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Type: Regular Meeting
Date: June 15, 2022
Time: 1 p.m. ET
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education (Virtual via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) held a regular meeting on June 15, 2022 at 1 p.m. ET. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the CEC met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not permitted to attend the meeting in person but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Council on Postsecondary Education's YouTube channel.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, CPE President Aaron Thompson, Eddie Campbell, Rep. James Tipton, David Horseman, Corinne Murphy, Diane Barber, Jenny Sawyer, Logan Justice, Robert Hayes, OJ Oleka, Stefanie Ebbens Kingsley, Dallas Kratzer, Lu Young, Amy Neal, Justin Mitchell, and John Gregory.

The following members were not present: Jason Glass, Sarah Akin, Priyadarshini Chandrashekhar, Jim Flynn, Kathleen Christian, Paul Czarapata, Luke Mentzer, Rhonda Caldwell, Sen. Max Wise, Kerri Schelling, Sen. David Givens, Robert Jackson, and Ashli Watts.

WELCOME AND PURPOSE

CPE Senior Fellow Robin Herbert, CPE President Aaron Thompson and Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman provided a welcome and thanked everyone for being a part of the work of the Continuum. Lt. Governor Coleman shared that the meeting would focus on the implementation progress of the CEC recommendations as well as a discussion on effectively communicating the work of the CEC to increase awareness and access and



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ultimately leverage change. Lt. Governor Coleman encouraged the members to share the work of the CEC with the appropriate audiences.

President Aaron Thompson thanked members of the Continuum for their time and commitment to improving the education pipeline for all students in Kentucky and reminded members of the purpose of the Continuum and the important role each member contributes to the success of the work.

Dr. Amanda Ellis briefly reviewed the meeting norms and thanked members for their continued commitment to serve on the Continuum. Dr. Ellis shared the meeting agenda, discussed the meeting topics, and introduced the guest meeting presenters.

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE SESSIONS

Diana Barber and Kim Dolan from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) provided a presentation on efforts that have been undertaken to increase the FAFSA completion rates in Kentucky.

Rep. James Tipton discussed funding provided by the General Assembly to expand dual credit opportunities and advanced placement courses and funding that has been provided for International Baccalaureate Exams. Logan Justice gave a presentation on why dual credit and advanced placement opportunities are important for students and how these opportunities can be elevated for students across the Commonwealth.

Dr. Corrine Murphy gave a presentation to demonstrate how Western Kentucky University is approaching educator recruitment and highlighted outreach and connection efforts that have been undertaken with various school districts. Dr. Meredith Brewer from the Kentucky Department of Education provided a presentation highlighting the ongoing efforts through GoTeachKy at KDE for educator recruitment, preparation, and retention.

WRAP-UP

All agenda items were not presented as published. To respect members' time and stay on schedule, Dr. Amanda Ellis stated a follow-up email would be disseminated within in the next few weeks with an update on the three new CEC workgroups, the PowerPoint presentations, and other materials to review. Dr. Thompson thanked the members for the work that is being done to improve education for Kentucky's students and Dr. Ellis



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informed the group that the next meeting would be in September and that staff would be in contact with members to discuss next steps.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m. ET.