

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by the Council on September 13, 2025

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Who:	Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type:	Special-called Business Meeting
Date:	June 30, 2025
Time:	2:00 p.m. ET
Location:	Virtual meeting via ZOOM

### **WELCOME REMARKS**

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The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education held a special-called business meeting on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. ET. The meeting occurred virtually by ZOOM and livestreamed on the CPE's YouTube page. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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The following Council members attended: CB Akins, Jacob Brown, Lindsey Case, Jennifer Collins, Kellie Ellis, Meredith Figg, Sean Garber, Karyn Hoover, LaDonna Rogers, Madison Silvert, Macy Waddle and Elaine Walker, Kevin Weaver, and Commissioner Robbie Fletcher.

Council members who did not attend were Muhammad Babar.

Ms. Heather Faesy, CPE program manager, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

### **REVISION TO KENTUCKY'S STATEWIDE STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

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Mr. Travis Powell, CPE Executive Vice President and General Counsel, presented the proposed revisions to the statewide strategic agenda. The substantive revisions included the removal of equity as a cross-cutting priority and the removal of specific references to historically underrepresented minority students. The full list of proposed revisions were provided in the materials.

MOTION: Ms. Walker moved the Council approve the proposed revisions to the statewide strategic agenda to comply with the passage of House Bill 4 (2025). Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **REVISION TO NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL POLICY**

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Mr. Powell presented the proposed revisions to the New Academic Program Approval Policy to comply with House Bill 4 (2025). There were minor revisions to ensure the applicable legislative language was reflected as well as the addition/deletion of relevant legislation and definitions.

MOTION: Rev Akins moved the Council approve the proposed revisions to the New Academic Program Approval policy. Ms. Walker seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **REVISION TO STATEWIDE ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW POLICY**

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Mr. Powell presented the proposed revisions to the Statewide Academic Program Review policy to comply with House Bill 4 (2025). The main revision was to add a paragraph describing KRS 164.020(16) that includes the Council's authorization to eliminate any program that includes a requirement for a course or training of which the primary purpose is to indoctrinate participants with a discriminatory concept.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved the Council approve the proposed revisions to the Statewide Academic Program Review policy. Ms. Collins seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **REVISION OF NAME AND CHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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Mr. Powell presented the proposed name and charge revision to the current Committee of Equal Opportunities. The proposal was backed by the current members of the committee and was as follows:

- Rename the committee to the "Committee on Educational Opportunities"
- Establish the committee's main objectives as to:
  - Monitor and encourage institutional practices and supports for all students, especially those from low-income households, students with disabilities, adult learners and first-generation students.
  - Monitor educational attainment trends for those populations and provide recommendations to the Council that support advancement of the statewide strategic agenda for postsecondary education.

MOTION: Ms. Walker moved the Council approve the proposed name and charge revisions to the current Committee on Equal Opportunities. Rev. Akins seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **REMOVAL OF CULTURAL COMPETENCY CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

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Mr. Powell presented the staff proposal to discontinue the Cultural Competency Credential Certification Process to comply with provisions of HB 4 (2025). The voluntary process incorporated the Council's diversity, equity, and inclusion policy by reference. Since that policy has been eliminated and there is a potential that the process could violate provisions of HB 4, staff recommended discontinuing the program.

MOTION: Ms. Rogers moved the Council discontinue the Cultural Competency Credential Certification process. Rev. Akins seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **CLOSED SESSION PER KRS 61.810(1)(c)**

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MOTION: Mr. Brown moved the Council go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation related to the agency. Ms. Walker seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

The committee remained in Executive Session for forty (40) minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Silvert moved the Council go into open session. Ms. Rogers seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Chair Silvert confirmed that no action took place during the closed session and that only matters identified in the motion were discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Council adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. ET.