

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 9:00 a.m. ET at Indiana University Kokomo, 2300 S. Washington St., Kokomo, Indiana, 46902, with Vice Chair Major General Erika Steuterman.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Ed Berger, Dennis Bland, Bill Hanna, Al Hubbard, Nancy Jordan, Chris LaMothe, Pepper Mulherin, Dan Peterson, Tom Saunders and Gen. Erika Steuterman.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good morning. Thanks for joining us today. I call this meeting to order.

We are happy to be hosted here at Indiana University, Kokomo and I'd like to thank Chancellor Canada for hosting us today. I have to say yesterday's tour was absolutely one of the best I've ever been on. John did a fabulous job. It was very entertaining. He had a lot of good stories. It's a beautiful campus and I really appreciate your hospitality at dinner last night, too. So, thank you very much.

The only thing that I would like to say in the Chairman's report is that our Veteran's Education Pathway Taskforce met for the first time on February 1st. This was our big kickoff, and we had a lot of enthusiasm. I would like to tell you to full scope of who is represented on this taskforce. We have individuals representing the Indiana Army Reserve, the Indiana National Guard, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Workforce Development, Count Veterans Service Officers, Senator Todd Young's office, we have 12 Colleges and Universities and participants from the Commission for Higher Education. You will receive more information on this in the meeting. Stacy Townsley has been instrumental in pulling this team together and making it work. Thank you, Stacy.

I will now ask Dr. Mark Canada, Chancellor of Indiana University Kokomo, to address the group. Thank you, sir.

Dr. Mark Canada (Chancellor of Indiana University Kokomo) addressed the Commission.

Next, we have Commissioner Lowery's report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lowery thanked the Vice Chair and Chancellor Canada.

Commissioner Lowery 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.
- Evolving CHE Partnerships
 - The Indiana Commission for Higher Education staff work closely with several partners. Partnerships include legislators, Governor's staff, universities, state agencies, community organizations, and business leaders.
- Budget Highlights
 - House Budget provided a historic increase in operating funding.
 - FY 24: 4% total new
 - FY 25: 6% total new
 - The Commission's student financial aid programs were all fully funded or increased.
 - The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship increased from \$6M to \$12M/year.
 - Additional \$600K funding for NEW Next Generation Minority Educator Scholarship
 - Minority Student Teaching Scholarship fund increased from \$50K to \$100K/year.
 - CHE maintained the Governor's recommended budget for agency operating and financial aid programs.
- Legislative Highlights
 - HB 1449: 21st Century Scholars Automatic Enrollment
 - House passed 92-1
 - SB 167: Required FAFSA filing with opt-out provision.
 - Senate passed 43-3 (widest margin ever)
 - SB 343: Higher Education Purple Star Designation
 - Senate passed 46-0

Following his report on the 2023 legislative session, Commissioner Lowery shared a brief summary of the 2023 Faculty Leadership Conference. Highlights from his presentation included:

- Over 200 attendees
- Theme: Addressing Student Engagement for Academic Success and Career Readiness
- Keynote Speakers:
 - Grace Findley, Strada Education Network
 - Claudia Cummings, Indiana Philanthropic Alliance
 - Dr. Jillian Kinzie, Indiana University Bloomington

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-23-2.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the January 2023 regular meeting. (Motion – Alley, second – Peterson, 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.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Legislative Update

Josh Garrison and Greg Harrell presented this item.

B. Partnership Pentagon Update

Commissioner Lowery and Madison Prillwitz presented this item.

V. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ITEMS

A. Indiana College Core Course Planning Tool Demonstration

Dr. Ken Sauer and Jillian Scholten presented this item.

B. E-Transcript Update

Dr. Ken Sauer presented this item.

C. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action*

Dr. Ken Sauer presented this item.

R-23-2.2 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 – Peterson, second – Jordan, unanimously approved)

VI. STUDENT SUCCESS ITEMS

A. Student Success, Marketing, and Outreach Updates

Charlee Beasor and Allison Kuehr presented this item.

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 2:45 P.M. ET

Jud Fisher, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary