

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, September 10, 2010

**DECISION ITEM C:**                    **Administrative Item for Expedited Action: 2010-11 Indiana's Education Roundtable Memorandum of Understanding**

**Staff Recommendation**                    That the Commission for Higher Education approve by consent the 2010-2011 Memorandum of Understanding for Indiana's Education Roundtable.

**Background**                                    The 1999 Indiana General Assembly passed legislation creating Indiana's Education Roundtable. The Roundtable is composed of appointments reflecting K-12, higher education, business, community, parents and the General Assembly. It is co-chaired by the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Roundtable is charged with making recommendations on improving student achievement to the Governor, the Indiana General Assembly, the State Board of Education, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, etc.

The Indiana General Assembly appropriates funding for operation of the Roundtable to the State Board of Education. Maintaining a practice established with the Roundtable's inception, the Commission provides administrative services to facilitate the work of the Roundtable. State funding supports several special initiatives of the Roundtable, in addition to the basic administrative support provided by the Commission.

In particular, the Education Roundtable will oversee the development and implementation of several initiatives related to the following key areas: 1) Strategic planning and communication; 2) Student Learning Standards; 3) Teacher Effectiveness; 4) College and Career Readiness; and College Completion and Workforce Development.

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize its staff to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the State Board of Education for administrative support and program services to the Education Roundtable during 2010-11.

**Supporting Document**                    *To be distributed.*