

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 9:00 a.m. ET at Ivy Tech Community College Indianapolis, 2820 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208, with Chairman Jud Fisher presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Anne Bowen, Jud Fisher, Bill Hanna, Al Hubbard, Nancy Jordan, Chris LaMothe, Pepper Mulherin, Dan Peterson, Gen. Erika Steuterman, Tom Saunders

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good morning, everyone, and thank you for joining us today. I'll call the meeting to order.

I'd like to thank Ivy Tech Community College President Sue Ellspermann and the Ivy Tech team for being gracious hosts for us, for the reception and dinner last night, and for hosting our meeting today.

I want to remind everyone that registration is still open for the Commission's virtual Education Value Convening to be held on December 14. This convening will share the best practices and new information with our community partners and higher ed practitioners.

This concludes my mark remarks for the day.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and good morning and welcome everyone. I said last night at the event of feeling good about homecoming, and we're so grateful to president Ellspermann and the Ivy Tech trustees who are actually in the house today too. And the staff were making us feel like the friends we are.

We're not going to have a really heavy agenda this time around and also in hopes of getting everyone out here a little bit sooner, maybe then that what we have at least in recent months. It wouldn't be a Commission meeting without revising some of our key priorities. This slide and the next one really serve as predicates to the four-month marathon that we're about to start – the legislative session. We know these realities and we're not going to take them out of the view of any of our policymaker friends, the fact of the matter is we have a declining college-going rate from 65% to 53%. It's now 44% for Hispanic students, 43% for Black students, 46% for males.

The part I think is so significant about that is in each of those instances, it's the first time since Commission has tracked that data that any one of those three that I just referenced have been below 50%. We are concerned about it, but it's also leading to policy development suggestions, recommendations that we think will matter.

The Senate put out Enrolled Act 366. You can see the things are in that, but this was the Legislature signaling to us that they wanted to work with us and think it with us about performance funding formula. The Legislature is keenly interested and knows this is the lever to move improvements in our state. Yesterday, there was the State Budget Committee hearing. It's the one, the first one in which I have formally interacted in this role. A handful of you were able to attend. I talked to several legislators late in the day and they were delighted that some of you were able to make it. It was a robust discussion. It was thoughtful and we were pressed. And frankly we should be because we have work to do.

We're focusing on the pipeline, from enrollment – not just the college-going rate, though, but our adults. We're 48.3% educational attainment today versus the 60% Big Goal that was adopted. On the economic output side of it, whether it's graduate retention or degree to which we lean into research in the state, it's really partnering with business and that's all leading to the economic, the human capital and economic outcomes.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you today our new Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Partnerships and Events, Madison Prillwitz. She was serving as corporate partnership development coordinator for Pacers Sports and Entertainment. You might have heard of them.

Madison Prillwitz addressed the Commission.

Speaking of teams, we've been talking about the Pentagon for a while and I continue to be even more convinced than ever that the work we have in front of us, some of it consisting of a heavy lift. It's going to require a bigger shift. We have had folks step up and say that they are delighted to join us in this work, including USI President Ron Rochon leading the education team, Dan Peterson leading the employer side, Marlene Dotson leading the community organization work, Claire Fiddian-Green leading the philanthropy sector.

Thank you. Forward to a good day, Mr. Chairman.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-23-1.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the November 2022 regular meeting. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Jordan, unanimously approved)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2023 Legislative and Policy Preview

Josh Garrison and Greg Harrell provided the Commission's legislative and policy preview.

B. Commission Meeting Calendar for 2023 and 2024

Josh Garrison presented this item and provided updated calendar dates and locations.

C. Indiana Chamber Workforce Survey and Legislative Preview

Jason Bearce, Indiana Chamber of Commerce vice president of education and workforce, presented this item.

IV. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ITEMS

A. NGA Learning and Employment Record Grant

Dr. Ken Sauer presented this item.

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action*

1. Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management to be offered by Purdue University Global

R-23-1.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following academic degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Saunders, unanimously approved)

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Media Coverage

**VI. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 P.M. ET

Jud Fisher, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary