MEMO OF RECORD

Approved by task force on October 12, 2026

Who:	Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Type:	Task Force on AI, Higher Education and the Workforce
Date:	September 2, 2026
Time:	2:00 p.m. ET (1:00 p.m. CT)
Location:	Virtual meeting via ZOOM; livestreamed on CPE YouTube page

CALL TO ORDER

The Task Force on AI, Higher Education and the Workforce met Thursday, September 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. ET. Travis Powell called the meeting to order, and the roll was called. The meeting occurred via Zoom and was livestreamed to the CPE YouTube page.

ATTENDANCE

The following group members attended the meeting:

- Cody Bumgardner - CPE Kentucky Regional Optical Network (KRON)
- Callie Miracle for Beth Davisson - Kentucky Chamber/Kentucky Chamber Foundation
- Ben Maynard - Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Office of Education Technology
- Mark Ciampa - Western Kentucky University (WKU)
- Alisher Burikhanov - Education and Labor Cabinet/Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB)
- Ashley Ireland - Murray State University
- Jeff Guan - University of Louisville (UofL)
- John Nelson - Morehead State University (MSU)
- Dr. Allison Fowler for Anne Kenworthy - Spalding University
- Sam Keathley - Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)
- Dr. Ryan Hall - Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS)
- Jordan Harris - Deloitte Consulting
- Rolf Provan - Luckett & Farley Architects and Engineers

The following CPE staff members attended the meeting:

- Travis Powell - Executive Vice President & General Counsel
- Travis Muncie - Assistant Vice President for Data Research and Advanced Analytics

ACTION – ADOPTION OF 7/30/26 MEETING MEMO OF RECORD

The minutes of the July 31, 2026 meeting, were approved as proposed. The motion was made by John Nelson and the second by Rolf Provan.

ACTION – DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF PRIORITY IMPACT AREAS

Council staff reviewed the proposed priority areas that would be the focus of the work group, which were as follows:

- AI Proficiency
- Student Success and Student Experience
- Workforce Alignment
- Shared Resources and Best Practices

The group also discussed the survey results shaped the priorities, scope for each area, and guiding questions that will help shape the groups future work for each of the priorities.

MOTION: John Nelson moved to adopt the four proposed priority areas. The motion was seconded by Jordan Harris.

VOTE: The motion was approved with no opposition noted.

DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC GOALS IN PRIORITY IMPACT AREAS

After engaging in a discussion of strategic goals in relation to the priority areas, the work group agreed that additional work is needed to further define the scope and meaning of each priority area, with the goal to establish strategic goals and deliverables under each area.

KENTUCKY CHAMBER FOUNDATION AI LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

Callie Miracle, Director of Implementation for the Kentucky Chamber Foundation, provided an update regarding a statewide AI workforce research initiative. The initiative is intended to produce a Kentucky AI workforce report in early 2027 examining the current state of AI adoption across Kentucky's workforce and identifying recommendations for the future.

The project will gather information through three primary methods:

1. CEO interviews
2. A statewide survey of employers and employees
3. Virtual regional listening sessions involving education, government, workforce, and employer representatives

The survey will explore topics including:

- How employers are currently adopting AI.
- Concerns and barriers related to AI adoption.
- How employers are training employees.
- Future workforce training needs and opportunities.

Task Force members were encouraged to complete the survey, share it with their

organizations and networks, and participate in or promote the regional listening sessions.

The Kentucky Chamber Foundation also announced a separate partnership with Google and the U.S. Chamber Foundation to provide free, in-person AI basics training to approximately 200 small businesses in Kentucky over the next two years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. ET.