

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

Virtual Meeting

January 13, 2021

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	Sandra Dungee Glenn	Eva Rankin
Carol Aichele	Anne Griffin	Taiba Sultana
James Barker	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Karen Farmer White
Nathan Barrett	Jeffrey Keeling	A. Lee Williams
Jamie Bracey Green	Mark Longietti	
Nicole Carnicella	Jonathan Peri	

**WORKING SESSION
MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Council of Higher Education held a Working Session to discuss initiating an update to the Master Plan for Higher Education. Dr. Peri explained that the State Board of Education is responsible for adopting a Master Plan every 10 years for the guidance of the Governor, the General Assembly, and all institutions of higher education financed wholly or in part from state appropriations, and that the Public School Code tasks the Council with developing the Master Plan for adoption by the Board. The last Master Plan was adopted in 2005.

Dr. Peri reviewed the criteria set forth in statute that are to be addressed in the Master Plan. Dr. Tanya I. Garcia, Acting Deputy Secretary for Postsecondary and Higher Education, then presented a draft table of contents that identified potential overarching topics to be covered in the Master Plan and invited discussion among the Council about the proposed structure. Council members engaged in discussion about focus areas to address in the Plan, gathering long range plans from institutions of higher education to inform this work, and data sources to be used for research. The Council agreed to form an external Advisory Committee to consult with in the development of a new Master Plan and discussed the composition of stakeholders to invite to participate on the Advisory Committee. The Council also identified a July 2021 to July 2022 timeframe for completing the development of a new Master Plan. Finally, the Council agreed to engage the Department of Education as an equal partner in development of the Master Plan and directed Dr. Garcia to explore securing philanthropic support for this work.

The Working Session of the Council of Higher Education was recessed by Dr. Peri at 11:10 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The recessed meeting of the Council of Higher Education was reconvened at 1:04 p.m. at the Call of the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 9, 2020, meeting of the Council of Higher Education were approved on an **Agras/Bracey-Green** motion.

REPORT OF THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR POSTSECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Garcia provided updates to the Board on the following topics: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on postsecondary institutions, It's On Us PA grants, the Erie County Community College, access and equity in postsecondary education, proposed amendments to Chapter 49, diversity of Pennsylvania's educator workforce, a new School Social Work certification, postsecondary attainment, and the Higher Education Master Plan.

DISCUSSION ITEM MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Peri provided a summary report of discussion surrounding updating the Master Plan for Higher Education that occurred during the morning Working Session of the Council. The summary report was delivered while the Council convened under the Committee of the Whole, proceedings that are attended by the full membership of the State Board of Education. Dr. Peri reported on how the Council intends to structure its work to develop a new Master Plan, including the appointment of an external stakeholders Advisory Committee, and on the timeframe for developing the Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

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 1:35 p.m. on a **Dungee-Glenn/Bracey Green** motion.



Karen Molchanow
Executive Director