

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Executive Committee on September 19, 2023

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Executive Committee
Date: June 7, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m. ET
Location: Cumberland Falls State Park, DuPont Lodge, Riverview Restaurant

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., ET. The meeting occurred in the private dining room of the DuPont Lodge at Cumberland Falls State Park. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ROLL CALL

All members were in attendance: CB Akins, Kellie Ellis, Eric Farris, Karyn Hoover, and Madison Silvert.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 31, 2023, Committee meeting were approved as distributed.

2023-24 CPE AGENCY BUDGET

Ms. Lee Nimocks, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, presented the 2023-24 CPE Agency budget for approval. The proposed budget was primarily a continuation budget from the prior year. The General Assembly appropriated \$18.2 million in state General Fund to CPE for next fiscal year - \$8.2 million of that is for Operating Budget (strategic initiatives and regular operating) and includes about \$1.0 million for raises (8% last year and 6% this upcoming year). As with other state agencies, most of the funding is for personnel (\$7.5 million). The other differences between the previous year and 2023-24 is the additional \$100,000 from Operating restricted funds to pay for the conference room upgrades and \$100,000 additional restricted funds for Licensure to support staffing expenses.

Discussion among the Committee focused on the one-time funding for the Healthcare Workforce Initiative and plans to help fund that in the future, the percentage of pass-through

funds the agency receives, and the additional amount of funding that's needed to fully fund our initiatives in future years.

MOTION: Rev. Akins moved the Executive Committee approve the 2023-24 CPE Agency Budget and recommend final approval by the Council at its June 9, 2023, meeting. Ms. Hoover seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

CPE PRESIDENT UPDATE

CPE President Aaron Thompson provided an agency update that focused on recent meetings with legislators regarding CPE's efforts and potential legislation to be filed in the next session, how CPE staff are preparing and planning for the 2024-26 biennium budget request, the work staff are doing toward the SJR 98 study, and recent progress and work occurring at Kentucky State University.

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FUND – RECOMMENDATION TO DELEGATE APPROVAL TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel, presented CPE staff's recommendation that the Council delegate its authority to the Executive Committee to approve 13 KAR 5:010, Healthcare Training Scholarships, and 13 KAR 5:020, Healthcare Program Incentives, at a special-called meeting to be scheduled later in June 2023.

Administratively, HB 200 bill directs CPE to promulgate necessary regulations by July 1, 2023 and requires that CPE submit draft regulations to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare and Family Services 30 days prior for comment and consideration. Pursuant to the requirements of the bill, members of the statutorily-required committees were provided with draft regulations for review on May 19, 2023. Feedback was requested by June 19, 2023, in order to provide any necessary revisions to the draft regulations before the July 1 deadline.

Next steps include the potential revision of the draft regulations based on any feedback received. Staff will present a request to the Council at its June 9, 2023, meeting to request the approval of the final regulations be delegated to the Executive Committee.

2022-23 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE AGENCY'S WORK

Ms. Nimocks and President Thompson provided an overview of the agency's annual review of work that will be presented to the Council during its retreat on June 8, 2023. Topics discussed in more detail included how CPE plans to focus targeted efforts more regionally, the staff's work on the performance funding model review, and the impact the SJR 98 study is having on staff's capacity to complete other work.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 8:25 p.m., ET.