

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

**November 9, 2022**

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by Karen Farmer White, Chair of the State Board of Education, at 1:02 p.m.

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education (Council) was called to order by the Hon. Pedro Rivera, Chairman of the Council, at 1:04 p.m.

**Attending:**

James Agras  
Hon. Carol Aichele  
Nathan Barrett  
Nicole Carnicalla  
Claire Chi

Reva Gandhi  
Sarah Jordan  
Jeffrey Keeling  
Hon. Mark Longietti  
Hon. Pedro Rivera

Rep. Curt Sonney  
Karen Farmer White  
Lee Williams  
Hon. Lindsey Williams

**OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Farmer White announced that Amanda Hetrick and Monica Taylor recently were appointed by Governor Wolf and confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate to serve as new members of the State Board of Education. Ms. Hetrick is the Superintendent of the Forest Area School District. Dr. Taylor is the Graduate Program Director and an Associate Professor in Temple University's Kinesiology Department. Chair Farmer White said the new members will join for the Board's next meeting in January 2023. Chair Farmer White also shared that Dr. Jamie Bracey-Green recently submitted her resignation as a member of the Board.

**MINUTES**

The Hon. Rivera tabled consideration of the minutes from the Council's meeting on October 14, 2022.

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

Chair Farmer White provided a report on behalf of the Teacher and School Leadership Effectiveness Committee. Ms. Farmer White said the Committee met earlier in the day and received two presentations from Dr. Carissa Pokorny-Golden, Director of the Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality. As required by Chapter 49, Dr. Pokorny-Golden presented the Department of Education's Annual Human Capital Report that provides an update on the status of certifications in the Commonwealth. Dr. Pokorny-Golden also made a progress report on implementation of the final-form amendments to 22 Pa. Code Chapter 49 (Certification of Professional Personnel) that took effect six months prior. Finally, Sharif El-Mekki, Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Black Educator Development, made a presentation on the work his organization is leading to advance educator diversity. A fourth presentation scheduled

on the Department of Educations' Educator Workforce Strategy was delayed for a future meeting due to time constraints.

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

The Hon. Rivera noted that the Council held a Special Meeting on October 14, 2022, to provide dedicated time for discussion and input from Board members on the draft Master Plan for Higher Education (Master Plan).

Dr. Tanya I. Garcia, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Postsecondary and Higher Education, presented background on the development of the draft Master Plan. She reflected on work conducted by the Council and the Master Plan for Higher Education Advisory Committee and reiterated that the purpose of the Master Plan is to serve as a guiding document for the Governor, the General Assembly, and institutions of higher education financed wholly or in part through State appropriations.

Eric Hagarty, the Acting Secretary of Education, thanked the Council for its work on the draft Master Plan and noted that healthy conversations have resulted from this work. Mr. Hagarty said it would be prudent to allow the incoming elected administration and the transition team time to review the draft Master Plan and to have time to educate the two new incoming State Board members on the Plan. As such, he recommended tabling consideration of the Master Plan and spending the next few weeks engaging with the incoming new administration on the Plan to set a foundation for the new administration to set priorities for putting the plan into action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ACTION ITEM**  
**MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

A motion to table consideration of the Master Plan for Higher Education was made by the Hon. Pedro Rivera and seconded by Dr. Nicole Carnicella. All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hon. Rivera announced that the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency provided hard copies of its 2021-22 annual report on the Act 101 Program for review by Board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. on a Carnicella/Sonney motion.

Karen Molchanow  
Executive Director

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