

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Council on June 13, 2025

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Work Session
Date: April 17, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Northern Kentucky University, Vortuba Student Union Rm 104, Highland Heights, KY

WELCOME REMARKS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met in a work session on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The meeting occurred at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Kentucky. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ATTENDANCE

The following Council members attended the meeting in person: CB Akins, Jacob Brown, Lindsey Case, Jennifer Collins, Kellie Ellis, Meredith Figg, Karyn Hoover, Madison Silvert, Macy Waddle and Elaine Walker. Council members who attended virtually were LaDonna Rogers and Kevin Weaver.

Council members who did not attend were Muhammad Babar, Sean Garber and Commissioner Robbie Fletcher.

CPE President Aaron Thompson served as secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Ms. Heather Faesy, CPE program manager, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Mr. Travis Muncie, Executive Director of Data and Advanced Analytics, reminded the Council on the key performance indicators and state-level data overall.

President Ryan Quarles and Provost Phillip Neal provided the Council with an institutional update on the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). The update focused on KCTCS's key strategies for each of the strategic priorities of the statewide agenda as well as the baseline data and 2023-24 targets for the key performance indicators. They answered questions from the Council on several topics including the success of its KY FAME program, how they are working to improve their transfer rates, and availability of leadership and mentoring opportunities for students.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

President Cady Short-Thompson provided the Council with an institutional update on Northern Kentucky University (NKU). She was joined by Ryan Padgett, Chief Strategic Enrollment Management Officer and Cori Henderson, Director of Institutional Research and Staff Regent. The update focused on NKU's key strategies for each of the strategic priorities of the statewide agenda as well as the baseline data and progress over the last three years on the key performance indicators. They answered several questions from the Council, including those about their efforts to keep graduates in the state, the restructuring of their scholarship framework, and the rise in graduation rates.

LUNCH, CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT AND TOUR

During the Council's lunch break, NKU staff provided a briefing on their First-year Student Success Hub and led a walking tour of the SIM Center and Griffin Hall. No business was conducted.

CLOSING

The Council closed out the session at 1:15 p.m. ET.