

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Committee on June 12, 2026

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Executive Committee
Date: April 2, 2026
Time: 8:30 a.m. ET
Location: Council offices, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, KY – 2nd floor Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. ET. The meeting occurred at the CPE offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ROLL CALL

There was a quorum of 6 voting members in attendance.

- Rev. CB Akins – attended
- Jacob Brown – attended
- Dr. Kellie Ellis – attended
- Karyn Hoover – attended
- Madison Silvert – attended
- Elaine Walker – attended

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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 7, 2025, and January 30, 2026, committee meetings were approved as distributed.

13 KAR 2:140. RESEARCH CONSORTIUMS

Mr. Travis Powell, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, presented the staff recommendation that the Executive Committee endorse for Council approval the proposed regulation 13 KAR 2:140, Research consortiums. This new administrative regulation establishes the process by which requests for joint funding proposals will be advertised, what proposals shall include, how proposals will be evaluated, and how funds will be awarded from the endowed research fund created by KRS 164.038.

13 KAR 2:140 is necessary to comply with the requirements of KRS 164.038 which creates the endowed research fund to be administered by the Council. KRS 164.038 tasks the Council with soliciting, accepting, and reviewing joint funding applications submitted by two

or more Kentucky public universities to receive funding from a consortium account. The consortium accounts shall constitute seed money for the research consortium to perform initial research and seek grant money from public and private sources. KRS 164.038(6) requires the Council to promulgate administrative regulations to include metrics to evaluate joint funding applications and carry out the requirements of the statute.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved the Executive Committee endorse for Council approval the proposed regulation 13 KAR 2:140 on Research Consortiums. Ms. Walker seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed

CPE PRESIDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

President Thompson provided an update on the legislation that would restructure Kentucky State University (KSU). Senate Bill 185 was delivered to the Governor on April 1, 2026, and would do many things including transitioning KSU into a polytechnic institution while also maintaining it as a land grant institution with HBCU status. He discussed what led to the move and next steps if signed and enacted into law.

Ms. Leslie Brown, Assistant Vice President of Administrative Services, and Mr. Greg Rush, Assistant Vice President of Finance Policy and Programs, provided an update on the development of the 2026-28 biennial budget for CPE agency funds. House Bill 500 of the 2026 Legislative Session was passed through the Free Conference Committee and was delivered to the Governor on April 1, 2026.

A full legislative update will be provided to the Council at its Work Session on April 2, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:55 a.m., ET.