

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 9:00 a.m. ET at MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Road, Plainfield, Indiana, 46168, with Chairman Jud Fisher presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I call this meeting to order.

We're pleased to be here at MADE@Plainfield this morning and be cohosted by both Vincennes University and Ivy Tech Community College. I would like to thank both of our institution partners for hosting us today.

I've got a few items to share this morning with you all, including some remarks about Governor Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda. The Governor introduced his latest agenda last week and included strong support for K through 12 and higher education, including several of the important priorities that the Commission has been pursuing this year. Specific examples would be simplifying the enrollment process for 21st Century Scholars and intentionally focusing on increasing graduate retention in Indiana.

I'm pleased to mention a video I recently viewed that our partners at Ball State University put together about graduate retention video features Commissioner Lowery, the Governor, Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Indiana destination Development Corporation and Ball State President Geoff Mearns. Ball State is focused on graduate retention and that has led to an increase of 7 percentage points since 2021, from 71% to 78%.

Next, as I have in past meetings, I want to talk about the importance of childcare and early learning in the context of the increased efforts by all sectors working in partnership with our state's future successes. I'll just recite a line from a 2014 article by Ball State economist Michael Hicks. He said, "Here in Indiana, I have heard policymakers reluctant to consider early childhood education investment as a critical part of local and economic development.

A few last items to know for you all. The 2023 Faculty Leadership Conference will be Friday, February 24. The dates for the H. Kent Weldon conference will be Monday, April 3, and the

State of Higher Education Address is going to be Tuesday, April 4. I want to give Dr. Berger just a quick chance to talk about the Faculty Leadership Conference on February 24.

Ed Berger addressed the Commission.

This concludes my mark remarks for the day and now I'm going to ask Brandy Perrill, Executive Director of Hendricks College Network and MADE to provide an overview of how the partnership here help create MADE and the facility we're in today.

Brandy Perrill addressed the Commission, along with representatives from Vincennes University and Ivy Tech Community College.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Thank you. Good morning, colleagues. Friends, it's great to be here today in Plainfield.

What we're approaching is really encouraging. I think Commission Members know this. Our team at the Commission talking about 3 keys. What can we do around policies, programs and partnerships? Some of you may have either attended or listened in all the Ways and Means Committee hearing the other day.

Yeah, yeah, we were first was the first committee hearing at the legislature and the and the Ways and Means was the first meeting. Well, Steve was the first from whom they heard, and I think it's fair to say that it went pretty well. They were kind to us. And, you know, during that one of the things we talked about was that we're trying to be frequently pleased and rarely satisfied and I think that is appropriate as we think about where we are today, several things about which should be pleased, but we shouldn't be satisfied. We still have a way to go.

By the way. I think the governor also reflected that and his comments the other day and I'll share a slight learning moment and say a few more things about that. But this is just a reminder to Commission members that the rest of the fellow Hoosiers that we all serve of, where our priorities are, and you all know in the pipeline that we've been discussing, how can we get more people in the front end of that, you know the declining college going rate you know about that.

Almost 2,000,000 Hoosier adults who need something beyond the high school diploma, the part of what we're trying to make sure we share with all of you is that the work that's being done, not just, for example, around the budget, which we all hear about a lot, but that there is a great intentionality and hopefully something that's very complementary to that work.

But you know, just wanting to remind everyone and we did this essentially with the Ways and Means Committee the other day that there are other things besides that policy work that's going to go on at the statehouse that are complementary to this work. So on the front end of this, you'll supported the forming of our associate Commissioners for K12 and all strategy. Or if you're from them this afternoon, they have been moving at a fast pace. Some of you have been directly involved in some of their work.

Simplifying the 21st century scholars enrollment. Whatever term you might apply to that.

That these one of two different standing ovations, I believe the governor received on Tuesday night related to higher education meant support. Of course, the Frank O'Bannon grant that increases the expansion of the college core. You know, I look out Michelle Ashcraft. She's still with us, with a lot of people's Fourth day on the job that you may remember. We set that goal with the Workforce Ready grant funding and of course, the incredible work states during our credit card money. But all of those things very intentionally meant to build around these key areas to fortify the pipeline.

The chairman made a comment and I'll find it here in a little bit, but yeah, you know the comments and maybe the governor said to see the night too. But I'm just gonna steal it. That bringing folks into the pipeline, helping them be more successful than what they've been by keeping the gas on the completion side of it. But then on the college graduate retention helping to make those students who have found something special here with our institutions forever boosters and I've got copyrighted that as chairman, but.

This is very appropriate. You know on completions not letting up the gas course you all know from the funding formula we're talking about, that's gonna be the most significant area where we still keep focused. But knowing that really good progress has been made. But again, we're pleased at this point and we shouldn't be satisfied frankly that should I think we shouldn't be satisfied on any of these until we are done. National model in each of them. But we'll probably talk about that more later in the spring with the state of the higher the state of higher education address. And then you know from the economic side of it we talked about this, you know that the partnerships that we've been strengthening, they've been there all along, but just instances of some of these organizations, whether it's Indiana Development Corporation Destination at all corporation to the Chamber, the Pentagon that we're putting together of leaders across the state.

You know these are are things that I think policymakers and thought leaders around the state are seeing fit together as we improve on the talent pipeline, improve on economic outcomes through Hoosiers and now you know frankly, strengthen our the fabric of our communities.

You know, I'll just wrap up my words, Mr. Chairman, with a couple of thoughts. I think to say it was gratifying that, governor Holcomb made the agenda proposals, the policies, programs and partnerships a central part of his agenda that he announced last week from, is an understatement.

The agenda and what you all have supported and adopted so far? It just got 100% adopted by our governor and he, he's taking the lead. He was very clear and I think our futures are going to benefit from this. And frankly, folks, as we go into the future, you know what they are.

You know, he is specifically called out the way we're approaching the pipeline that I just went through in the last three slides, the 184,000,000 by the way, that doesn't count. The other things that are in there. You know several correct me if I'm wrong. I think the whole thing adds up to 220 or \$30 million.

Yeah, it's just gratifying to see that our governor has leaned into this, and I want to make sure we acknowledge that.

One of the things that you talked about that it hadn't been part of the agenda coming out of this Commission, but I know that I'll try to paraphrase what he said last week from his head and his heart is support marching university in Indianapolis and special role they play, and we want to acknowledge that forward momentum at this point.

That's my report, Mr. Chair.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-23-2.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the December 2022 regular meeting. (Motion – Daigle, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

III. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ITEMS

A. Update on Board for Proprietary Education Activities

Dr. Ken Sauer and Ross Miller presented this item.

B. Update on Dual Credit Faculty Qualifications

Dr. Ken Sauer and Tari Lambert presented this item.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Adult Learner Report Preview

Lee Rathbun and Dr. Stacy Townsley presented this item.

B. Indiana Department of Education GPS Dashboard Update

Dr. Katie Jenner presented this item.

V. BUDGET ITEMS

A. 2023-2025 Budget Update

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

B. 2023-2025 Outcomes-Based Performance Funding Metrics*

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-23-2.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2023-2025 Outcomes-Based Performance Funding metrics as presented. (Motion – Peterson, second – Jordan, unanimously approved)

C. Capital Projects for Full Discussion*

Alecia Nafziger presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

R-23-2.3 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 – Daigle, second – Jordan, unanimously approved)

VI. STUDENT SUCCESS ITEMS

A. Goals for K-12 and Adult Learners

Michelle Ashcraft and Dr. Stacy Townsley presented this item.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Media Coverage

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M. ET

Jud Fisher, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary