

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Council on September 12, 2025

Who:	Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type:	Business Meeting
Date:	June 13, 2025
Time:	9:00 a.m. ET
Location:	Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg – West Family Wash House

WELCOME REMARKS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education held a business meeting on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. ET. The meeting occurred at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ATTENDANCE

The following Council members attended the meeting in person: CB Akins, Lindsey Case, Jennifer Collins, Kellie Ellis, Meredith Figg, Karyn Hoover, LaDonna Rogers, Madison Silvert, Macy Waddle, and Kevin Weaver (joined at 10:00).

Council members who did not attend were Muhammad Babar, Jacob Brown, Elaine Walker, and Commissioner Robbie Fletcher.

CPE President Aaron Thompson served as secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Ms. Heather Faesy, CPE program manager, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 17, 2025, meetings were approved as presented.

CPE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Aaron Thompson's written report was included in the board materials. He provided additional comments on CPE's latest progress report on statewide strategic objectives, how CPE is working with the Governor's office to support the accessibility initiative of preschool for all four-years statewide, the Council's latest work with justice-impacted individuals and student mental health initiatives, and CPE's new data center that launched the week prior.

UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER

Ms. Waddle provided a brief report that focused on the transition of the 2025-26 student body presidents on each of the campuses as well as their meeting plans this month. Among their first orders of business is to nominate three individuals for the soon-to-be vacant position of student member on the Council.

KY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE) COMMISSIONER REPORT

KDE Commissioner Robbie Fletcher provided a report featuring several updates on KDE's working group on Accountability and Accessibility, the latest news on federal funding dollars and areas where future cuts may permeate to Kentucky's K-12 system, and KDE's upcoming AI Summit taking place later in the summer.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

President David McFaddin provided the Council with an institutional update on Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). The update focused on EKU's key strategies for each of the strategic priorities of the statewide agenda as well as the baseline data and progress on the key performance indicators. He answered several questions on the institution's changing tuition structure, the number of out-of-state students who are enrolled in the aviation program, and how EKU is embedding the Graduate Profile principles into all of its programs.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

President Jay Morgan provided the Council with an institutional update on Morehead State University (MoSU). The update focused on MoSU's key strategies for each of the strategic priorities of the statewide agenda as well as the baseline data and progress on the key performance indicators. He answered questions from the Council on the reasons for their declines in retention rates as well as how they are approaching shortfalls by not hitting performance funding metrics.

ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Committee Chair Karyn Hoover presented the report and recommendations made by the Academic and Strategic Initiatives (ASI) Committee, which met on June 9, 2025. She announced that Committee members:

- Received reports and updates on:
 - The KCTCS programs approved between April-June 2025.
 - Staff's work to revise Academic Program Approval Policy to incorporate the directives of Senate Bill 77.
 - CPE's work to implement the DCBS Training Provider Network.
 - Data on first-time adult learners and the statewide initiatives to support them.

- Reviewed and endorsed for Council approval two proposed new academic programs:
 - University of Kentucky – Bachelor of Science, Surgical First Assistant (CIP 51.0999)
 - Murray State University – Master of Science, Nonprofit Leadership Studies (CIP 52.0206)
- Reviewed and endorsed for Council approval revisions to the Dual Credit policy to align with the directives of House Bills 4 and 193 (2025).

MOTION: The ASI Committee's recommendation to approve the endorsed action items served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed. Meredith Figg abstained.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS

Chair Silvert presented the report and recommendations made by the Finance Committee, which met on June 9, 2025. Committee members:

- Received an update on the preliminary 2026-28 Budget Priority Items, that will be finalized before the filing deadline of October 1, 2025.
- Received information on performance funding of the 2025-26 distribution of Performance Funds to the campuses.
- Reviewed and endorsed for Council approval revisions to the 2025-26 Tuition and Mandatory Fee policy.
- Reviewed and endorsed for Council approval the proposed tuition and mandatory fee rates proposed at Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, and Western Kentucky, all of which complied with Council-approved parameters.
- Received and endorsed for Council approval a delegation of authority to CPE President Thompson to approve the tuition and mandatory fees, provided they comply with Council-approved parameters, for the following campuses: Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Kentucky Community and Technical College System.
- Reviewed and endorsed for Council approval the following tuition reciprocity agreements:
 - Indiana & Kentucky, 2025-2029
 - Ohio & Kentucky, 2025-2027
 - West Virginia & Kentucky, 2025-2027

MOTION: The Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the endorsed action items served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT

Chair Silvert presented the report of the Executive Committee, which met on June 11, 2025. Committee members reviewed and endorsed for Council approval:

- Revised meeting dates for November 2025 and the proposed meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year.
- Proposed 2025-26 agency budget.
- Redirection of incentive funding attached to the Kentucky State University Management Improvement Plan.

MOTION: The Executive Committee's recommendation to approve the endorsed action items served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

The Council approved resolutions of appreciation for the following individuals:

- Student Council member Macy Waddle, who served on the board from October 2024 through June 2025.
- Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACSCOC.
- Lee Nimocks, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, Council on Postsecondary Education.

CAMPUS GOOD NEWS REPORTS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the business meeting at 11:05 a.m. ET.