

MEETING MINUTES

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Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Executive Committee
Date: September 15, 2024
Time: 4:30 p.m. ET
Location: Hyatt Regency, 401 West High Street, Lexington – Regency room 3

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. ET. The meeting occurred at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington, Kentucky. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ROLL CALL

All Committee members attended the meeting: CB Akins, Jacob Brown, Kellie Ellis, Karyn Hoover, Madison Silvert (virtual), and Elaine Walker.

Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 21, 2024, and July 24, 2024, Committee meetings were approved as distributed.

2024 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION TRUSTEESHIP CONFERENCE

Ms. Lee Nimocks, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, reviewed the agenda for the 2024 Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Conference taking place on September 16-17 at the Hyatt Regency. Over two hundred board members, institutional leaders, and policy makers were registered to attend the two-day conference with sessions designed to provide professional development on both state- and national-level issues.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Travis Powell, Vice President and General Counsel, provided an update on KSU's Management Improvement Plan (MIP) that included adjustments to the timeline and student success targets. No action was required of the committee.

STUDIES DIRECTED BY SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Nimocks provided a status update on the four studies directed to the Council during the 2024 Legislative Session. All studies are on target to be complete by the December deadlines, and the Council will receive reports on each at the November board meetings.

- Senate Joint Resolution 132 – Directed the CPE to conduct a feasibility study on transforming the Hazard Community and Technical College into a four-year, residential university. Ernest and Young was hired as consultants to conduct this study.
- Senate Joint Resolution 170 – Directed the CPE to conduct a feasibility study on expanding postbaccalaureate program offerings at comprehensive universities. CPE contracted with Deloitte Consulting for this work.
- Senate Joint Resolution 179 – Directed the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, in collaboration with CPE, to analyze the findings of the two reports completed last year (SJR 98 and Huron Group studies) and present specific action steps on several topics including academic programming, a statewide workforce plan and governance reform.
- Senate Bill 91, section 76 – Directed CPE to submit a report detailing all programs administered by CPE in Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, the statutes authorizing these programs, and the associated expenditures and fund sources.

CPE PRESIDENT UPDATE

President Thompson provided an update on CPE's work in mental health initiatives, early enrollment numbers from the campuses, and campus changes in the area of diversity, equity and inclusion. Chair Silvert stated he would like to conduct a formal evaluation of the President during the first quarter of 2025, with the results reported out at the June 2025 meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 6:15 p.m., ET.