

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, July 25, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 8:45 a.m. ET at Ball State University, 2800 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie, Indiana 47306.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Kathy Cabello, Jud Fisher, Samantha Fleischaker, Larry Garatoni, Bill Hanna, Nancy Jordan, Molly Kitchell, Kent Kramer, Chad Lochmiller, Pepper Mulherin, Dan Peterson, and Tom Saunders

Members Absent:

CHAIR'S REPORT

Thank you. I am glad to be in the role of Chair for the next year; it is an honor and a pleasure. I've been on the Commission for a baker's dozen years or so, and it is certainly one of the things that I find the most value in. The Commission and the work, the quality of the Commission members and the staff, and working with the leaders across our institutions is such important work and collaborative, substantive, and strategic in continuing to try and make improvements and provide opportunity for more Hoosiers, and more out-of-state people to come here and stay here: "Hoosiers by choice."

I want to thank the team here for being such great hosts as always. I also want to thank Jud Fisher. Thanks to him for his work as Chair and another long time Commission member. Thank you for your leadership, and as an example, thank you for working with the Commission to pull together an event yesterday which I thought was remarkably important and well done. The summit focused on the cybersecurity workforce, the needs and issues around not just the community here nor the region, but the state and the nation. It was a super substantive day with a lot of important outcomes that will help us pull together.

We all see cyber every day in many different ways. When you step back and look at it holistically, in some respects, it's like the COVID pandemic hitting, but hitting a little bit every day, so the death by 1,000 cuts mentality. What the summit really reinforced was the response that we all need to take at truly a crisis level. We have got to continue to work together to provide the workforce that's needed to prevent these bad actors from doing more. Thank you for pulling that together and your leadership.

I want to welcome the new Commission members. We said goodbye to a number of members during the last couple meetings, some of them long term Commission members. I

am super excited about the quality, understanding, and capability of the new Commission members.

Thank you, this concludes my remarks at this point. I will now turn it over to our Commissioner, Chris Lowery, for his report.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Lowery thanked Chairman Dan Peterson and the immediate past chair, Jud Fisher, as well as Mike Alley for serving as penultimate chair.

Commissioner Lowery reported on the following topics:

Data Updates

Indiana’s Big Goal

1. Sixty percent of Hoosiers will have a degree or credential beyond high school by 2025.
 - i. In 2022, 42 percent of Hoosiers held a two- or four- year degree or higher education, and 53 percent of Hoosiers held a certificate, two- or four- year degree, or higher.

Attainment Ranking

1. In 1960, Indiana ranked 39th in bachelor’s degree attainment, and 2022 data shows Indiana is 40th in bachelor’s degree attainment.
 - i. 39th in attainment of adults within associate degree or higher.
 - ii. 5th in sub-associate degree attainment.
 - iii. 28th in total education attainment beyond a high school diploma.

Talent Pipeline

1. Indiana ranks 40th nationally in graduate retention.
 - i. The high school to college going rate is 53 percent, a steep decline of 15 percent between 2012 and 2022.
 - ii. Indiana has moved from 20th to 11th nationally in overall college graduation with a rate of 68 percent.

Public Higher Education Appropriations

1. In 2023, Indiana ranked 43rd in Public Higher Education Appropriations per full time equivalency (FTE) by State.
 - i. This does not account the Frank O’Bannon increase and the 21st Century Scholars automatic enrollment.

Program Updates

HOPE Agenda

1. Top 10 in the Nation by 2030

- i. Post high-school training and education going-rates for youth and adults, across all demographics.
- ii. Postsecondary attainment for veterans, individuals with disabilities and the justice involved.
- iii. Utilization of credit for prior learning.
- iv. The rate at which Hoosiers successfully complete their chosen areas of study.
- v. Retaining talent once someone has graduated.
- vi. Measurable distinction of social and economic mobility and prosperity.
- vii. As a recognized state for growing or starting a business based upon the strength of human capital.

Outcomes-Based Performance Funding (OBPF)

1. Revised Formula
 - i. The Commission’s revised OBPF formula allows the state to remain focused on college completion but also emphasizes the critical areas of enrollment and graduate retention.
 - ii. The revised formula works with each institution individually to set data-driven metrics, based on past years’ growth rather than standardized measures.
 - iii. This formula removes the historical practice of redistributing funding between institutions.

CHE Initiatives and Early Results

1. 21st Century Scholars
 - i. Since its creation in 1990, the scholarship has helped over 50,000 Hoosiers earn a degree or credential.
 - ii. Across all races and ethnicities, scholars are more likely to go to college than their low-income peers.
 - iii. Less than half of financially eligible students were enrolling in the program.
 - iv. In the 2027 cohort alone, the number of students who self-enrolled was 19,000. After switching to automatic enrollment, that number grew to over 40,000. Currently, the 2028 cohort has initially enrolled over 50,000.
2. Indiana Pre-Admissions
 - i. In 2023-2024, 38 public and private institutions participated.
 - ii. On average, students were admitted to 24 campuses, and 28 percent of students were admitted to all 38 campuses.
 - iii. Nearly 57,000 high school seniors received pre-admission letters.
 - iv. Roughly 1.4 million total decisions were delivered to students.
3. Indiana College Core
 - i. The Indiana College is a block of 30 college credits students can earn while in high school that can be transferred to all Indiana public and some private institutions.
 - ii. 10,223 students earned the College Core in high school since its creation.
 - iii. The average full “sticker” price for a year at a public institution is \$22,000, equating to a savings of nearly \$225 million for Hoosier students.

