MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Committee on November 7, 2025

Who:	Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type:	Executive Committee
Date:	June 11, 2025
Time:	5:30 p.m. ET
Location:	Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg – West Family Wash House

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. ET. The meeting occurred at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ROLL CALL

There was a quorum of 4 voting Council members in attendance.

- Rev. CB Akins – in person
- Jacob Brown – did not attend
- Dr. Kellie Ellis – in person
- Karyn Hoover – in person
- Madison Silvert – in person
- Elaine Walker – did not attend

CPE President Aaron Thompson served as secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Heather Faesy, CPE program manager, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 17, 2025, committee meeting were approved as distributed.

CPE BOARD MEETING DATES

Ms. Faesy presented the revised meeting dates for November 2025 and the proposed 2026 meeting dates. All dates were vetted by Council members and no known conflicts were identified.

MOTION: Rev. Akins moved the Executive Committee endorse for Council approval the proposed meeting dates for 2026 and revised meeting dates for November 2025. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

2025-26 CPE AGENCY BUDGET

Ms. Leslie Brown, Executive Director of Accounting, Budget, and Procurement Services, presented the agency budget for 2025-26. Each year, the Council reviews and approves the agency's revenue and expenditure budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff provided and reviewed the proposed budget components as well as the current year's figures for comparison.

MOTION: Ms. Hoover moved the Executive Committee endorse for Council approval the 2025-26 agency budget. Rev. Akins seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN – REDIRECTION OF INCENTIVE FUNDING

Mr. Travis Powell, Sr. Vice President and General Counsel, and Mr. Greg Rush, Assistant Vice President for Finance Policy and Programs, presented the staff's recommendation that the Council redirect incentive funding previously allocated in the KSU Management Improvement Plan.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, KSU had approximately $2.8 million in reserved and unspent funds. It was proposed to reallocate $2 million originally designated for the development of an engineering program—redirecting $1 million to the university's online program and $1 million to support accounting and auditing functions. It was also requested that $750,000 in other incentive funding distributions be temporarily frozen until December 1, 2025, to ensure flexibility should additional resources be needed for these two priority areas. CPE staff reviewed the request and stated the adjustments would allow the university to better address immediate institutional priorities and more effectively advance the objectives of the Management Improvement Plan.

MOTION: Rev. Akins moved the Executive Committee endorse for Council approval the Redirection of Incentive Funding for KSU's Management Improvement Plan. Ms. Hoover seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Thompson discussed the latest happenings on Kentucky's public campuses and how Council staff is leading initiatives to help the state meet its 2030 attainment goal. He also informed the Committee of his upcoming trip to Washington D.C. to advocate with federal legislators for GEAR UP Kentucky funding and other state priorities.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Dr. Ellis moved the Executive Committee go into closed session to discuss potential litigation related to the agency pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c). Rev. Akins seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

The Executive Committee remained in closed session for 20 minutes.

MOTION: Rev. Akins moved that the Council go back into open session. Ms. Hoover seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Chair Silvert confirmed that no action took place during the closed session and that only matters identified in the motion were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 7:05 p.m., ET.