

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Council on January 19, 2024

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Work Session
Date: November 17, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Kentucky State University, Cooperative Extension Building, Rm 238AB

WELCOME REMARKS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met in a work session on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The meeting occurred in room 238AB of the Cooperative Extension Building at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members attendance:

- In Person: Jacob Brown, Jennifer Collins, Meredith Figg, Chloe Marsteller, LaDonna Rogers, and Madison Silvert.
- By teleconference: Kellie Ellis, Faith Kemper, Elaine Walker, Kevin Weaver (joined at 10:30), and KDE Commissioner Robin Kinney (joined at 10:30).
- Did not attend: CB Akins, Muhammad Babar, Eric Farris, Karyn Hoover, and Connie Smith.

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

The findings and recommendations conducted in response to Senate Joint Resolution 98 (2023) were presented to the Council. No action will be taken at the work session.

Presenters included:

- Aaron Thompson, President, CPE
- Lee Nimocks, Sr. Vice President and Chief of Staff, CPE
- Kasia Lundy, Principal, Ernst & Young
- Chen Liu, Senior Director, Ernst & Young
- Ryan Kaffenberger, Sr. Associate, CPE
- Lisa Joseph, Director, Ernst & Young

Senate Joint Resolution 98 (2023) directed CPE to complete a comprehensive study of Kentucky postsecondary education by December 1, 2023. The study charged the Council to address the following areas:

1. The structure of higher education governance in the Commonwealth, including recommendations on potential changes needed to the state's postsecondary governance structure that would be essential to meet identified needs and result in improved delivery of postsecondary educational services to students.
2. The potential impact and feasibility of establishing a regional, residential, four-year public university in southeastern Kentucky.
3. The feasibility and potential programmatic and fiscal impacts of having KCTCS continue to be responsible for technical education programs but transferring responsibility for traditional academic subjects to the regional universities.

A combination of quantitative and qualitative methods to analyze each of the SJR 98 study areas. The study was conducted by Council staff and consultants from Ernst and Young.

Section 2 of the resolution states that the "President of the Council on Postsecondary Education shall report the comprehensive study required by Section 1 of this Joint Resolution with findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission to be distributed to the relevant subject matter committees, including but not limited to the Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and Workforce Investment and the Interim Joint Committee on Education by December 1, 2023."

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

ADJOURNMENT

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