

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Executive Committee on September 19, 2023

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Executive Committee
Date: June 28, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM Webinar

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM webinar. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ROLL CALL

Council member attendance

- Attended: CB Akins, Eric Farris, Karyn Hoover, and Madison Silvert.
- Did not attend: Kellie Ellis.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FUND

Mr. Travis Powell, CPE Vice President and General Counsel, and Dr. Leslie Sizemore, CPE Executive Director of Healthcare Workforce Initiatives presented two new regulations for approval.

At its June 9, 2023, meeting, the full Council approved a delegation request granting the Executive Committee the authority to act on its behalf and approve these proposed regulations in order to meet the July 1, 2023, deadline for promulgation in accordance with House Bill 200 (2023).

Enacted during the 2023 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, House Bill 200 created the Kentucky Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund to be administered by CPE to enable CPE, postsecondary healthcare programs, and healthcare providers and facilities to match public and private dollars to award scholarships to eligible students and healthcare incentives to eligible healthcare programs. It is anticipated that funding for the programs will be in the next biennium.

The legislation requires CPE to reserve at least 65% of the fund for eligible healthcare scholarships and to establish a process to establish contractual partnerships as outlined in 13 KAR 5:010, Healthcare Training Scholarships. The bill also requires CPE to reserve up to 35% of the fund for healthcare program incentives and to establish a process to determine the criteria for issuance as outlined in 13 KAR 5:020, Healthcare Program Incentives. Administratively, the bill directed CPE to promulgate regulations by July 1, 2023, and requires that CPE submit draft regulations to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare and Family Services 30 days prior for comment and consideration.

Pursuant to the requirements of the bill, now codified in KRS 164.0401-.0404, members of the statutorily-required committees were provided with draft regulations for review on May 19. Feedback was requested by June 19 in order to provide any necessary revisions to the draft regulations before the July 1 deadline. A webinar was held for multiple stakeholder groups on April 27 to discuss the legislation. A survey also was distributed to the public to capture feedback which informed the development of the regulations. Feedback was considered and incorporated in the proposed revisions.

MOTION: Rev. Akins moved the Executive Committee approve 13 KAR 5:010, Healthcare Training Scholarships, and 13 KAR 5:020, Healthcare Program Incentives, on behalf of the full Council. Mr. Farris seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m., ET.