

DRAFT MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Work Session
Date: April 15, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m. ET (*actual start time was delayed 20 minutes due to technical issues*)
Location: Virtual Meeting – Council members by teleconference. Public viewing on the CPE YouTube page.

Minutes Approval Status: Draft; to be reviewed for approval at the June 25, 2021 meeting.

WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 2:20 p.m., ET. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the CPE met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting virtually on the CPE YouTube page.

ATTENDANCE

Members attended: Muhammad Babar, Colby Birkes, Eric Farris, Lori Harper, Karyn Hoover, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, Vidya Ravichandran, Robert Staat, Madison Silvert, Doris Thomas, Kevin Weaver, Carol Wright, and Commissioner Jason Glass.

Members not in attendance: Ronald Beal and Kristi Nelson.

CPE President Aaron Thompson served as the facilitator of the meeting in the absence of a chair and as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Thompson introduced the three new Council members, each of whom were appointed on April 9, 2021.

- Ms. Karyn Hoover of Jamestown recently retired after 27 years as an elementary education teacher in the Russell County school district. Among teaching grade levels preschool through second grade, she focused her efforts on closing achievement gaps, mentoring new teachers and building relationships with students and their families. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Kentucky University and completed a 5th year degree at Western Kentucky University. Her term expires on December 31, 2025.
- Mr. Madison Silvert of Owensboro is the president of The Malcolm Bryant Corporation, a community-oriented and full-service real estate development firm. Prior to this, he served as president and executive vice president of the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation. Silvert earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Centre College and a juris doctorate from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. His term expires December 31, 2025.
- Ms. Doris Thomas of Smiths Grove recently retired from her position as Vice President of Development and Community Outreach for Med Center Health, a six hospital healthcare system with approximately 40 other health related entities. Additionally, she served as Vice President of Marketing and was the Corporate Spokesperson for the majority of her career at Med Center Health. She received a bachelor's degree in Speech Communication and a master's degree in Corporate Communication, both from Western Kentucky University. Her term expires December 31, 2026.

Each new member will take the oath of office at the business meeting on April 16, 2021.

NEXT STATEWIDE STRATEGIC AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

With facilitation from Stefanie Ashley of the ECU Facilitation Center, Council members engaged in a discussion about the Mission, Vision and Values that would drive the pillars of the next statewide strategic agenda. The board responded to a number of questions including:

- What are Kentucky's greatest strengths, and where are we leading the way?
- What are you proud of?
- What will be different for Kentucky and/or its residents in 2030 when 60% of Kentuckians have achieved a high-quality postsecondary degree or certificate?

- Thinking beyond 2030, what is the ultimate outcome or aspiration of a strong, vibrant postsecondary education system in Kentucky?
- What is your biggest, boldest dream for what postsecondary education can achieve?
- What principles or beliefs must guide decisions and behaviors for the strategic agenda to be successful?
- What role does CPE play in helping higher education achieve this lofty vision and strong purpose?

Ms. Ashley will compile the responses and staff will drafted preliminary vision, mission and values statements for review at an upcoming meeting of the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:00 p.m. ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: _____