

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Executive Committee
Date: May 7, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting - Committee members by ZOOM, Public viewing hosted on CPE YouTube Page.

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee met Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.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 Committee met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting virtually on the CPE YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/gv-q-MqrsBo>. Chair Ben Brandstetter presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Ben Brandstetter, Ron Beal, Kim Halbauer, and Sherrill Zimmerman.

Members not in attendance: Kristi Nelson and Robert Staat.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The committee approved the minutes of the April 16, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

CPE President Aaron Thompson provided an update of the actions taken by the campuses over the last 2 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated all campuses were currently planning to utilize online-only courses for the summer and that CPE have developed draft guidelines for reopening in the fall.

UPDATE ON THE AGENCY BUDGET

Presenters: Shaun McKiernan, CPE's Director of Finance and Budget
Lee Nimocks, CPE's Chief of Staff and Vice President for Strategy

Mr. McKiernan provided an overview of the expected 2020-21 appropriations as approved during the 2020 regular legislative session. He also discussed a potential mid-year budget reduction for the 2019-20 fiscal year and how that may impact CPE's budget.

Ms. Nimocks discussed priorities of work for 2020 and that while the majority of those are required by statute, work may need to be adjusted depending on enacted budget reductions or unexpected additional expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 BOARD RETREAT

Presenter: Ben Brandstetter, CPE Chair

Chair Brandstetter reminded the committee that the June 18-19 meetings were to be the annual board retreat. Due to several unknown factors regarding social distancing guidelines and state park needs during the month of June, CPE staff proposed the following schedule changes:

- June 18-19, 2020 – Virtual-only work session and business meeting
- September 14-15, 2020 – Business meeting and annual board retreat

Chair Brandstetter also asked that CPE staff consider asking representatives from Moody's Financial Services present a session at the retreat.

MOTION: Mr. Beal approved the proposed change to the meeting schedule. Ms. Halbauer seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:50 p.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: June 4, 2020