

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Council on November 17, 2023

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Work Session
Date: September 19, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Council offices, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort – Conf Rm AB

WELCOME REMARKS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met in a work session on Friday, September 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The meeting occurred in conference room AB at the Council offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members attendance:

- In Person: CB Akins, Jennifer Collins, Kellie Ellis, Eric Farris, Karyn Hoover, Chloe Marsteller, Madison Silvert, and Elaine Walker.
- By teleconference: Meredith Figg, Faith Kemper, LaDonna Rogers, and Connie Smith.
- Did not attend: Muhammad Babar, Jacob Brown, Kevin Weaver, and Commissioner Jason Glass

CPE President Aaron Thompson served as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Ms. Heather Faesy, CPE's board liaison, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

UPDATE ON SJR 98 STUDY

SJR 98 (2023) directed the Council to complete a comprehensive study of Kentucky postsecondary education by December 1, 2023. The study:

- Seeks to ensure that Kentucky's postsecondary institutions are organized, governed, and located in a manner that all Kentucky citizens and communities benefit from the economic value and the transformative power of higher education.
- Serves as an opportunity to revisit the impact of historic higher education reform legislation adopted in 1997 which strengthened statewide coordination and reorganized the state's community and technical colleges under a single governing board.

Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Sr. Vice President and Chief of Staff, and consultants from Ernest and Young, led a discussion and update on the research and work completed by CPE staff and consultants for the completion of this study. The update included:

- Review of the charge of the resolution.
- Overall progress update and activities completed.
- Remaining tasks and timeline of expected completion.
- Observations and early assumptions made during the research and data analysis phase.
- Stakeholder feedback received through the work conducted by the consultants.
- Key data being analyzed in the development of the recommendation that will be proposed for Council approval at their November Council meeting.

Council members engaged in the discussion by asking questions of clarification. No action was taken during the meeting.

FOLLOW-UP ON COUNCIL RETREAT DISCUSSIONS

The Council met in a board retreat on June 8 and 9, 2023. At the retreat, the Council engaged in a number of conversations on recent legislative actions, shifts in the landscape of higher education over recent years, and CPE's latest successes and continued areas of needed growth and focus. That work culminated in a drafted statement and priorities of focus for the board for the next academic year. At the work session, the Council reviewed the final statement for any necessary updates and engaged in further discussion on branding and communication efforts that can be taken by members of the board.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the work session at 12:00 p.m. ET.