

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

**Virtual Meeting**

**January 12-13, 2022**

The Council of Higher Education convened on January 12, 2022, for a joint working session with the Master Plan for Higher Education Advisory Committee. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Dr. Jonathan Peri at 8:30 a.m. The Council recessed its meeting at 12:18 p.m.

The recessed meeting of the Council was reconvened for a regular business meeting on January 13, 2022. The Council was reconvened at the call of the Chair at 8:30 a.m.

**Attending on January 12<sup>th</sup>:**  
Council of Higher Education

James Agras	Reva Gandhi	Hon. Mark Longietti
Hon. Carol Aichele	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Jonathan Peri
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Jeffrey Keeling	Karen Farmer White
Jamie Bracey-Green	Hon. Maureen Lally-Green	Hon. Lindsey Williams

**Attending on January 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
Council of Higher Education

James Agras	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Eva Rankin
Hon. Carol Aichele	Jeffrey Keeling	Taiba Sultana
Nathan Barrett	Hon. Maureen Lally-Green	Karen Farmer White
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Hon. Mark Longietti	Lee Williams
Reva Gandhi	Jonathan Peri	Hon. Lindsey Williams

Master Plan for Higher Education Advisory Committee

Dr. Brenda Allen	Dr. Patrick Gallagher	Sheila Ireland
Carrie Amann	Dr. Tanya I. Garcia	Pedro Rivera
Elizabeth Bolden	Dr. Daniel Greenstein	

**MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**JOINT WORKING SESSION**

The Council of Higher Education held a joint working session with the Master Plan for Higher Education Advisory Committee on January 12, 2022. The working session focused on the Plan's strategic priority to *Increase Transparency on the Value of Postsecondary Credentials to Individuals, Communities, and the Commonwealth*. The session began with a presentation related to that strategic priority by Dr. Tanya I. Garcia, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Postsecondary and Higher Education. Dr. Garcia presented data on the significant growth that has occurred in the number and types of unique postsecondary credentials available nationally.

The Council and the Advisory Committee then heard panels discussions reflecting on the strategic priority that was the focus of the session from different perspectives. A panel of Pennsylvania institutions of higher education was comprised of Dr. Stuart Blacklaw, Provost and Executive Vice President of the Community College of Allegheny County; David Castro, President and CEO of I-Lead; Dr. Lance Kennedy-Phillips, Vice Provost for Planning, Assessment, and Institutional Research, The Pennsylvania State University; and Cynthia Pritchard, President and CEO, PASSHE Foundation. A second panel of voices from peers in other states and national experts was comprised of Leanne Davis, Associate Director of Research and Policy, Institute for Higher Education Policy and Ben Magill, Associate Vice Chancellor of Economic Opportunity, Dallas College Labor Market Intelligence Center. A third panel of Pennsylvania student voices was comprised of Madlyne Santiago of Harcum College and Sean Spencer of Duquesne University. The Council and the Advisory Committee also heard from Dr. Ken Sauer, Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, who addressed data transparency through Indiana's credential registry (Credential Engine).

The working session concluded with an opportunity for open discussion among members of the Council and the Advisory Committee.

At the end of the working session, Dr. Peri called for the Council to enter into recess and announced that the Council meeting would reconvene on January 13, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom. Dr. Peri noted that the Zoom link was posted to the State Board of Education's website.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After reconvening the Council for its regular business meeting on January 13, 2022, Dr. Peri called for approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2021, meeting of the Council of Higher Education. The minutes were approved on a **Bracey-Green/Hon. Lindsey Williams** motion.

### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER FOR POSTSECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

Dr. Garcia, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Postsecondary and Higher Education, provided updates regarding the Fall 2021 Counselor Symposia, Middle States accreditation virtual site visits, the Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee, the Department's Educator Workforce Strategy, the Learning Policy Institute's Teacher Licensure Collaborative, Chapter 49, the Department's Teacher Shortage Report, and annual reports submitted by Pennsylvania educator preparation programs under Chapter 354.

Senator Williams asked about highlights on the Teacher Shortage Report and where information could be obtained. Dr. Garcia responded that the information presented today will be posted by the U.S. Department of Education and noted that last year's shortage areas closely mirror this year's.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT TEACHER AND SCHOOL LEADER EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE**

Sandra Dungee Glenn, Chair of the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Committee, reported that the committee met on January 12, 2022, and received three informational presentations. First, the Committee heard from Jeff Fuller, Advisor to the Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, who addressed changes the Department is making to the PDE-427, a tool used to evaluate educators moving from Level I to Level II certification. Ms. Dungee Glenn said the form is being updated to align with recent legislation. Next, Ms. Dungee Glenn said staff from Research for Action presented a recent evaluation of the Aspiring to Educate Philadelphia pilot initiative. Finally, Ms. Dungee Glenn said researchers from Mathematica presented an evaluation of early implementation of Pennsylvania's teacher and principal residency grant programs.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**  
**MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Dr. Peri reported on the fourth working session between the Council and the Master Plan for Higher Education Advisory Committee that was held on January 12 and focused on increasing transparency on the value of postsecondary credentials to individuals, communities, and the commonwealth. Dr. Peri invited discussion among the Council and other members of the Board related to its efforts to update the Master Plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

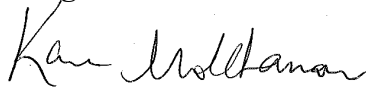
There were no public comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m. on a **Dungee Glenn/Hon. Lindsey Williams** motion.



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Karen Molchanow  
Executive Director