

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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Harrisburg, PA**

**September 11, 2019**

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education was called to order by Council Chair Dr. Jonathan Peri at 10:00 a.m.

**Attending:**

James Agras ( <i>via phone</i> )	Anne Griffin	
Carol Aichele	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Ashley Svec
James Barker ( <i>via phone</i> )	Kirk Hallett	Jillian Sweigard
Nathan Barrett	Jeffrey Keeling	Karen Farmer White
Jamie Bracey-Green ( <i>via phone</i> )	Maureen Lally-Green ( <i>via phone</i> )	A. Lee Williams
Nicole Carnicella	Jonathan Peri	
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Arynn Pratt	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 10, 2019, meeting of the Council of Higher Education were approved on a **Dungee Glenn/Carnicella** motion.

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY  
POSTSECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

Noe Ortega, Deputy Secretary for Postsecondary and Higher Education, reported on activity of the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education (OPHE). My Ortega highlighted items from his written report on the following topics: It's On us grant program; Pennsylvania College Application Campaign; School Counselor Symposia; Statewide College Credit Transfer System; Act 121 Student Loan Letter; implementation of postsecondary supports for children in foster care; Adult Basic and Family Literacy Education; Veterans' Education; Institute for Law Enforcement Education; regulations governing Private Licensed Schools; regulations governing Certification of Professional Personnel; Innovative Teacher and Principal Residency grants for 2019-2020; and guidelines for the new Computer Science certification.

Sandra Dungee Glenn asked for more detail about the reach of the College Application Campaign and the Adult Basic Education Program into the Philadelphia region. She further inquired about whether OPHE had information on outcomes from the first year of the Innovative Residency Grant Program. Mr. Ortega said OPHE launched a webinar on the College Application just last week and is receiving inquiries from libraries interested in participating. He said he would include more detail about the Adult Basic Education Program in his next report. On the Residency Grant Program, Mr. Ortega said OPHE is working with Mathematica on an evaluation of the program's first year that should be finished in time for the Council's next meeting.

Dr. Jamie Bracey-Green asked whether the It's On Us program required grant applicants to tie their grant to substance abuse campaigns on their campuses. Mr. Ortega responded that there is not a specific requirement, but institutions are encouraged in many ways to implement this through programs they already have in place. Dr. Pamela Gunter-Smith said her institution – a grant recipient – has linked the program to behaviors that put students at risk.

Dr. Bracey-Green next asked whether there is an intentional focus on investing adult literacy funds in former manufacturing centers where high school attainment is disproportionately low. Mr. Ortega said there is an intentional connection to how this work helps to enhance workforce efforts that cross state agencies.

Dr. Lee Williams asked if there is a relationship between the Computer Science certification guidelines and the academic standards in science. Matthew Stem, Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, said the Board's prior support in endorsing Computer Science standards has given a framework for aligning other work of the agency, including creating more pathways for teachers to deliver Computer Science instruction.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. on a **Gunter-Smith/Dungee Glenn** motion.

*Karen Molchanow/slj*

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Executive Director