

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. ET at Vincennes University, 1002 N 1st Street, Vincennes, IN with Chairman Mike Alley presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Ed Berger, Dennis Bland, Anne Bowen, Jud Fisher, Bill Hanna, Al Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Pepper Mulherin, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts, and John Popp

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good afternoon. Thank you to President Johnson for your hospitality last evening and for hosting our meeting today. I would like to invite President Chuck Johnson for welcoming remarks.

President Johnson provided remarks.

Chairman Alley continued his report stating, with the departure of Alexa Deaton, Commissioner Lubbers recommends Seth Hinshaw as her replacement to serve as Associate Commissioner and CFO. Seth most recently served as fiscal analyst with the Indiana Senate and touched on many issues related to the Commission's work, so he comes to us prepared for this important role.

This action requires Commission approval per our bylaws.

R-21-8.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves hiring Seth Hinshaw as Associate Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer (Motion – LaMothe, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

I want to remind you of some upcoming events of the Commission:

- The 2021 Student Advocates Conference will be held virtually on December 15th and 16th and will emphasize the importance of integrated work experiences. Submissions for breakout sessions are closed but registration is open.
- Each year Commissioner Lubbers provides the State of Higher Education Address. This event was virtual this year, but we will hold it in-person in 2022. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 8th at the Indiana Statehouse. We certainly hope you will join us for this important speech.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report by stating, let me begin by providing a staff welcome to our newest commission member, Bill Hanna. I will say that your reputation for service precedes you, especially the rave review that you received from our former commission member and chair, Jon Costas.

From a staff basis, we have welcomed our new CFO and Associate Commissioner this week, and he's hit the ground running. As you know based on our working session, Seth is uniquely prepared for this role and our work, and I know you will appreciate his knowledge, attitude and commitment to public service.

There will be other opportunities for me to express my gratitude to you for your partnership during my tenure as Commissioner. Suffice it to say for today that, Bill, you are joining the best board in the state, and it is a great honor to serve with you.

Today's meeting – both morning and afternoon sessions – is unique because we are focusing on issues that have both state and higher education impact. This morning's focus on the READI grants displays a regional commitment to building talent, and a human infrastructure and higher education is increasingly important to this work. Likewise, this afternoon's focus on cybersecurity highlights an issue that has global impact – as well as a state focus. Higher education is playing its part in the development of the talent needed to meet cybersecurity needs. Clearly, this will be an ongoing discussion, and we look forward to today's panel.

In recent weeks, we have had the opportunity to shine a light on the value of career relevance as outlined as one of our three key metrics in our strategic plan. The Educator/Employer convening held on November 2nd was designed to provide a space for educators and employers to determine strategies for integrating career relevance into curriculum and valuable work-based experiences into the workplace. A few days later, I had the opportunity to moderate a panel at a convening sponsored by Lilly Endowment. The audience consisted of public and private school presidents and executive leadership teams – and the panel included key CEOs (Tom Linebarger of Cummins, Connie Bond Stuart of PNC and Jeff Harrison of Citizens Gas). I point out both of these events because they are consistent with our strategic plan but also because they display the growing alignment between these two sectors – education and employment.

As you know, we have been focused on a review of our outcomes-based funding formula, in cooperation with the General Assembly and a national higher education group, HCM Strategists. The analysis shows broad support for the principles that guide our formula and some recommendations for further consideration. They include: incorporating additional mission differentiation; mitigating sensitivity to enrollment trends, including the impact of COVID; and evaluating the range of time of data used.

Throughout this 50th anniversary year of the Commission, I have been highlighting key leaders and their contributions. I'm passing the baton to Liz Walker today who will be providing an overview of the 50 years – and let me tell you she's done a great job.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING

R-21-8.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the October, 2021 regular meeting. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Cybersecurity in Indiana

1. Tracy Barnes, Chief Information Officer, Indiana Office of Technology
2. Esfandiar Haghverdi, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Director of Cybersecurity and Global Policy, Indiana University
3. Jaci Lee Lederman, Associate Professor and Chair of the Information Technology Department, Vincennes University

The Commission's strategic plan, *Reaching Higher in a State of Change*, encourages new and innovative models of teaching and learning. As the Commission considers the impact of new models on virtual learning, the increased need for access to technology and new and emerging careers within the technology industry, the Commission will discuss cybersecurity in Indiana.

Dr. Ken Sauer moderated this discussion.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Master of Professional Studies to be offered by Purdue University Global

R-21-8.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following academic degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Bland, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

B. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Indiana University Bloomington – Wright Quad Renovation

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

R-21-8.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Mulherin, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

2. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis – Ground Lease Agreement and Medical Education Building

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

- R-21-8.5 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Mulherin, second – Bowen, unanimously approved)

3. Ivy Tech Community College – Indianapolis Culinary and Conference Center

Dominick Chase presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

- R-21-8.6 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

C. 50 Years of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971 by an act of the General Assembly and signed into law by then Governor Edgar Whitcomb, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education celebrates 50 years of service to the State of Indiana.

Charged with creating a master plan for postsecondary education in Indiana, the Commission coordinates Indiana’s system of higher education around the missions of institutions and the needs of students.

While the Commission’s responsibilities have increased in recent years, the focus remains on Hoosier students and advocating for the best, and innovative ways to serve them as they prepare for and successfully complete postsecondary education.

In celebration of 50 years of service to the State of Indiana, the Commission will hear a historical overview of the agency’s key milestones and the evolution of Indiana’s postsecondary system.

Liz Walker presented this item.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M. ET

Mike Alley, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary