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Type: Regular Meeting
Date: November 15, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education
100 Airport Road Frankfort, KY 40601

CALL TO ORDER

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) held a regular meeting on November 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. ET at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Offices located at 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, KY.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, CPE President Aaron Thompson, Interim Education Commissioner Robin Kinney, Diana Barber, Matt Berry, Heather Bushelman, Mason Dyer, Jim Flynn, John Gregory, Beth Hargis, Robert Hayes, John Hughes, Dallas Kratzer, Corinne Murphy and Amy Neal.

The following members were not present: Alisher Burikhanov, Rhonda Caldwell, Eddie Campbell, Kathleen Christian, Debbie Dennison, Jo Carole Ellis, Larry Ferguson, Robert Jackson, Jamie Link, Solyana Mesfin, Justin Mitchell, Sharon Porter-Robinson, Jenny Sawyer, Rep. James Tipton, Madison Silvert, Kerri Schelling, Ashli Watts and Rep. Steve West.

WELCOME AND PURPOSE

CPE Vice President Amanda Ellis began the meeting by extending a welcome to members and guests and gave instructions to silence cell phones and other devices and also provided other meeting norms. CPE President Aaron Thompson provided a welcome and stated his hope that each member actively engage in the meeting as the group seeks ways to strengthen our education pipeline and workforce in the Commonwealth. Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman provided an introduction and welcome and thanked the members for their efforts in helping the Continuum grow and thrive. Each member present provided their name, the organization they represented and a brief description of what is intriguing about the Kentucky P-20 Council.



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Lt. Governor Coleman extended a welcome to the newest members and introduced Robin Kinney, interim Commissioner of Education. Interim Commissioner Kinney shared the agenda and meeting objectives for the day.

CEC Membership Feedback Discussion

Dr. Amanda Ellis shared a brief history of the Continuum and the goal to improve actions to ensure students can equitably earn the necessary degrees and credentials to enter the workforce successfully. Briana Falduti with the Education Strategies Group (ESG) provided a presentation to discuss findings from the interviews conducted with CEC Co-Leads and members and focused on the mission, goals and value of the CEC; the key priorities for the CEC; Recommendations and Action and Membership and Key Areas for Improvement. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and to provide recommendations on how they can work collaboratively to drive more action.

CEC Mission, Vision and Roles

CPE President Aaron Thompson reminded the group of the 60x30 goal and that we are working towards 60% of working age Kentuckians to have a degree or credential by 2030. President Thompson stated that we are making progress towards our goal at 54.3%. Dr. Thompson said this goal will help the Commonwealth accelerate job creation, grow the economy and expand our tax base through the contributions of a more skilled workforce.

WORKING LUNCH

CPE Senior Fellow Robin Hebert and CPE Vice President Amanda Ellis lead the group in an exercise to review and refine the vision and mission and role of the Continuum.

REFLECTION ON CEC RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITIES FOR 2024

The CEC members brainstormed about what areas of focus should be added to the 2024 agenda and were asked to prioritize each area of focus that would advance the vision and mission of the CEC.

CLOSING

Robin Hebert and Dr. Ellis announced the next meeting of the CEC would be held virtually on January 24, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 ET and that the CEC data team would meet on Thursday November 16. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.