



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution Regarding the Formation of a Graduation Pathways Panel

July 12, 2017

Whereas, the General Assembly passed HEA 1003, which added IC 20-32-4-1.5 to the Indiana Code. This legislation states that the State Board of Education (“Board”) “shall establish graduation pathway requirements...in consultation with the Department of Workforce Development and the Commission for Higher Education.”

Whereas, a motion to create a panel (“Panel”) to develop graduation pathway recommendations for Board review, offered by Board member Dr. Byron Ernest, was approved by the Board during the June 7, 2017, business meeting. This resolution sets forth the structure and parameters of the Panel.

Resolved, the Panel shall consist of the following nine (9) members:

- Dr. Byron Ernest (Board member)—shall serve as Panel Chair;
- Dr. Jennifer McCormick (Board member and State Superintendent of Public Instruction);
- Dr. David Freitas (Board member);
- BJ Watts (Board member);
- Jason Bearce (Commission for Higher Education);
- Elizabeth Meguschar (Department of Workforce Development);
- Rep. Robert Behning (Chair of the House Education Committee);
- Sen. Dennis Kruse (Chair of the Senate Education and Career Development Committee);
- Caryl Auslander (Indiana Chamber of Commerce).

Resolved, the Panel shall adhere to the following operating parameters:

- The purpose of the Panel shall be to review the graduation pathway requirements contained in HEA 1003, and provide recommendations to the Board for consideration and adoption;
- A quorum consists of five (5) members, and any action or recommendation of the Panel is not official unless the action is approved by a quorum;
- The Panel shall be staffed by members of the Board’s staff as needed;
- The Panel shall meet as often as necessary to perform its tasks, but at a minimum of one (1) time per month;
- The Panel does not have the authority to take any official action on behalf of the Board;
- The Panel’s recommendations must be approved and submitted to Board staff by October 18, 2017;
- Upon the submission and approval of the Panel’s graduation pathway recommendations by the Board, the Panel shall officially be dissolved.

Resolved, the Panel shall abide by the following Electronic Participation Policy:

- A least five (5) Panel members must be physically present at the designated meeting site for the Panel meeting.
- Board staff is responsible for supervising and coordinating all electronic participation by Panel members.
- Panel members must obtain prior authorization to participate via electronic means pursuant to this Policy by, not later than three (3) days in advance of the Panel meeting, submitting an email request to participate via electronic means, to the Board staff.
- A Panel member participating via electronic means pursuant to this policy is considered present at the Panel meeting, is counted for quorum purposes, and may vote at the Panel meeting on any matter.

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