

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

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

May 7, 2026

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education (Council) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Honorable Pedro Rivera, Chair.

Attending:

Hon. Carol Aichele
Julia Antunes
Nathan Barrett
Naina Bhatia
Katherine Christiano
Rep. Bryan Cutler

Sandra Dungee Glenn
Ernest Hadrick
Amanda Hetrick
Robert Mitchell
Hon. Pedro Rivera

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 12, 2026, meeting of the Council 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, provided updates on the recently launched Workforce Pell initiative, PA EmpowerU, the Dual Credit Innovation Grant program, and Parent Pathways Grants. Dr. Kuhn shared that more than 50 percent of high school seniors have completed a FAFSA for the next academic year. Additionally, Dr. Kuhn shared that processing times for Pennsylvania teacher certifications and emergency permits remain between one to two weeks.

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 9:09 a.m. on a **Hetrick/Dungee Glenn** motion.

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