

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Microsoft Teams Meeting
September 26, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The inaugural meeting of the State Board of Higher Education (Board) was convened virtually on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Act. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chair Cynthia Shapira.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Alaina Koltash, Deputy General Counsel, Governor's Office of General Counsel, performed the roll call. A quorum of members was present as follows:

Dr. Brenda Allen	Hon. Peter Schweyer
Dr. Ann Bieber	Dr. Cynthia Shapira
Hon. Jay Costa	Ms. Andrea Shirk
Mr. Sean Eden	Hon. Jesse Topper
Hon. Wayne Langerholc	Dr. Michael Wade Smith
Dr. Kara Laskowski	Hon. Nancy Walker
Mr. Kenneth Long	Mr. Michael Warfel
Dr. Cheryl McConnell	Mr. Kevin Washo
Hon. Dr. Khalid Mumin	Ms. Skyler Wrubleski
Hon. Pedro Rivera	Ms. Bobbi Jo Zapor

III. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS/WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIR

Governor Josh Shapiro made brief remarks to the Board and summarized its charge, and Dr. Cynthia Shapira, Chair, followed him with a statement on how the Board will operate as a coordinating body rather than as a governing body. All members were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

V. ADOPTION OF ROBERT'S RULES

A motion to approve Robert's Rules Order, Newly Revised 12th Edition, for the Board's parliamentary procedure was made by Dr. Brenda Allen, Vice Chair, and seconded by Mr. Kevin Washo.

VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

VI. REVIEW PENNSYLVANIA POSTSECONDARY CONTEXT, STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Dr. Kate Shaw, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Higher Education, introduced the current state of the higher education landscape in Pennsylvania and provided an overview of the Board's enabling legislation and statutory duties.

VII. ESTABLISHMENT OF PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Dr. Shapira raised the following priorities as required under the legislation or aligned to work required by law, with the caveat that other councils, committees, or task forces may be formed as the need arises:

- Establish a Performance-based Funding Council.
- Establish the following committees: Bylaws, Transition of Authority, Strategic Planning, and Statewide Postsecondary Data

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

IX. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Shapira announced that another high-priority order of business will be to appoint an executive director and enable them to hire supporting staff. A vote will be held at the next Board meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm, followed by Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

NEXT MEETING: October 31, 2024