

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2023

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 Columbus, 4475 Central Ave., Columbus, Indiana, 47203.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

Members Absent: Mike Daigle, and Bill Hanna

CHAIR'S REPORT

We're pleased to be here today at Ivy Tech Community College of Columbus this morning, and I would like to thank our institution partners and Chancellor Steve Combs for hosting us today.

As some of you know, the Indiana Destination Development Corporation, Indiana Economic Development Corporation and this Commission have been working hard together to bring new citizens to Indiana and support and sustain the quality of life for permanent residents. The Lilly Endowment has launched its unprecedented college and community collaboration grant, opportunity, and the state is gearing up for its second Regional Ready grant program. All of this gives us a unique opportunity to both promote and develop more prospects for a brighter future for Indiana. As Secretary and CEO of IDDC, Elaine Bedel, likes to say, "You live where you live where you would love to visit."

We have several statewide efforts to keep Hoosiers here and attract new citizens to Indiana. This strengthens Indiana by retaining brain power in the state. We love where you live, or you leave. One of my colleagues recently participated in an event on the White River in East Central Indiana where she met three Ball State students at the event who were not from East Central Indiana. They were fisheries and environmental studies students who were doing a summer internship with the Muncie Bureau of Water Quality. They said they had no idea how much there was to do in East Central Indiana, and nor did they have much of an opinion of the region prior to spending time there.

They said they loved the White River and its surroundings, something they probably would not have realized without being immersed in the area. This small example is something our institutions and others are trying to expand upon, and partnerships across Indiana to promote the greatness of our state – and it's working.

I look forward to seeing how these efforts continue to play out over the next year and beyond. With that, those are my only remarks today.

I will turn it over to Commissioner Lowery for his report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lowery thanked all Commission members and Chancellor Combs and the Columbus team for hosting. Before giving his report, Commissioner Lowery began by welcoming our CTE colleagues to the CHE team, following the passing of House Bill 1002. Commissioner Lowery also outlined the new structure of the Commission staff.

Commissioner Lowery also recognized our 2023 Governor's Interns, Reagan Ayala and Ashley Utnage, for the great work that they have accomplished at the Commission over the last few months.

Commissioner Lowery then reported on the following topics:

- Science of Reading Update
 - \$111M Lilly Endowment-Department of Education Initiative
 - Includes \$25M in Lilly grants to assist teacher prep programs to adopt/incorporate the "Science of Reading."
 - Portions of the remaining funds go toward instructional coaches and professional development stipends for current teachers.
 - The Department of Education (DOE) is developing "Science of Reading" guidelines for teacher prep programs before DOE begins July 1, 2024, statewide compliance reviews (HEA 1558). Indiana educator prep programs will be required to be re-accredited by the State Board of Education (SBOE) following the Science of Reading law activation after July 1, 2024.
 - CHE will be imposing improvement plans on teacher prep programs found uncompliant by DOE after July 1, 2024 (HEA 1558).
 - HEA 1001's \$20M/year to support the department's initiatives related to the "Science of Reading."
 - One plan under consideration by DOE is to apply at least some of the \$20M/year to:
 - The new mandatory employment of an instructional coach in schools with <70% IREAD-3 passage scores (HEA 1590); and/or
 - License renewals after July 1, 2025, will require a literacy endorsement involving 80 hours of DOE-approved professional development (HEA 1558).
 - SBOE is establishing a new literacy endorsement for first-time teacher licenses by July 1, 2024, to take effect after June 30, 2025 (HEA 1558).
 - **Partnering** - Commissioner Lowery will join Secretary Jenner in September in a meeting with the Deans of Education colleges on these and other

details. The CHE team has been working and will continue to, in close partnership with DOE, institution leaders, the Endowment and others.

- 2023 College Readiness Report – Releasing Soon
 - Highlights
 - A slight decline (.5%) continued for the graduates of 2021.
 - While the overall rate, rounded, remained at 53%, challenges persist across the board; enrollment rates were:
 - **30%** of low-income, non-21st Century Scholars; 81% of Scholars.
 - **43%** of Hispanic or Latino graduates.
 - **45%** of Black graduates.
 - 2021 Statewide college-going rate was 52.9% - High schoolers going straight to college.
 - 400 fewer Indiana high school graduates from the class of 2021 enrolled in some form of education and training beyond high school compared to the class of 2020.
 - 80.8% of those students were 21st Century Scholars.
 - Scholars are more likely to attend college than their peers.
- 21st Century Scholars Automatic Enrollment Initiative
 - Overview
 - **81%** of Scholars from the class of 2021 enrolled in college, compared to roughly **30%** of their low-income peers.
 - Automatic enrollment of 21st Century Scholars eligible students (incoming high school freshmen; class of 2027) has already begun.
 - In the past, approximately 20,000 scholars enrolled in the 2026 Cohort.
 - Currently, over 40,000 scholars are enrolled in the 2027 Cohort.
- Indiana College Core Initiative
 - Overview
 - Students who earn dual credit or Advanced Placement are more likely to go to college and succeed while there.
 - Roughly 2,200 high school graduates earn the Indiana College Core annually, out of roughly 500 high schools; this should be **much** higher.
 - Participation at-a-glance:
 - August 2021 – 84 participating high schools.
 - August 2022 – 141 participating high schools.
 - August 2023 – 240+ participating high schools.
 - August 2025 – 500+ participating high schools.
- Indiana Pre-Admissions Initiative
 - Overview
 - Idaho and Minnesota have seen increases in their college-going rates as a result of their models.

