

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 8:47 a.m. ET at the Indiana Statehouse, 200 W Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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, and Dan Peterson

Members Absent: Tom Saunders

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good morning, everyone. I have very little to report from my end other than thanking everyone for being here as we listen to our university presidents present their budget requests. It is interesting and fun to be in this setting.

I will also mention that we have everyone in Florida in our thoughts and prayers after having come through a very tough night; I know a lot of folks all over the country are affected by this.

I will turn it over to Commissioner Chris Lowery for his report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lowery thanked Chairman Dan Peterson, the Senate staff, and President Pro Tempore Bray for hosting the meeting.

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.

Leading and Forecasting

1. Two-year-old data can be a good gauge, but not to base real-time efforts and strategy.
 - i. College-going rate.
2. Up-to-date data that can be used to gauge effectiveness of current programs and policies.
 - i. Enrollment rates, CTE, CSAs, FAFSA, completion rates.
3. Policies and programs as strategic initiatives to actively address current data trends.
 - i. Strategic initiatives such as Pre-Admissions, 21st Century Scholars Automatic Enrollment, College Success Coaches, Career Navigation.

Vision Alignment

1. Indiana currently ranks 43rd in Public Higher Education Appropriations per full time equivalency (FTE) by State.
 - i. Students in Indiana are responsible for the 5th highest share of their education costs in the nation.
2. Sixth best in the nation at holding the line in tuition and fees.
3. All Commission partnership, programming, and policy strategic initiatives align with the HOPE Agenda.
 - i. Base funding increase.
 - ii. Outcomes-Based Performance Funding model.
 - iii. Focus on work-based learning and career coaching.

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.

Timeline: Legislative Session Updates

1. Public one-hour optional call in December for legislative preparation.
 - i. Weekly emailed legislative updates.
 - ii. Budget & Productivity Committee monthly meetings to follow each major legislative milestone.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-24-6.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the September 2024 regular meeting. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

III. 2025-2027 INDIANA POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

A. Purdue University Presentation

Purdue University President, Mung Chiang, presented this item.

B. Vincennes University Presentation

Vincennes University President, Charles R. "Chuck" Johnson, presented this item.

C. Ivy Tech Community College Presentation

Ivy Tech Community College President, Sue Ellspermann, presented this item.

D. Indiana State University Presentation

Indiana State University President, Dr. Mike Godard, presented this item.

E. University of Southern Indiana Presentation

University of Southern Indiana Interim President, Steve Bridges, presented this item.

F. Ball State University Presentation

Ball State University President, Geoffrey Mearns, presented this item.

G. Indiana University Presentation

Indiana University President, Pamela Whitten, presented this item.

IV. BUDGET ITEMS

A. Capital Projects for Full Discussion*

Becca Rice presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

R-24-6.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Ball State University – The Village Lease and Lease Purchase. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

B. Capital Projects for Expedited Action*

R-24-6.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana University – Bradford Woods Pool Replacement. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

R-24-6.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University – Regional Deferred Maintenance. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2025 Commission Meeting Calendar*

R-24-6.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2025 Commission Meeting Calendar. (Motion – Fisher, second – Fleischaker, unanimously approved)

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Academic Programs for Expedited Action*

R-24-6.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning to be offered by Indiana University Southeast. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

R-24-6.7 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Master of Arts for Teachers in Computer Science – online collaborative, to be offered by Indiana University Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**
There was none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M. ET.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Chad Lochmiller, Secretary