

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

**333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126**

September 11, 2025

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education (Council) was called to order by Chair Karen Farmer White, at 1:00 p.m.

Attending:

Hon. Carol Aichele
Julia Antunes
Naina Bhatia
Ciaran Bilbow
Katherine Christiano
Yadira Cupeles

Rep. Bryan Cutler
Sandra Dungee Glenn
Ernest Hadrick
Amanda Hetrick
Jeffrey Keeling
Robert Mitchell

Rep. Peter Schweyer
Monica Taylor
Karen Farmer White
Lee Williams
Sen. Lindsey Williams
Benjamin Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the **May 8, 2025**, meeting of the Council of Higher Education were approved on a **Dungee Glenn/Hetrick** motion.

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

Dr. Lynette Kuhn, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Postsecondary and Higher Education, reported on the following:

- Through August 15, 2025, 57% of PA high school students have completed a FAFSA for the coming academic year, for a total of 85,453 submissions from recent high school graduates.
- OPHE is coordinating with the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE), Department of Labor & Industry (L&I), and the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) to develop a list of eligible PA programs eligible for the forthcoming Workforce Pell funds, which are set to be released July 2026 for AY 2025-26.
- The Institute for Law Enforcement Education (ILEE) has completed an articulation agreement with Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania. Specific coursework completed with ILEE will be awarded Prior Learning Credits as Criminal Justice Electives at the university.

- The Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education (BPAE) is collaborating with the Bureau of Career and Technology Education (BCTE) on pathways for Perkins-funded programming in career and technical fields.
- The Advancing Education Together Summit, hosted in July by the Bureau of Student Leadership & Teacher Quality (BLSTQ), garnered nearly 200 registered attendees, and plans already are in the works for a larger summit in 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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 1:20 p.m. on a **Dungee Glenn/Taylor** motion.



Michelle Simmons
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