

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Purdue University, 101 North Grant Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906 with Chairman Chris LaMothe presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Jud Fisher, Coleen Gabhart, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, John Popp and Alfonso Vidal

On the Phone: Allan Hubbard

Members Absent: Lisa Hershman and Beverley Pitts

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman LaMothe began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Purdue University for providing us with a tour of campus and your hospitality last evening, and for hosting our meeting today.

I want to make you all aware of the topics of the Commission meetings over the next several months:

- At our next meeting, in November, we will have a discussion on “*Supporting Adult Students*” and the Commission’s involvement in CAEL’s Adult Promise Project.
- In December, we will discuss “*Attainment & Equity: Indiana's Progress Toward The Big Goal*” with special guests Gregory Fehribach with Doninger Tuohy & Bailey LLP, as well as Courtney Brown with the Lumina Foundation.
- February’s discussion will be on “*Identifying and Supporting At-Risk Students*” with a special report-out from our college and universities.
- In March we will have a discussion on “*Quality in Higher Education.*”
- The Weldon Conference, scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 will focus on “*Supporting the Transition from High School to College & Careers.*”
- In June we will have a discussion on “*Technology and Innovation in Higher Education.*”

The staff is preparing a thoughtful and meaningful conversation for each of these topics – we can look forward to these discussions.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, this morning Stephanie Wilson provided an overview of the Governor’s Next Level Jobs Initiative. During our working session, the

Governor's Workforce Cabinet met to consider the recommendations that have been developed by four working committees over the past six months. It seems timely to use my Commissioner's Report to provide an update of the Cabinet's activities and an overview of the major recommendations. You will recall that the Cabinet was created by legislation and has assumed many of the responsibilities formerly assigned to the State Workforce Innovation Council under the Department of Workforce Development – through a waiver from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Some of the highlights of early activities of the cabinet were highlighted by Stephanie earlier. The Workforce Ready Grant Program has seen nearly 30,000 leads to Ivy Tech and Vincennes for high value certificates with nearly 10,000 individuals enrolled in the certificate programs since last fall – including graduating high school students as well as returning adults.

The Employer Training Grant Program has more than 400 participating businesses and more than 5,500 Hoosiers being trained.

Governor Holcomb created the State's first Office of Work-based learning and Apprenticeship which has begun certifying state earn and learn partnerships to expand opportunities to Hoosiers.

Blair Milo, Secretary of the Office of Career Connections and Talent has been developing local partnerships aimed at meeting workforce and education challenges.

Against the backdrop of these efforts, the Cabinet's Committees have been meeting to develop strategies and recommendations for moving forward.

The College and Career Funding Committee was tasked by the Legislature with conducting a review of college and career funding sources. The work focused on reviewing the requirements for awards, grants or scholarships within state and federal programs to address the return on investment. The team recommended strengthening existing programs by better connecting them to career opportunities and outcomes and requesting greater flexibility from federal strings. ON a parallel path with this work, the Legislative Services Agency announced last week the first round of programs to be reviewed in accordance with a legislative mandate. Most of CHE's programs are in the first round, including 21st Century, Higher Education Award, Freedom of Choice, Mitch Daniels Scholarship and the Next Generation Educator Scholarship. The review will likely start after the 2019 legislative session.

A second Cabinet working committee is focused on Career and Technical Education. Recommendations highlighted the need for more flexibility and accountability for schools and CTE programs, including adding accountability metrics. The committee also recommended that every CTE pathway must lead to postsecondary and employment opportunities. CTE funding was also addressed by recommending a new tiered CTE funding methodology and eliminating funding for some courses.

A third committee, the Career Navigation and Coaching team, reviewed current practices and other state programs related to delivering relevant and useful career information to

students. The recommendations focused on three transitions: elementary to junior high, junior high to high school and high school to postsecondary. The committee recommended an enhanced evaluation to change the current structure for a career exploration tool – more to come.

The fourth committee reviewed workforce funding and related programs, including state and federal. Their work gave special attention to at-risk and drop out students and unemployed or underemployed adults. Each of these programs is being considered through the lens of labor market outcomes.

Clearly, this work is ongoing and many of the recommendations will need legislative buy-in. In each committee, there are implications for CHE and higher education, and I wanted to give you a high level view of the Cabinet's Work.

We continue to engage with our P-12 partners in the Postsecondary Transitions Steering Committee. We will be vetting recommendations through both the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committees and will be bringing the recommendations to you at our November meeting for consideration. The committee has focused on three major areas: developing and scaling postsecondary transition pathways, beginning with math; promoting navigational supports that smooth transitions and prepare students for postsecondary, including but not limited to the requirements for 21st Century Scholars; expanding the use of key postsecondary transitions data. Following our consideration of these recommendations next month, the State Board of Education will vote on them at their December meeting.

Finally, a snapshot of the behind the scenes work of the Commission that is critical to our service to students and that is often taken for granted. CHE's ScholarTrack was recently named a 2018 Indiana Innovation award winner by Centric, Inc. As you know ScholarTrack is a comprehensive platform that guides students and their families through the process of planning for and financing college. Established in 2011, the Indiana Innovation Awards recognize ten individuals and organizations who are leading the innovation change in our state. ScholarTrack was selected from a record 56 finalists. We have a short video that highlights the great work of the CHE team.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 2018 COMMISSION MEETING

R-18-06.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the June, 2018 regular meeting. (Motion – Alley, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2019-2021 Indiana Postsecondary Institution Budget Presentations

1. Purdue University
2. Ball State University
3. Vincennes University

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Doctor of Technology at Purdue University West Lafayette

R-18-06.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Vidal, second – Parkison, unanimously approved)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Actions Taken By Staff
- C. Policy on Purdue University Fort Wayne
- D. Media Coverage

**IV. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M.

Chris LaMothe, Chair

Al Hubbard, Secretary