

MEMO OF RECORD
Commonwealth Education Continuum

Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum - A Multi-Agency Education Initiative of Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education, Education and Workforce Cabinet and Department of Education

Date: March 25, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual meeting – Committee members by ZOOM teleconference. Public viewing at CPE YouTube Page

CALL TO ORDER

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) held a regular meeting on March 25, 2021 at 2 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 the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the CEC met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting on the CPE YouTube page.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Aaron Thompson, Jacqueline Coleman, Jason Glass, OJ Oleka, Amy Neal, Rhonda Caldwell, Jim Flynn, Lu Young, Dallas Kratzer, Paul Czarzata, Ben Brandstetter, David Horseman, Eddie Campbell, Gene Hutchins, James Tipton, Kyle Thomas, Logan Justice, Jenny Sawyer, Corinne Murphy and Robert Jackson.

The following members were not present: Priyadarshini Chandrashekhar, Penny Christian, David Givens, Robert Hayes, Ronda Harmon, John Lyons, Lisa Rudzinski, Kerri Schelling, Ashli Watts and Max Wise.

Jennifer Fraker, CPE's executive director of P-20 Policies and Programs, served as recorder of the meeting memo.

WELCOME AND PURPOSE

The CEC co-chairs, CPE President Aaron Thompson, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman and KDE Commissioner Jason Glass, provided a welcome and highlighted the purpose and annual objective of the CEC. Dr. Jason Glass also provided a reminder of the norms members established during the January meeting.

WORKGROUP DISCUSSION

Dr. Amanda Ellis, CPE Associate Vice President, and Dr. Jennifer Fraker, CPE Executive Director, reviewed the proposed structure of workgroups as informed by the member feedback collected during the January meeting. In breakout groups, members discussed the focus of the three workgroups with the workgroup co-leads: early postsecondary opportunities with Dr. Jason Glass and Dr. Paul Czarapata, educator workforce and diversity with Lt. Gov. Coleman and Dr. Corinne Murphy, and successful transition to postsecondary with Dr. Aaron Thompson and Dr. Lu Young.

WORKGROUP REFLECTION

After returning to the full meeting, workgroup leaders provided a brief overview of the feedback they received while in the breakout groups.

NEXT STEPS

Dr. Jennifer Fraker shared collective next steps and information about future meetings. The co-chairs thanked members for their attendance and insights, and provided closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. ET. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2021.