, the parties filed the underlying joint status report. [R. 99].

Therein, the parties state that following the hearing with Judge Boom, "counsel for Defendants the Governor, the Finance Secretary and the Revenue Commissioner initiated production to Plaintiffs' counsel on that same day, via email or MoveIt, all records provided in response to open records requests those agencies had each received and responded to related to Senate Bill 185 (R.S. 2026) and Kentucky State University." [*Id.* at pg. 1]. However, "Plaintiffs' counsel indicated that he had reviewed the records provided and stated that he did not believe the 'inquiries' were as targeted as he believed they needed to be and that the responses were not as 'full' as needed." [*Id.*]. Due to scheduling conflicts, the parties have not yet met and conferred, as required by Judge Boom, to discuss what specific discovery requests Plaintiff believes the records provided do not answer. [*Id.* at pg. 3]. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the parties are **DIRECTED** to meet and confer and file a joint status report advising the Court as to the status of the discovery dispute **within 5 days of entry of this Order.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties **SHALL** file any discovery motion related to the underlying dispute within **14 days of entry of this Order.**

Signed September 9, 2026.

Signed By:
Edward B. Atkins EBA
United States Magistrate Judge