

MINUTES

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Executive Committee
Date: January 6, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting - Committee members by ZOOM, Public viewing hosted on CPE YouTube Page.

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the livestream on the CPE YouTube page. Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

ATTENDENCE

All Members were in attendance: Eric Farris, Lori Harper, Lucas Mentzer, and Vidya Ravichandran.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 14, 2021 and November 5, 2021 committee meetings were approved as distributed.

REVIEW RESULTS OF FY21 AUDIT

Allen Norvell, the lead auditor from Blue & Co., PSC, will presented the results of the annual audit for fiscal year 2020-21. The auditors issued an unmodified opinion, stating that the Council's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Council as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with

accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, the expenditures of federal awards and supplementary information are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole. The firm also noted that it did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that they consider to be material weaknesses.

UPDATE ON KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

President Aaron Thompson and Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel, provided an update on the development of Kentucky State University's (KSU) management and improvement plan and the current state of the presidential search process. It is expected they will have a new president in place for the fall 2022 semester.

2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Powell reviewed the process the nominating committee will undergo to recommend a slate of officers for the 2022 calendar year. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Vice President and Chief of Staff, discussed the election of the 2022 Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the end of the January 28, 2022 meeting. The elected Chair will begin their duties immediately and close out the meeting.

Chair Mentzer appointed Lori Harper, Richard Nelson, and Kevin Weaver to serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee. Ms. Harper will chair the committee.

2022 CPE PRESIDENT EVALUATION PROCESS

CPE has conducted annual evaluations of its president since 2010 that include a presidential self-assessment and a comprehensive survey of CPE members, senior staff, university and KCTCS presidents, state policy leaders, members of the Governor's administration and key members of the legislature to gather input on the president's performance, working relationships and accomplishments.

Lee Nimocks, CPE's Vice President and Chief of Staff, presented a proposed timeline for the evaluation to take place in 2022. Staff will have survey materials to share at the Committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mentzer reviewed the upcoming committee and Council meeting dates in January 2022.

Chair Mentzer asked the Council to begin considering the major goals the Council can accomplish in 2022, in preparation of a discussion at the January 28th Council meeting.

Vice Chair Farris asked for guidance on how to support the staff and the agency's priorities during the legislative session. Chair Mentzer requested legislative materials and talking points.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: March 3, 2022