

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

2026 CPE Board Meeting & Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Conference

Owensboro Convention Center | Sept. 28–29, 2026 (all times Central Time Zone)

MONDAY, SEPT. 28 – PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING & MEETINGS

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	New Board Member Orientation <i>(Optional)</i> 9:00–9:45 AM: <i>What is the CPE & Foundations of Effective Board Leadership</i> 9:45–10:00 AM: <i>Coffee Break</i> 10:00–11:00 AM: <i>Governance Challenges and Legal & Ethical Considerations</i> 11:00 AM–12:00 PM: <i>Statewide Strategic Agenda and Kentucky's Big Goal</i>	West AB
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Board Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education <i>(Optional)</i>	Riverview Room

MONDAY, SEPT. 28 – DAY 1 MAIN PROGRAMMING

11:00 AM	Conference Registration Opens	Hallway
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Networking Lunch	East Ballroom
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Welcoming Remarks & Keynote: Rebuilding the Promise: Value, Purpose, and the Future of Higher Education	East Ballroom
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Voices of Governance: Board Chairs Reflect on the Keynote	East Ballroom
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions #1 <i>#1: The Trustee's Guide to Accreditation: Advancing Quality, Accountability, & Institutional Success</i> <i>#2: Identifying and Navigating Risk</i> <i>#3: Legal Insights in Higher Education: Interactive Panel Discussion</i>	Various
4:15 – 5:15 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions #2 <i>#1: The AI Frontier: Governance in the Age of Intelligence</i> <i>#2: The Federal Higher Education Landscape: Policy, Funding, and Institutional Impact</i> <i>#3: Transforming the Student Journey: Modern Postsecondary & Workforce Initiatives in KY</i>	Various
5:15 – 6:30 PM	Connecting for Success: Networking Reception	Pier

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29 – DAY 2 MAIN PROGRAMMING

9:00 – 9:45 AM	State of Higher Education Address	East Ballroom
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Translating Insights into Action: Presidential Perspectives	East Ballroom
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions #3 <i>#1: The Value Verdict: What Employers and Families Expect from Higher Ed</i> <i>#2: Intercollegiate Athletics: Trustee Oversight in a Changing Landscape</i> <i>#3: From Data to Decisions: Using Kentucky's Postsecondary Data Resources</i>	Various
12:05 – 12:55 PM	Networking Lunch	East Ballroom
12:55 – 1:15 PM	Foundation for the Future: Honoring Excellence in Governance	East Ballroom
1:15 – 2:15 PM	Legislative Leaders' Perspectives on Higher Education	East Ballroom
2:15 PM	Closing Remarks & Adjournment	East Ballroom