

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Committee on June 24, 2024

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Committee on Equal Opportunities
Date: April 22, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee on Equal Opportunities (CEO) met Monday, April 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM. Chair Elaine Walker presided.

ROLL CALL

Committee Member attendance:

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

Gaines Brown, CPE's Associate for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Committee adopted the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as distributed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel, provide an update from the 2024 Kentucky Legislative session. The 2024 Regular Legislative Session closed on April 15, 2024, and the anti-DEI bills (HB 9 and SB 6) that were introduced did not advance.

CPE INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY STRATEGY REPORTS

Between February and April 2024, members of the CEO and select CPE staff members conducted the annual reviews of the institutional Diversity Plan evaluations. This was accomplished through six review teams, each reviewing four institutions.

At the meeting, each review team presented their findings. Of the 24 institutional plans reviewed, only two did not meet the minimum required score - Somerset Community College and Kentucky State University. As a result, neither institution is eligible to apply for new academic programs during academic year 2024-25, unless they request a waiver from their ineligible status and submit an improvement plan that would need to be reviewed and approved by the CEO and the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 3:15 p.m. ET.