- iv. Recent data show that 90 percent of Indiana College Core earners from the class of 2021 went on to attend college.
- 4. SEA 8: Higher Education Matters
 - i. SB8 has four provisions focusing on accelerating college affordability and attainment.
- 5. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - i. In 2023, Indiana joined seven other states in legislatively requiring the FAFSA for graduating high school seniors.
 - ii. Currently, Indiana ranks 22nd in the nation in FAFSA completions. Last year, Indiana was ranked 39th in the nation.
 - iii. Indiana is 1st in the nation in change compared to 2023, being the only state to hold steady the number of FAFSA completions within one percentage point of completions from 2023.
- 6. Career and Technical Education (CTE)
 - i. Under HEA 1002-2023, CTE is now housed at the Commission. This supports the Commission's efforts to highlight that CTE is college.
 - ii. CTE is an educational model that combines academic and technical skills with the knowledge and training needed to succeed in today's labor market.
 - iii. CTE recently redesigned 65 secondary programs of study across 16 career clusters, including advanced manufacturing, IT, health science, etc.
 - iv. By being directly aligned to postsecondary programs at Ivy Tech/Vincennes University, students can often complete a certificate or one year of college.
- 7. Perceptions and Realities of Higher Education in Indiana
 - i. Research conducted by Heart + Mind Strategies via \$1 million in funding from the Lilly Endowment.
 - ii. Research to conduct qualitative and quantitative research into the factors that impact Hoosiers' decisions to pursue education and training after high school, and potential solutions to address barriers to enrollment and completion.
 - iii. Research and analysis will conclude at the end of August, originally planned for the end of July. Heart + Mind Strategies will present all findings at the September Commission meeting.
- 8. Indiana is Top 10
 - i. In need-based financial aid, Indiana ranks 3rd in the Midwest and 8th in the nation.
 - ii. In tuition holding, Indiana is 6th in the nation.
 - iii. In certificate and certifications attainment, Indiana is 5th in the nation.
 - iv. In attracting student to our higher education institutions, Indiana is 9th in the nation.

CHE Commission Members

Commission Member Updates

- 1. Introduction of the new Commission members
 - i. Kathy Cabello
 - ii. Samantha Fleischaker

- iii. Larry Garatoni
- iv. Molly Kitchell
- v. Kent Kramer

CHE New Staff

CHE Staff Updates

- 1. Recent Hires
 - i. Grants Compliance Coordinator
 - 1. Jay Xhako
 - ii. Communications Specialist
 - 1. Danny Ayres-Kobren
- 2. Summer Interns
 - i. College Enrollment Intern
 - 1. Joe Conde
 - ii. Outreach Intern, Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation
 - 1. Emma Mann
 - iii. Financial Aid Intern
 - 1. Griffin Vermeulen

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-24-4.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the May 2024 regular meeting. (Motion – Alley, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

III. STUDENT SUCCESS AND COMPLETION COMMITTEE

A. Ball State University Presentation

Becca Polcz Rice, Susan Tancock, Mary Lynn Beard Rinehart, Steve Loser, Jennifer Coy, Dan Wright, and Jason Rivera presented this item.

B. Scholar House Presentation

Briana Price and Jena Ashby presented this item.

IV. PARTNERSHIP PENTAGON

A. Final Report

Dr. Michelle Ashcraft and Commissioner Lowery presented this item.

V. FINANCE

A. Higher Education Funding and Budgeting

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

VI. BUDGET ITEMS

B. Capital Projects for Full Discussion*

Alecia Nafziger and Tom Morrison presented these items. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendations.

R-24-4.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University Indianapolis – Academic Success Building. (Motion – Alley, second – Saunders, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University Indianapolis – Athletics Center. (Motion – Alley, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University Indianapolis - VanNuys Medical Science Building Laboratory Renovations. (Motion – Alley, second – Saunders, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University Bloomington – Chemistry Teaching Laboratories Renovation. (Motion – Alley, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University Bloomington – Cooling Capacity and Distribution Upgrades, Phase 1. (Motion – Alley, second – Saunders, unanimously approved)

C. Capital Projects for Expedited Action*

R-24-4.7 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Ball State University – New Championship Performance Center. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.8 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University – 2025 Regional Campus Deferred Maintenance. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

VII. RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION MEMBER

A. Vice Chair, Gen. Erika Steuterman*

Commissioner Lowery presented this item.

R-24-4.9 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the

resolution of Gen. Erika Steuterman’s term as Vice Chair to the Commission for Higher Education. (Motion – Alley, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

VIII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Academic Programs for Expedited Action*

R-24-4.10 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Bachelor of Science in Community and Organizational Leadership Studies to be offered by Indiana University Indianapolis in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.11 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Nursing to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College – Madison Campus in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.12 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Associate of Science in Secondary Education (Social Studies) to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.13 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Associate of Science in Secondary Education (English) to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.14 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Master of Science in Software Engineering to be offered by Purdue University West Lafayette at West Lafayette and Indianapolis in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.15 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Doctor of Engineering (Exclusively Online) to be offered by Purdue University West Lafayette in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.16 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Master of Science in Applied Artificial Intelligence to be offered by Purdue University Northwest in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.17 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Master of Science in Robotics Technology to be offered by Purdue University West Lafayette in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-4.18 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Ph.D. in Robotics Technology to be offered by Purdue University West Lafayette in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

IX. BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

A. 2024 Indiana College Completion Rates

Alison Partee presented this item.

X. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

A. Strategic Plan

Tony Harl presented this item.

XI. POLICY

A. High School Redesign Progress Presentation

Josh Garrison presented this item.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 P.M. ET.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Chad Lochmiller, Secretary