

2019 School Accountability Panel Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019 at 9:00 AM EDT

Indiana State House, House Chambers

Panel Members Present: Dr. Byron Ernest (Co-Chair), Mr. Pat. Mapes (Co-Chair), Representative Bob Behning, Senator Jeff Raatz, Mr. Jason Bearce, Ms. Malika Butler, Dr. Drew Findlay, Ms. Jody French, Mr. Mark Hobbs, Mr. Brian Knight, Dr. Matthew Prusiecki.

Panel Member Absent: Commissioner Teresa Lubbers, Ms. Kristen Boehnlein, Mr. B.J. Watts, Mr. Chris Lowery.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by voice vote.
- III. Comments from the Co-chairs
 - a. No comments from the Co-chairs.
- IV. Presentations
 - a. Current Version of Accountability Framework
 - b. Indiana Department of Education
 - i. Ms. Maggie Paino presented 3 concepts used by the Department. She mentioned that all revisions to the accountability system should provide accessible data that is actionable and aligned to policy goals for the state.
 - c. Commission for Higher Education
 - i. Ms. Stephanie Sample presented, noting that both DOE and CHE have a shared goal and responsibility to have Indiana student succeed. The CHE presentation covered a proposed framework with consideration of discussion among Panel members.
 - d. Dr. Ernest moved the discussion to employment.
 - a. Ms. Butler questioned the standards for definition of an employed student in a quality employment through apprenticeship program. Chad Ranney commented that standard for that is still in progress.
 - b. Mr. Butler question whether Panel should establish a wage or hourly rate threshold for those who are employed upon graduation and are not on job training or apprenticeship.
 - c. Dr. Prusiecki agreed that employability rather than employment should be used for the purpose of accountability.
 - e. Dr. Ernest proposed to move to enlistment. He mentioned that in order to enlist, a student has to satisfy additional requirement. Additionally, there is no penalty for showing up to the plane, but refusing to go.
 - a. Rep. Behning added that some students take this pathway but never really serve. Prior to enlistment, physical review shall be performed. ASVAB score matters.
- V. Discussion

- a. School Accountability Framework Components
 - i. High School Graduation
 - ii. College & Career Readiness Outcomes
 - b. Other Items for Consideration
 - i. Accountability – Grades 6, 7 and 8
 - ii. 5-Year and 6-Year Graduation Rates
 - iii. Diploma Options/ Flexibility
 - iv. Other Items Raised by Panel Members
 - c. Next meeting
 - i. Consideration/Approval of School Accountability Framework
 - ii. Supporting Recommendations to Indiana General Assembly and State Board of Education
 - iii. Future Work of the Panel
- VI. Public Comment (limited to 30 minutes in total)**
- a. John O’Neal - State Director, ISTA, spoke in support of individual level student growth measures without regard to socioeconomic status, suggested professional accountability and professional development opportunities for educators, retention rates including transfers, asked for consideration of school climate, and noted support for multiple measures of accountability
 - b. Dr. Todd Bess called for the rating system being transparent and include attendance.
 - c. Adam Bogs, educator, noted an example of a student who is successful but does not fit into the pathways and recommended caution on post-secondary outcomes that can put undue burden on schools.
- VII. Adjourn**