

KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



October 27, 2025 – 1:00 p.m. ET

Virtual meeting via ZOOM webinar -

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**Indicates action item*

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the Minutes***
- IV. Welcome/CPE Updates**
- V. Students with Disabilities and Postsecondary Education Presentation**
- VI. GEAR UP Kentucky Presentation**
- VII. Committee Updates**
 - A. Resolution
- VIII. Adjournment**

MEETING MINUTES

Draft for approved by the Committee on October 27, 2025

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Committee on Equal Opportunities
Date: June 23, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
Location: ZOOM Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee on Equal Opportunities (CEO) met Monday, June 23, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., ET. The meeting occurred by ZOOM teleconference. Chair Elaine Walker presided.

ROLL CALL

Committee Member attendance:

- Attended: Whitney Allen, Rochelle Brown, Robert Croft, Kellie Ellis and Elaine Walker.
- Did not attend: CB Akins, David Carpenter, Luv'Tesha Robertson.

Dr. Dawn Offutt, Executive Director for Student Access, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 28, 2025, meeting were approved as distributed.

WELCOME/CPE UPDATES

CPE Executive Vice President Travis Powell provided an update on the Council's board retreat highlighting the interest in dual credit and the board's role in carrying the CPE message to the community. Mr. Powell expressed his excitement for the new direction of the CEO and emphasized its importance and longstanding history and commitment to historically disenfranchised students. He stated that CPE will continue to need guidance from the CEO as to how to serve all students.

DATA PRESENTATION: SUPPORTED POPULATION ENROLLMENT, RETENTION AND COMPLETION

Dr. Chris Ledford, CPE Director of Data and Advanced Analytics, gave an overview longitudinal trend data focused on enrollment, retention, and completion for supported

populations. The discussion included metrics for first generation and low income at both two- and four-year institutions. Dr. Ledford also shared data for students with disabilities and how collecting these data differs from other populations.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PRESENTATION – PART 1

Dr. David Beach, the University of Kentucky (UK) Director of the Disability Resource Center, shared data from the work UK does to accommodate students with disabilities. Highlights included the increasing number of students seeking services, the different types of disabilities including mental health, and the variety of accommodations offered.

COMMITTEE UPDATE – MEETING DATES

Chair Walker presented the following meeting dates for the 2025-26 academic year: October 28, 2025, January 26, 2026, April 28, 2026, and June 22, 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Croft moved to approve the meeting dates. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Post meeting note: The date of October 28th was a mistake – it was meant to be October 27th and members agreed to the correction.

COMMITTEE UPDATE - RESTRUCTURE

Dr. Offutt shared the proposed Committee restructure. The restructure included changing the name to the Committee on Educational Opportunities; focusing on supported student populations that include first generation, low-income, adult learners, and students with disabilities; and identifying the purpose of the committee as (1) monitoring educational attainment trends for the supported populations and; (2) serving as a liaison between the Council and the supported student populations' communities of practice in order to bring recommendations for bridging and closing gaps.

MOTION: Dr. Ellis moved the Committee approve the proposed restructure. Mr. Allen seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PRESENTATION – PART 2

Mr. Johnny Collett, Deputy Director of UK's Human Development Institute, shared his perspective on the future of postsecondary education and students with disabilities. Ideas

shared included becoming more familiar with how the data inform the work of the postsecondary system as it relates to students with disabilities, modeling what initiatives could look like by asking the additional questions and elevating the issues to the appropriate stakeholders.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:10 p.m. ET.

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A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

DR. LUV'TESHA ROBERTSON

for her service to the Kentucky Committee on Educational Opportunities
and Council on Postsecondary Education

WHEREAS, Dr. Luv'tesha Robertson faithfully served on CPE's Committee on Educational Opportunities from 2019 to the time of her passing on August 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Luv'tesha worked in CPE's Academic Affairs unit as a Senior Associate from November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019, managing various programs and initiatives to promote academic quality and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, she transitioned from CPE to Kentucky's Office of Adult Education, serving first as Director for Program Administration and Accountability, and eventually advancing to Deputy Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, at various points in her career, Luv'tesha contributed her talents and skills to Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, and the Kentucky Department of Education, holding teaching and administrative positions; and

WHEREAS, Luv'tesha was a tireless advocate for civil rights, social justice, and the transformational power of education, and worked to ensure affordable, high-quality educational opportunities for all Kentuckians, regardless of circumstance; and

WHEREAS, Luv'tesha approached her work with a devoted, team-driven spirit that showcased her intelligence, leadership, and good nature, furthering the missions of CPE and the Office of Adult Education and improving the lives of Kentuckians across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Luv'tesha's generosity and passion for education will live on through an annual scholarship that bears her name, to be awarded to deserving young women by the First African Baptist Church of Lexington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's Committee on Educational Opportunities do hereby adopt this resolution, October 27, 2025, in memory of our devoted colleague and faithful friend.