

## MEETING MINUTES

*Approved by the Council, March 31, 2023*

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Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
Meeting Type: Board Work Session  
Date: January 26, 2023  
Time: 2:00 p.m. ET  
Location: KCTCS Offices, 300 N. Main Street, Versailles, KY 40383

### WELCOME REMARKS

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met in a work session on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., ET. The meeting occurred in Conference Room A of the KCTCS offices in Versailles, Kentucky. Acting Chair Eric Farris presided.

### ATTENDANCE

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Council Members attendance:

- In Person: CB Akins, Jacob Brown, Jennifer Collins, Kellie Ellis, Meredith Figg, Karyn Hoover, Garrison Reed, LaDonna Rogers, Madison Silvert, Elaine Walker, Kevin Weaver.
- By teleconference: Eric Farris, Faith Kemper, Connie Smith
- Did not attend: Muhammad Babar.

CPE President Aaron Thompson served as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Ms. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

### STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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President David McFaddin provided the Council with an institutional update on Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). The update focused on the EKU's key strategies for each of the strategic priorities of the new statewide agenda as well as the baseline data and 2023-24 targets for the key performance indicators. President McFaddin also discussed specific strategies, initiatives, and activities taking place to provide a long-standing impact in the eastern region of the state – whether its in agriculture, medical, or other fields – as well as the institution's work with the adult population to prepare them for the knowledge-based economy.

## **STRATEGIC DISCUSSION – FOCUS ON SUCCESS**

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The 2022-30 Statewide Strategic Agenda, “Higher Education Matters,” is a blueprint for accelerating change and improvement in Kentucky’s public postsecondary system. Equity is a cross-cutting focus of the agenda, and it identifies five specific strategic priorities: Affordability, Transitions, Success, Talent, Value.

The Council engaged in a conversation with CPE staff members on the Success priority, in which the goal is to ensure more students earn high-quality degrees and credentials. The objectives of this priority are:

- Objective 5: Increase persistence in and timely completion of postsecondary programs.
- Objective 6: Maximize transfer of academic and experiential credit.
- Objective 7: Ensure academic offerings are high-quality, relevant and inclusive.

Presenting staff included:

- Ms. Lee Nimocks, Sr. Vice President and Chief of Staff.
- Mr. Travis Muncie, Executive Director of Data, Research and Advanced Analytics.
- Dr. Melissa Bell, Vice President of Academic Excellence and Student Success
- Dr. Lilly Massa-McKinley, Executive Director of the Kentucky Student Success Collaborative
- Dr. Janna Vice, Senior Fellow

Data reviewed included the key performance indicators (KPI) of undergraduate degrees and credentials awarded at both 4-year and 2-year institutions, the 6-year and 3-year graduation rates, the KCTCS to 4-year transfer rate, and the retention rates of the 4-year and 2-year institutions.

Staff discussed state-level strategies and actions taking place in order to achieve the KPI data targets discussed. These included the work of the Kentucky Student Success Collaborative, the Kentucky Graduate Profile Academy, and CPE’s work to update the statewide transfer strategy.

## **CLOSING OF THE WORK SESSION**

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The Council adjourned the work session at 3:45 p.m. ET.