

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 9:00 a.m. CT at University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712, with Chairman Jud Fisher presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dr. Edward Berger, Dennis Bland, Anne Bowen, Mike Daigle, Jud Fisher, Bill Hanna, Al Hubbard, Nancy Jordan, Chris LaMothe, Pepper Mulherin, Dan Peterson

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good morning, everyone. I want to thank the University of Southern Indiana's President Dr. Ronald Rochon and the USI team for being gracious hosts yesterday and today. President Rochon, I haven't been here since 2018. Your campus and the facilities here on campus are just beautiful.

Dr. Ronald Rochon, president of the University of Southern Indiana, delivered brief remarks before Chairman Fisher continued his report.

I'm pleased to report that registration is going live for the Commission's virtual Education Value Convening to be held on December 14. This convening will share our best practices and new information with our community partners and higher education practitioners.

I've received some updates on what one institution is doing to assist with the early childhood education sector. The Ivy Tech Community College statewide systems offices have received \$250,000 from the Lilly Endowment to support planning grant activities focused on addressing various workforce issues within the early childhood sector. Ivy Tech is uniquely positioned to create a surge of 10,000 workers in the early childhood sector and lead our communities in developing solutions to address early childhood at the local level. The grant will be used to develop a plan to address four areas: 1) addressing the shortage of credentialed workers, 2) address the lack of available high-quality childcare across the state, 3) address the low enrollment, as well as low degree and certificate completions in accredited early childhood postsecondary education programs, and 4) address missing local solutions.

As you know, the lack of broadly available, high-quality early childhood center openings in Indiana is placing a strain on the Hoosier economy. This strain impacts the daily activities of parents, businesses and school systems throughout our state. Ivy Tech recognizes that each

community and service area across the state has a unique set of requirements and available resources that will affect their ability to address the local early childhood gap. Because of these very conditions, there's need for convening processes that establishes a framework and goals that allow for variability in approach and resource allocation. I will keep bringing it up. This concludes my remarks. I will now turn it over to the Commissioner for his report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm struck by several things, including that it was just absolutely splendid last night hearing from employers, including Toyota and Deaconess and others, but especially in meeting your students. I felt at home. I felt a lot of hope and in that, just a joy that I can only characterize as happiness. What those employers were talking about with the students, I think they represent why we should think seriously about higher education.

I will introduce our first guest speaker more fully, but that's Jason Kloth, president and CEO of Ascend Indiana. You're the second leadership group who is going to hear from Jason, since Ascend released last Thursday a new and fascinating and sobering report on the marketplace and supply and demand challenges within our state. The first group to hear from Jason was the group of state university presidents on Monday afternoon during our very robust three-hour meeting.

A couple of updates first. We're quite pleased that our Frank O'Bannon Scholarship will be increased. The last adjustment to that was made in 2009 and it was to address the challenges of the recession and challenges with tax receipts. We build up a nice reserve there, and it will go back to 2009 rates plus adjustments for inflation. So that's good news and hats off to folks like the Governor and State Budget Director and legislative leaders who, once we assured them we would manage it prudently, were very supportive. If you see any of those folks, thank them.

Our Learning Employment Record, or LER, Ken Sauer talked about some of this. This is really quite groundbreaking. We received what was a full \$150,000 grant to really help take our state into the digital future as we think about credentials and the ability for employers to more easily access talent and for individuals to be able to take that credential with them in an electronic fashion. This is also something that Stacy Townsley is working along with Ken and the team on Credit for Prior Learning, which is going to be especially significant in playing to this learner employment record. I was with folks yesterday from Purdue Global and they shared they award fully 25% of their credits via Credit for Prior Learning. That's stunning. Among other things, it recognizes and honors adults for what they have learned outside of the classroom and makes that transferable. Now, I will turn it over to Jason Kloth.

Jason Kloth, president and CEO of Ascend Indiana, presented the report "Indiana's Evolving Labor Market: How the Pandemic has Accelerated Misalignment in Talent Supply and Demand" and discussion ensued.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-22-7.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the

Minutes of the November 2022 regular meeting. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Jordan, unanimously approved)

III. BUDGET ITEMS

A. 2023-2025 Indiana Postsecondary Budget Recommendations

For our first item, Commissioner Lowery and Josh Garrison will provide the Commission's recommendations for the 2023-2025 budget.

R-22-7.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the proposal by the Commission for a presentation to the State Budget Committee. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

B. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Purdue University West Lafayette – Libraries Study Space Renovation

Alecia Nafziger presented this item. Josh Garrison provided the staff recommendation.

R-22-7.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

2. Purdue University West Lafayette – University Hall Renovation

Alecia Nafziger presented this item. Josh Garrison provided the staff recommendation.

R-22-7.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

C. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Purdue University West Lafayette – Memorial Union Second Floor Renovation
2. Purdue University West Lafayette – Fuse Lease
3. Purdue University – Regional Campus Deferred Maintenance

Alecia Nafziger presented this item. Josh Garrison provided the staff recommendation.

R-22-7.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital projects, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Berger, unanimously approved)

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. New Commission meeting Cadence and Calendar for 2023 and 2024

Josh Garrison presented this item.

V. STUDENT SUCCESS ITEMS

A. Education Value Communications & Marketing Campaign

Allison Kuehr presented this item.

VI. ACEDMIC AFFAIRS ITEMS

A. NGA Learning and Employment Record

This presentation was held for the December 2022 Commission meeting.

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action*

1. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Management and Leadership to be offered by Ball State University

R-22-7.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following academic degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Alley, 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 2:06 P.M. CT

Jud Fisher, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary