

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 9:14 a.m. ET at the Indiana State Library, 315 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Edward Castronova, Jud Fisher, Samantha Fleischaker, Larry Garatoni, Bill Hanna, Nancy Jordan, Molly Kitchell, Kent Kramer, Pepper Mulherin, and Dan Peterson

Members Absent: Kathy Cabello

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R-25-7.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the November 2026 Commission Meeting agenda. (Motion – Kramer, second – Hanna, unanimously approved)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R-25-7.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the minutes of the September 16, 2025, regular meeting. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Fleischaker, unanimously approved)

IV. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

All right, very good.

Before we move to Secretary Jenner’s comments, I want to take care of a couple of items.

First, thank you to Indiana University for hosting today’s meeting. You’ll hear more from them later in the program.

Second, although Jud is not here yet—he’s currently stuck in traffic on I-69—he will be joining us shortly. I want to take a moment to recognize his leadership. In 2024, under Jud’s guidance as Chair of the Commission, we made a pivotal decision: moving the Student Success Committee’s work into a Committee of the Whole rather than keeping it as a separate, independent committee. This has been a very positive change. It ensures that the

critical work of supporting student success is fully integrated into the Commission's agenda. It has also created a valuable platform for our institutions to showcase the innovative strategies they are using to promote student success and deliver high-quality outcomes.

Looking ahead to 2026, as many of you know, we will be making another change to improve and streamline our meetings. Beginning then, our meetings will be held at the Indiana State Library. While we will no longer be traveling around the state as we have in the past, we remain committed to hearing directly from institutions. We value their ability to come to us, share updates, and provide important information about their work in student success and other areas.

Once again, thank you to Indiana University for hosting today. You will be helping lead us through part of the discussion later in the meeting.

With that, I will now turn it over to Commissioner Secretary Jenner for her comments.

V. STATEMENT FROM THE COMMISSIONER

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 2026 Commission Meeting Schedule*

R-25-7.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2026 Commission Meeting Schedule. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2026-2027 Frank O'Bannon Grant Schedule of Awards*

Cody Blake Robison provided the staff recommendation.

R-25-7.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2026-2027 Frank O'Bannon Grant Schedule of Awards. (Motion – Fisher, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

B. Budget and Productivity Committee: Approval of Capital Projects for Expedited Action*

Cody Blake Robison provided the staff recommendation.

R-25-7.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the “Purchase of the 501 Indiana Avenue by Purdue University from the Purdue Research Foundation.” (Motion – Fisher, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

R-25-7.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the “Purchase of Canal Square Apartments by Purdue University from the Purdue Research Foundation.” (Motion – Kitchell, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

C. Academic Affairs and Quality Committee: Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action*

Dr. Matt Butler provided the staff recommendation.

R-25-7.7 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following Indiana University Bloomington programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Sports Media to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington (On Campus Only)
- Bachelor of Science in Robotics to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington (On Campus Only)

(Motion – Fisher, second – Hanna, unanimously approved)

R-25-7.8 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following Purdue University West Lafayette program:

- Master of Science in Strategy in Security and Defense Technologies (Online Only) (Motion – Hanna, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Indiana University: Student Success

Brenda Stopher of Indiana University presented this item.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 A.M. ET.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Kent Kramer, Secretary