

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

**333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA**

January 8, 2020

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education was called to order by Council Chair Dr. Jonathan Peri at 10:37 a.m.

Attending:

James Agras (<i>via phone</i>)	Anne Griffin	Arynn Pratt
Carol Aichele	Kirk Hallett	Jillian Sweigard
James Barker (<i>via phone</i>)	Jeffrey Keeling	Karen Farmer White
Jamie Bracey-Green	Maureen Lally-Green	
Sandra Dungee Glenn (<i>via phone</i>)	Jonathan Peri	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 13, 2019, meeting of the Council of Higher Education were tabled until a quorum could be established.

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

Patricia Landis, Bureau Director for Postsecondary and Adult Education, reported on the activities of the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education (OPHE) on behalf of Deputy Secretary Ortega. Ms. Landis discussed the accreditation of Cheyney University; Chapter 49; Clinical Residences; Educator Workforce Diversity; Special Education Certification; the Statewide College Credit Transfer System; It's On Us PA grants; a Model Campus Sexual Violence Policy; and the Fostering Independence through Education initiative.

**PRESENTATION
CYNTHIA SHAPIRA, CHAIR, BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Cynthia Shapira, Chair of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's (PASSHE) Board of Governors, reported on current initiatives of PASSHE to support students and improve the current system of higher education. Ms. Shapira said PASSHE has been working on a system redesign focused on three major priorities: 1) ensuring student success; 2) creating strong institutions; and 3) transforming leadership and governance. Major initiatives connected to this effort include: retooling of system governance, system-level faculty shared governance, a tuition freeze, academic master sharing plan, sustainability policies, shared services, and a working relationship with the faculty union.

PRESENTATION
ANNUAL ACT 101 PROGRAM UPDATE

Elizabeth McCloud, Vice President of State Grants and Special Programs for the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), presented PHEAA's Annual Report on Act 101 programs that enhance postsecondary educational opportunities for academically and financially disadvantaged students. Ms. McCloud reported on the 2018-19 year appropriation to support Act 1010 programs and presented student outcome data reported by participating institutions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Allen, member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, spoke to the need prepare educators around an updated set of academic standards for health and physical education and to the need for guidance on delivering proper and quality instruction in this area. Ms. Allen said health education is no longer just a presentation of facts on a health topic. Her association would like students to be able to demonstrate and practice health skills. Ms. Allen said a group of educators from various levels has been working on what they view as the best possible standards and outcomes for the past four years and that their goal is to make a formal request to the State Board of Education for adoption of these proposed new standards and outcomes as soon as possible.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on a **Bracey-Green/Agras** motion.

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Executive Director