

STATE P-16 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Action

Recommendation

The Council staff recommends the following appointments to the state P-16 Council:

- Secretary of the Education Cabinet (ex officio, non-voting)
- Commissioner of Technical Education
- Commissioner of Workforce Investment
- CPE Vice President for Adult Education
- A business representative and a labor representative, each to be designated by the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board
- A representative of the local P-16 councils
- Executive Director of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority

Background

The state P-16 Council began April 1999 by agreement between the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Board of Education to meet quarterly and to jointly discuss policy matters that affect the progress of students from P-12 into the postsecondary education system and, hence, the level of Kentuckians' educational attainment.

In 2001, the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board became a separate agency, which is represented on the P-16 Council. The director of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood and the secretary for Workforce Development were added as members to include the pre-school as well as the workplace and adult education components of the P-16 spectrum.

Several developments suggest the need to reconsider the membership of the state P-16 Council. Some of the partner agencies have changed administrative location, and all current partners have been brought under the Education Cabinet. The offices of workforce development and adult education are now overseen separately. Furthermore, when the state P-16 Council approved guidelines for forming local councils, it stipulated that these local councils include representation not only from early care and education, adult education, and workforce development but also from business and labor. Local P-16 council representation on the state council would contribute to the alignment of state and local agenda. Finally, the importance of providing affordable access to college and financial incentives to students entering the workforce in shortage areas strongly supports including representation from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority on the P-16 Council.

For these reasons, the staff recommend adding these members to the state P-16 Council. If this recommendation is approved, it will be taken to the CPE and the Kentucky Board of Education for approval. Upon approval from the boards, the appointments will be made.