

**Minutes**  
Council on Postsecondary Education  
June 15, 2017

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., ET, at Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided. No official action was taken.

**WELCOME** Chair Zimmerman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The following members were present: Ronald C. Beal, Benjamin Brandstetter, Joe Ellis, Dan Flanagan, Donna Moore, Vidya Ravichandran, Shawn Reynolds, Robert H. Staat, Carol Wright, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Maryanne Elliott, Lucas Mentzer, Sebastian Torres, and Commissioner Stephen Pruitt did not attend.

**WORK SESSION** Members received a report from Mary Gwen Wheeler, executive director of 55,000 degrees, which focused on Louisville's progress to add 55,000 postsecondary degrees in the Greater Louisville Area by the year 2020.

Members also received a report from Larry Combs, manager of broadband implementation at The Center for Rural Development, and Doyle Friskney, CPE's senior fellow for technology and professor at the University of Kentucky, on the KentuckyWired project. The presentation outlined how broadband access is improving education, healthcare and economic development in Eastern Kentucky.

Lee Nimocks, CPE's vice president for policy, planning and external relations, reviewed the CPE Plan of Work for 2017-18, an action item for the June 16, 2017 business meeting.

CPE President King gave an overview of the 2017 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship and the planning efforts associated with it. The conference is set for September 11-12, 2017, at the Louisville Marriott East.

President King also gave a brief overview of Executive Order 2017-334 and its implications for boards associated with the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Department of Education.

**AIKCU BRIEFING** Gary Cox, president of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU), provided the AIKCU annual report. The presentation focused on enrollment, student success, affordability, financial aid, and economic impact.

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Several AIKCU presidents introduced their respective campuses and their programs of distinction:

- President Burton Webb, University of Pikeville
- President Larry Hostetter, Brescia University
- President Sandra Gray, Asbury University
- President John Roush, Centre College
- President James Marsden, Midway University

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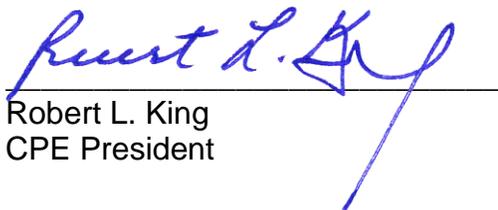
Spalding University President Tori McClure provided a brief update to the Council. Following this, Council members and staff were given a walking tour of the campus.

RECEPTION &  
DINNER

At 6:00 p.m., Spalding University hosted a reception and dinner for the Council members, attending CPE staff, and guests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meetings adjourned at 7:00 p.m., ET.

  
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