

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Council on June 12, 2026

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Work Session
Date: April 2, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: CPE offices, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort – Conf Rm AB

WELCOME REMARKS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education held a work session on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The meeting occurred at the CPE offices in Frankfort. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ATTENDANCE

There was a quorum of 12 voting Council members in attendance.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| • Rev. CB Akins – in person | • Karyn Hoover – in person |
| • Jai Bokey – in person | • Dennis Repenning – in person |
| • Jacob Brown – did not attend | • LaDonna Rogers – did not attend |
| • Lindsey Case – in person | • Madison Silvert – in person |
| • Jennifer Collins – in person | • Elaine Walker – in person |
| • Dr. Kellie Ellis – in person | • Kevin Weaver – in person |
| • Dr. Meredith Figg – in person | • Michael Wheeler – in person |
| • Sean Garber – did not attend | • Comm. Robbie Fletcher – did not attend |

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

DEBRIEF ON JOINT MEETING WITH PRESIDENTS AND STUDENTS

Dr. Amanda Ellis, Sr. Vice President of Student Access and Success, led a discussion with the Council that centered on the outcomes of the April 1 joint meeting with the Presidents and the Board of Student Body Presidents. Council members discussed how they can incorporate student comments into their regular agenda and how staff can continue to collaborate with them on concerns regarding mental health, accessibility, and affordability.

COUNCIL PRORITIES 2025-26

Dr. Ellis reminded the Council of its outcomes from the Council's 2025 board retreat. The board identified two priorities of work to focus on in the next fiscal year:

- Make dual credit more accessible, support meaningful academic progress, and deliver long-term value for students and the state.
- Serve as visible, informed advocates for postsecondary education across the Commonwealth to advance student outcomes and institutional effectiveness.

In regard to the first priority, Dr. Chris Ledford, Director of Data and Advanced Analytics, and Robin Hebert, Senior Fellow of Student Access and Success, presented on the participation rates of dual credit in Kentucky, including enrollment by sector and institution as well as completion rates broken down by a number of factors including geographic location and income. They also discussed the leading indicators of completion and progress and current and emerging strategies to increase these statistics.

COUNCIL PRIORITY: ADVOCACY FOR POSTSECONDARY PROGRESS

Ms. Jessica Fletcher, Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on the number of ways the Council is continuing to strengthen its communication strategies. She discussed the engagement rates for the recently implemented unit newsletters, the new report on Student Debt levels in Kentucky, and how staff are leveraging LinkedIn to promote the Graduate Profile work. She also provided recent updates to Futuriti.org and its plans for expansion in the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the work session at 12:00 p.m. ET.