

## MEMO OF RECORD

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Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
Meeting Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum  
Date: August 27, 2025  
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET  
Location: Virtual

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**Members Present:** Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, President Aaron Thompson (CPE), Rep. James Tipton, Travis Muncie (CPE), Macy Waddle, Jenny Sawyer (UL), Dede Conner (KDE), Alisher Burikhanov (KWIB), Diana Woods (KBE), Lynn Baker (GOEC), John Gregory (ELC), Amber Snell (EPSB), Sherlyn Bratcher (GRREC), Susan Rieber, Jo Carole Ellis (KHEAA), Amanda Ellis (CPE)

**Members Absent:**

**Guests Present:** Jessica Fletcher (CPE), Regan Satterwhite (CPE), Johnny Collett (UK HDI, KWIB), Melissa Bell (CPE), Lakisha Miller (KCC Foundation), Robin Hebert (CPE)

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Assess current work group structures for Career Exploration and K12-Postsecondary Alignment
- Explore the current education-workforce partnerships and data
- Provide feedback on next steps for advancing work in education-workforce partnerships, career exploration, and K12-Postsecondary alignment

### WELCOME FROM CO-LEADS AND AGENDA REVIEW

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President Thompson and Lt. Gov. Coleman welcomed guests and provided introductory remarks.

### REFLECTIONS ON APRIL'S WORKFORCE-EDUCATION CONVERSATION

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Amanda Ellis reviewed the CEC's work and feedback from the April meeting related to connections between education and workforce, including Kentucky's five high-demand workforce sectors. She shared a word cloud graphic showing the CEC's priorities, emphasizing partnerships, collaboration, skills alignment, and Futuriti.

### CURRENT WORK GROUP UPDATE: CAREER EXPLORATION & K12-POSTSECONDARY ALIGNMENT

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Jessica Fletcher (Futuriti) and Melissa Bell (Graduate Profile) provided an overview of current CEC initiatives and response to CEC feedback. Members participated in a poll to identify additional information they would like to know more about, next steps they would like to see, and clarification on the CEC's role and possible actions in promoting education-workforce partnerships through Futuriti and the work of the Graduate Profile team.

## **REVIEW EDUCATION-WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS & LANDSCAPE**

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The CEC presented a panel discussion related to current education and workforce partnerships. Panelists included Johnny Collett, Deputy Director of the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute and member of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board; Alisher Burikhanov, Executive Director of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board; and Lakisha Miller of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Foundation. Mr. Burikhanov provided an overview of the KWIB's strategic agenda. Following the discussion, CEC members had the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists and discuss the CEC's current and future role related to education-workforce partnerships, including future collaboration within existing systems. Following the discussion, Travis Muncie, Alicia Crouch and Dede Conner of the CEC data team presented current data sources related to education-workforce partnerships and the challenges associated with tracking these initiatives.

## **CLARIFY THE CEC'S ROLE AND ACTION RE: 2026 WORK GROUPS**

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The meeting concluded with a discussion and reflection time focused on how the CEC members and organizations have integrated the CEC's work into their respective spheres of influence and how the CEC might leverage support for education-workforce partnerships in the future.

## **WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS**

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Members were reminded that the next CEC meeting would be in person and held on November 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET at the CPE offices in Frankfort, Kentucky.