

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 9:00 a.m. ET at Purdue University Fort Wayne, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46805.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Ed Berger, Dennis Bland, Jud Fisher, Al Hubbard, Nancy Jordan, Chris LaMothe, Pepper Mulherin, and Dan Peterson.

Members Absent: Anne Bowen, Mike Daigle, Bill Hanna, Tom Saunders, and Gen. Erika Steuterman.

CHAIR'S REPORT

We are pleased to be here at Purdue Fort Wayne this morning. I'd like to thank our institution partners and Chancellor Elsenbaumer for hosting us today. I have just a few notes today. At the January Commission meeting we had Secretary Katie Jenner provide and update on the Department of Education's GPS Dashboard. Next week, I have the pleasure of touring several Delaware County Schools with Secretary Jenner to learn more about their Advanced Manufacturing, dual language, and outdoor learning programs. All of these obviously assist students with the evolution of their college and career pathways. I look forward to spending the day with Dr. Jenner and sharing with her the successes of the East Central Indiana K-12 Systems, as they help students improve their lives.

On another front, my organization, Ball Brothers Foundation, recently approved a grant to the Ivy Tech foundation for \$50,000 to support Ivy Tech's ambitious effort to create an early childhood learning center on Muncie's south side in the heart of its industrial manufacturing area. The center will be both a childcare facility as well as a place to train future early learning students. I hope this Ivy Tech project will become a model for early learning across the state, while also creating a safe place for pre-k students to stay, while their parents work. Lastly, I want to share that, unfortunately, Dr. Ed Berger's term as our faculty member is coming to an end this June. As Ed's term on the Commission comes to a close, I want to say that it has been a pleasure getting to know him over the past few years. Ed is extremely intuitive and always asks great questions that have led to a better understanding of subject matter, making it easier to progress in our Commission duties. We have a resolution honoring Ed's service, and I would like to ask Dennis to read it for us.

Dennis Bland read Dr. Ed Berger's Commission resolution.

R-23-3.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution of Dr. Ed Berger’s term as Faculty Commission Member. (Motion – Peterson, second – Jordan, unanimously approved)

Thank you, Dennis. Applications for the Faculty Commission Member position have been collected. A committee of institutional representatives will review those and make recommendations to the Governor for an appointment soon. Ed, we are sorry to see you go.

I will now ask Dr. Ronald L. Elsenbaumer, Chancellor of Purdue University Fort Wayne to address the group today.

Dr. Ronald L. Elsenbaumer (Chancellor of Purdue University Fort Wayne) addressed the Commission.

Chancellor, thank you very much for your hospitality. I will not turn it over to Commissioner Lowery for his report.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Lowery thanked the Chair and Chancellor Elsenbaumer. Before giving his report, Commissioner Lowery turned the floor over to Dr. Ed Berger to say a few words on his time with the Commission.

Commissioner Lowery started off by giving gratitude and recognition to all internal and external partners of the Commission, followed by an update and introduction to new Commission staff members.

Commissioner Lowery then reported on the following topics:

- Current Postsecondary Education
 - Enrollment
 - K-12 Enrollment - 53% of high school students go to college.
 - Adult Enrollment – 2 million Hoosier adults do not have a credential
 - Completion
 - The on-time completion rate in Indiana is 44%
 - Nearly two in three students graduate within six years.
 - On-time completion has increased 11 points in five years
 - Economic Impact
 - Indiana is 14th best in attracting people to come to college and 40th in retaining college graduates.
 - Lumina Data Report
 - Indiana is now 24th in postsecondary attainment, as it relates to sub-associate degrees and higher.
- The Hope Agenda Goals – Leading Indiana to become a top 10 state in terms of:
 - Post-high school training and education going rates for youth and adults, across all demographics by leveraging tools such as the Frank O’Bannon Grant, 21st Century Scholars program, the Indiana College Core, FAFSA

completions, the Workforce Ready Grant, our low tuition and fees and our continuous focus on high quality;

- Postsecondary attainment for veterans, individuals with disabilities and the justice-involved;
- Utilization of credit for prior learning to honor the work, training and education already achieved by adult learners;
- The rate at which Hoosiers successfully complete their chosen areas of study;
- Retaining talent once someone has graduated from a postsecondary training or education program;
- Measurable distinction in economic and social mobility and prosperity outcomes, and;
- As the recognized state for growing or starting a business, based upon the strength of human capital.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-23-3.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the March 2023 regular meeting. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

III. BUDGET ITEMS

A. Update on 2023-2025 Budget

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

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

Commissioner Lowery and Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-23-3.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Outcomes-Based Performance Funding Update (Motion – Jordan, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

C. Non-binding Tuition and Mandatory Fee Targets for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025*

Commissioner Lowery and Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-23-3.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Non-binding Tuition and Mandatory Fee Targets for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. (Motion – Mulherin, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

D. Capital Projects for Full Discussion*

Anne Hazlett presented these items. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendations.

R-23-3.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the

Purdue University Birck Nanotechnology Center capital project. (Motion – Berger, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

- R-23-3.6 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University Chilled Water Capacity Enhancement capital project. (Motion – Jordan, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

IV. 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

Josh Garrison and Greg Harrell presented this item.

V. K-12 STRATEGY

A. Pre-Admissions Update

Dr. Michelle Ashcraft and Greg Harrell presented this item.

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ITEMS

A. Ohio-Indiana Reciprocity Agreement

Dr. Ken Sauer and Ross Miller presented this item.

- R-23-3.7 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Ohio-Indiana Reciprocity Agreement (Motion – Peterson, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action*

Dr. Ken Sauer presented this item.

- R-23-3.8 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 – Hubbard, second – Jordan, unanimously approved)

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Student Success and Completion Committee
- D. Media Coverage

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M. ET

Jud Fisher, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary