

**KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FUND STEERING COMMITTEE**



August 24, 2026, 1:00 p.m. ET (12:00 p.m. CT)

Virtual meeting via ZOOM, livestreamed at: <https://bit.ly/4fexOqb>

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Approval of the Minutes**
- III. New Staff Introduction, Workforce and Economic Development**
- IV. Updates on HWIF Round 5 Funding**
 - A. RFP Updates
 - B. Website Updates
 - C. Funding Amount
 - D. Timeline
 - E. Dashboard Updates
 - F. Systems for Consistency in Application and Scoring
- V. Updated HWIF Documents and Resources**
 - A. HWIF Awardee Toolkit - <https://cpe.ky.gov/ourwork/documents/hwif-toolkit.pdf>
 - B. HWIF Awardee Reporting Form
- VI. Next Steps**
- VII. Other Business**
- VIII. Adjournment**

MEETING MINUTES

Pending approval by the Committee on Aug. 24, 2026

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Type: Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund Steering Committee
Date: April 27, 2026
Time: 1 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual meeting; livestreamed to CPE YouTube page

CALL TO ORDER

The Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund (HWIF) Steering Committee met April 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM. Chair LaDonna Rogers presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members who attended: Mason Dyer, Donovan Layne, Vestena Robbins, LaDonna Rogers, Beth Shafer.

Members who did not attend: Tim Gaillard, J.P. Hamm, Cliff Maesaka, Michael Muscarella, Michael Yoder

CPE TRANSITION PLAN

Ms. Michaela Steverson, CPE Program Manager for Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, discussed her transition from the Council on Postsecondary Education to a new role at the University of Kentucky. This work will be temporarily led by Dr. Miles Feroli, until a replacement has been hired.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

Ms. Steverson provided the members with a brief legislative update as it pertained to healthcare workforce efforts. It was noted that the requested \$20 million appropriation was not received; however, some funding was allocated within CPE for healthcare workforce development, though the exact amount remains unspecified due to potential budget reductions. The Committee also added speech-language pathology and audiology to the list of eligible programs.

UPDATED HWIF DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

The Committee discussed timelines for the next academic year, which is expected to take place in 2027. Members were reminded that the HWIF toolkit, which was distributed earlier in the year, offers structured timelines and guidance. Ms. Steverson stated the toolkit will be included in future report communications.

NEXT STEPS

Chair LaDonna Rogers moved the Committee appoint Michael Muscarella as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shafer.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. ET.

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\$2,338,560



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Timeline for Submissions



Submission Scoring

- When the submission period ends (October 15th, 2026), we will divide the HWIF Steering Committee into small groups and assign each group an evenly distributed number of proposals to review.
- We will send out review process instructions when the review period begins.
- After scoring is complete, we will meet with the HWIF Steering Committee to discuss proposal scores and make award list.
- Following the meeting awardees will be notified of their decision no later than November 9th, 2026.