

## **MINUTES**

### Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

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Type: Executive Committee  
Date: April 14, 2022  
Time: 12:00 p.m. ET  
Location: Morehead State University, Adron Doran University Center, Heritage Room

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., ET. The meeting occurred in the Heritage Room of the Adron Doran University Center at Morehead State University. Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

### **ATTENDENCE**

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Members were in attendance: Eric Farris, Lori Harper (ZOOM), Lucas Mentzer, and Madison Silvert (ZOOM).

Member not in attendance: Karyn Hoover

Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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The minutes of the March 3, 2022, Committee meeting were approved as distributed.

### **APPROVAL OF 2022-23 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

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Per KRS 164.011(9), the Council is required to meet quarterly, but may meet more upon the call of the chair. In order to conduct its business efficiently, the Council has typically met five times per year. The following dates were proposed for the 2022-23 academic year:

- Sept 19-20, 2022 (M-Tu) - *will coincide with Trusteeship Symposium*

- Nov 17-18, 2022 (Th-F)
- Jan 26-27, 2023 (Th-F)
- Mar 30-31, 2023 (Th-F)
- Jun 8-9, 2023 (Th-F)

Meeting dates of the standing committees will be finalized and approved at a later date.

MOTION: Mr. Silvert moved the Committee approve the 2022-23 Council meeting dates and recommend approval by the full Council at its April 15, 2022, meeting, pending the agenda item be updated to reflect the correct year on one of the dates. Ms. Harper seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION – AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW**

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Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Vice President and Chief of Staff, presented a review of the agency's key accomplishments from January 2021 through March 2022. The written report was organized by each of the five priorities of the statewide strategic agenda with an additional section to capture achievements in agency operations. It focused on the actions taken and the measurable results.

## **ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE CPE PRESIDENT**

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Chair Mentzer invited the Committee members to provide comments on the agency review. All members commended President Thompson and his staff for their work and provided positive feedback.

MOTION: Mr. Silvert moved the Committee go into closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss individual personnel matters. Mr. Farris seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

The Committee remained in Executive Session for five minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Farris moved the Committee go into open session. Ms. Harper seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed. Chair Mentzer confirmed that no action took place during the closed session and that only matters identified in the motion were discussed.

Chair Mentzer stated that due to the accomplishments of the agency and the increased standing of higher education in the eyes of the state's constituents and General Assembly, the Committee discussed an amendment to President Aaron Thompson's contract.

MOTION: Chair Mentzer moved that the Executive Committee approve to modify President Thompson's contract to include a housing allowance that equates to 20% of his salary, and to replace his current vehicle fuel card with an additional \$500 per month vehicle allowance. If approved, the motion would go before the full Council at its April 15, 2022, meeting. Ms. Harper seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

President Thompson thanked the Committee for their confidence and praised his staff for the strong work they do to help the agency move forward. He also complemented the Council for its performance as a high-functioning board and stated it served as a model to the rest of the system boards in the country.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Executive Committee adjourned at 1:20 p.m., ET.

***MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: June 17, 2022***