



Meeting Minutes

Coordinating Board for Higher Education Work Session and Committee Meetings

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
December 8, 2020

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education Work Session and Committee Meetings were called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Board members Joe Cornelison, Gwendolyn Grant, Doug Kennedy, Dudley McCarter, Gary Nodler, and Shawn Saale were present. No members were absent.

General Business

Mr. Nodler moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020, committee meetings. Mr. Cornelison seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Committee

Kristin Stokely, General Counsel, provided updates on the Financial Statement Audit, United States Department of Education Program Audit, and Information Security Audit. CliftonLarsonAllen was not able to report out on the financial statement audit. Ms. Stokely reported that the Office of the Inspector General has begun auditing the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund.

Strategic Planning and External Relations Committee

Becky Dunn, Chief of Staff, provided an update on the department's plan for strategic planning.

Zora Mulligan, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented on the history and establishment of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Academic Affairs and Workforce Needs Committee

Dr. Mara Woody, Assistant Commissioner for Postsecondary Policy, provided updates on the community college form and method, a letter from the Missouri Community College Association regarding Ranken Technical Institute.

Dr. Woody provided a preview for agenda items for the December 9 public meeting. These topics included Metropolitan Community College's proposal to offer a bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy, a comprehensive review update, and an update on the letter of intent for a community college taxing district in southeast Missouri.

Budget and Financial Aid Committee

Leroy Wade, Deputy Commissioner, presented on the supplemental request for Bright Flight and A+.

Work Session

Zekita Armstrong-Asuquo, founder and president of Gateway Global, presented on their partnership with Harris-Stowe State University.

Dr. Corey Bradford, Harris-Stowe president, and Dr. Freddie Wills, Harris-Stowe assistant vice president for STEM initiatives, presented on their National Geospatial Agency expansion and Missouri education partnerships.

Dr. Woody, presented on a potential Coordinating Board equity statement.

Doug Kennedy, Chair, provided an update on the identification of committee chairs for the year 2021.

Ms. Mulligan provided an update on the planning for the March 2021 Coordinating Board meetings.

Alyssa McLeod, Board Secretary, provided an overview and logistics for the public meeting on December 9, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.