- Idaho’s first-time undergraduate enrollments increased by just over **8%** and in-state student enrollment by almost **12%**.
 - Current Participation
 - 307 participating high schools in 2023
 - 28 participating institutions in 2023
 - Future Participation
 - 500+ participating high schools by 2025
 - 31 participating institutions by 2025
 - FAFSA Requirement Initiative
 - Overview
 - Texas and Alabama implemented FAFSA completion requirements beginning with the class of 2022.
 - Texas’s FAFSA completion rose **26%** year-over-year, which moved the state from 23rd in 2021 to 5th for the class of 2022.
 - Alabama saw a **25%** increase in filing and moved from 34th to 9th.
 - Indiana’s new FAFSA filing requirement for HS graduation goes into effect this fiscal year.
 - Based on FAFSA filing rates for the graduating class of 2022, Indiana ranked 29th in the nation.
 - The Commission anticipates the impact of the recently passed legislation that requires all Indiana high school seniors to file the FAFSA will boost Indiana’s ranking
 - Past Data
 - 50% of FAFSA completion in 2021-2022 (as of May 15, 2022)
 - Present Data
 - 49% of FAFSA completion in 2022-2023 (as of May 15, 2023)
 - Partnership Pentagon Update
 - **Meeting 1 (April 4th)**
 - Attendance: **42** partners attended in person and 10 partners joined virtually. Of the 14 partners that did not attend, 3 sent designees, and 2 were philanthropic partners.
 - Evaluation:
 - Response Rate: 22 of 42 attendees completed an evaluation, a **52%** response rate.
 - Quantitative Feedback: **100** percent of respondents stated that this meeting was useful to their day-to-day work.
 - The average session rating was **4.46**.
 - **Meeting 2 (June 26th)**
 - Attendance: **42** partners attended in person (no virtual option was provided this time based on feedback from participants and funders). Of the 14 partners that did not attend, 6 sent designees, and others stated they were not able to join due to previous commitments.
 - Evaluation:

- Response Rate: 20 of the 42 attendees completed an evaluation, a **47%** response rate.
- Quantitative Feedback: **95%** of respondents stated that this meeting was useful for their day-to-day work.
- The average session rating was **4.14**.

R-23-4.1 RESOLVED: The Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the hiring of Allison Kuehr as the Associate Commissioner for Marketing and Communications. (Motion – Jordan, Second – LaMothe)

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-23-4.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the May 2023 regular meeting. (Motion – Alley, second – Steuterman, unanimously approved)

III. BUDGET ITEMS

A. Commission for higher Education Fiscal Year 2024 Spending Plan*

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-23-4.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Outcomes-Based Performance Funding Update (Motion – LaMothe, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

B. 2023-2025 Outcomes-Based Performance Funding Goals Update*

Commissioner Lowery and Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-23-4.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2023-2025 Outcomes-Based Performance Funding Goals Update. (Motion – Bland, second – Steuterman, approved)

C. Resolution to Outline Employee Retirement Benefits*

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-23-4.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution to Outline Employee Retirement Benefits. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

D. Capital Projects for Full Discussion*

Becca Polcz Rice, Mary Jane Michalak, Dr. Tom Morrison, and Tony Hahn presented these items. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendations.

- R-23-4.5 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Ball State University – North Campus Renovation. (Motion – Peterson, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)
- R-23-4.6 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Ivy Tech Community College-Indianapolis Nursing and Restructure. (Motion – Mulherin, second – Bowen, unanimously approved)
- R-23-4.7 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University Bloomington – Wells Quad and Public Health Renovation (Motion – Mulherin, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)
- R-23-4.8 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis School of Dentistry Renovation. (Motion – Peterson, second – Bland, unanimously approved)
- R-23-4.9 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Science Instructional and Research Laboratory Expansion and Renovation. (Motion – Jordan, second – Alley, unanimously approved)
- R-23-4.10 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Vincennes University – Center for Health Sciences and Active Learning. (Motion – Mulherin, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

E. Capital Projects for Expedited Action*

- R-23-4.11 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University – Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation. (Motion – Peterson, second – Bowen, unanimously approved)

IV. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. NGA Learning and Employment Record Grant Progress Report

Dr. Ken Sauer and Jillian Scholten presented this item.

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action*

- R-23-4.12 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Master of Science in Psychology to be offered by Purdue University Northwest in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Saunders, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)
- R-23-4.13 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Doctor of Psychology to be offered by Purdue University Northwest in

accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item.
(Motion – Steuterman, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

R-23-4.14 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Bachelor of Science in Teaching Major in Middle School to be offered by Ball State University in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Bowen, second – Mulherin, 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 3:17 P.M. ET

Jud Fisher, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary