

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Executive Committee
Date: June 25, 2021
Time: 8:30 a.m. ET
Location: Cooperative Extension Building, Room 219
Kentucky State University, 105 University Dr., Frankfort, KY 40601.

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, June 25, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., ET. The meeting took place in the Cooperative Extension Building at Kentucky State University.

Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Eric Farris, Lori Harper (by teleconference), Lucas Mentzer, Vidya Ravichandran (by teleconference), and Robert Staat.

CPE President Aaron Thompson attended the meeting and served as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair Mentzer thanked everyone for their agreement to serve on the newly reformed Executive Committee. The group engaged in a discussion on the role of the committee (per the bylaws) and how it acts in an advisory capacity to the president.

2021-22 MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Mentzer proposed the Executive Committee plan meetings on the following schedule: One meeting about a month before each Council meeting, and one meeting the morning before the Council meeting. Committee members were in agreement and Chair Mentzer asked CPE staff to poll for availability and finalize the meeting dates through January 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Mentzer stated a personnel matter needed to be discussed and asked for a motion to go into closed session.

MOTION: Mr. Farris moved the Committee go into closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss a personnel matter. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

The Committee remained in closed session for 25 minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Farris moved the Council go back into open session. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Chair Mentzer confirmed that no action took place during executive session and that only the matters identified in the motion were discussed. He then stated the committee discussed the contract for President Aaron Thompson as well as the process of the annual presidential review.

MOTION: Ms. Harper moved to adjust the annual presidential evaluation process to align with the fiscal year of July 1 through June 30. Ms. Ravichandran seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Farris moved to extended Aaron Thompson's contract an additional three years, ending June 30, 2026 and increase his compensation to the statutory limit. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Chair Mentzer stated both motions would go before the full Council for approval at its June 25, 2021 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:14 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: August 18, 2021