



Commonwealth Education Continuum

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Type: Regular Meeting
Date: September 20, 2023
Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education (Virtual via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) held a regular meeting on September 20, 2023 at 10:0 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 not permitted to attend the meeting in person but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Council on Postsecondary Education's YouTube channel.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: CPE President Aaron Thompson, Matt Berry, Diana Barber, Kathleen Christian, Mason Dyer, Jo Carol Ellis, Jim Flynn, John Gregory, Beth Hargis, Robert Hayes, Jamie Link, Solyana Mesfin, Amy Neal, Jenny Sawyer, and Rep. James Tipton.

Ashley Ireland attended the meeting as proxy for Dr. Robert Jackson. Heather Dearing attended as proxy for Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman. Meredith Brewer attended as proxy for Dr. Jason Glass. Also attending were Elly Gilbert, Dr. Amy Lingo, Dr. Penny Howell, Phyllis Clark, Dr. Lilly Massa-McKinley and Casi Benedict.

The following members were not present: KDE Commissioner Jason Glass Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Alisher Burikanov, Rhonda Caldwell, Eddie Campbell, Debbie Dennison, Gina Crabtree, Larry Ferguson, Robert Jackson, Justin Mitchell, Corinne Murphy, Kerri Schelling, Madison Silvert, Ashli Watts Rep. Steve West and Lu Young.



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WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

CPE President Aaron Thompson provided a welcome and thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. Dr. Thompson reminded meeting participants of the discussion from the previous meeting about the teacher workforce and specific needs and issues as it related to recruitment and retention and said that the current meeting would focus on digging deeper into the challenges of recruitment and review data from the Impact KY Survey, which elevates the voices of educators from across the Commonwealth.

Dr. Thompson thanked Dr. Jason Glass in his absence for serving as co-lead on the Continuum and providing outstanding support to the committee and wished him well on his future endeavors.

CPE Vice President Amanda Ellis provided meeting objectives and provided introductions of the guest presenters for the meeting. Dr. Ellis shared the meeting agenda and objectives to explore educator workforce, especially preparation and certification and to discuss alignment with educator workforce efforts among CEC member organizations.

EDUCATOR WORKFORCE OVERVIEW

Dr. Amy Lingo and Dr. Penny Howell of the University of Louisville provided a presentation on educator preparation, recruitment and retention efforts underway at U of L. The presentation demonstrated efforts being undertaken to address the challenge of education workforce preparation and provided an overview of the C⁴ Summer Bridge Program which focused on developing a community of learners, refining and enhancing college readiness skills, developing college life literacy and providing opportunities for community engagement on and off the campus.

Elly Gilbert from the Kentucky Department of Education's Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness provided a presentation on the Kentucky Department of Education Impact KY Survey and how the data found within relates to educator retention and how the survey data can be used as a diagnostic tool for school improvement.

CEC Implementation Update

Diana Barber and Casi Benedict from the KY Higher Education Assistance Authority provided a presentation on FAFSA Efforts and the progress that has been made on



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Kentucky's FAFSA initiatives to improve completion rates and improve access to FAFSA data for schools and districts.

Dr. Lilly Massa-McKinley who served as co-lead of the CEC First Year Success Workgroup along with her colleague Phyllis Clark from CPE's Student Success Collaborative provided a presentation to update members on the work of the Collaborative and the efforts being undertaken to increase completion rates, eliminate equity gaps and enhance economic mobility of students. The presentation included a discussion on academic success, belonging and financial wellness; three top priorities of the workgroup, and the progress that has been made in each area.

WRAP UP

Dr. Amanda Ellis reminded the members that the November 15 meeting would be in-person and that an email with follow-up questions from the meeting would be provided to members. Dr. Ellis and Dr. Thompson thanked CEC members and guests for their work and participation in the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m. ET.