

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

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**July 13, 2022**

The Council of Higher Education (Council) was called to order for a joint working session with the Master Plan for Higher Education Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) by the Hon. Pedro Rivera, Chairman of the Council of Higher Education, at 9:13 a.m.

**Attending:**

Council of Higher Education

James Agras

Jamie Bracey-Green

Sandra Dungee Glenn

Pamela Gunter-Smith

Natalie Imhoof

Sarah Jordan

Hon. Pedro Rivera

Hon. Lindsey Williams

Karen Farmer White

Master Plan for Higher Education Advisory Committee

Dr. Brenda Allen

Carrie Amann

Elizabeth Bolden

Dr. Thomas Foley

Dr. Patrick Gallagher

Dr. Daniel Greenstein

Dr. Tanya I. Garcia

Aaron Schenk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 4, 2022, meeting of the Council of Higher Education were approved on a **Dungee Glenn/Gunter-Smith** motion.

**PRESENTATION**

Dr. Tanya I. Garcia, Deputy Secretary and Commission for Postsecondary and Higher Education, presented feedback from Pennsylvania's postsecondary community on the Master Plan for Higher Education. Dr. Garcia reviewed feedback from a postsecondary engagement survey on strategies to advance the new Master Plan's strategic priorities, discussed metrics to measure progress to reach Pennsylvania's postsecondary attainment goal identified through the engagement of a Metrics Workgroup, and reviewed economic profiles that will be included as an appendix to the new Master Plan.

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

Council and Advisory Committee members were provided with a draft copy of a new Master Plan for Higher Education in advance of the meeting and a copy of the draft Master Plan also was posted to the State Board of Education's (Board) website. Hon. Rivera asked for feedback on the draft Master Plan and facilitated discussion among the Council and Advisory Committee members.

To start, Hon. Rivera invited the Council and Advisory Committee members to provide feedback on the metrics designed to measure progress toward the Board's postsecondary attainment goal. Members of the Metrics Workgroup also were invited to participate in this open discussion and Dr. Nick Neupauer President of Butler County Community College and a Metrics Workgroup member, joined the discussion to provide input on the metrics listed in the draft Master Plan.

Council and Advisory Committee members were encouraged to contribute any additional comments, questions, or suggestions on the draft Master Plan by August 1, 2022. Hon. Rivera also noted that the deadline to respond to the Postsecondary Engagement Survey was extended to the end of July and encouraged postsecondary leaders to participate and provide feedback through that mechanism. Hon. Rivera said he intends to present a final draft of the Master Plan for adoption by the Council at its next meeting in September and that, upon Council approval, the Plan will be presented to the Board for its consideration.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Elizabeth Bolden, President & CEO of the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges, shared feedback from the community college sector on the draft Master Plan. Issues raised for consideration for inclusion in the new Master Plan included funding for community colleges and for dual enrollment, expansion of transfer and articulation to other public postsecondary institutions, and concerns related to the consistency of data metrics identified in the draft report.

Ms. Monica Williams, a resident of Farrell, Pa., shared her passion for education and expressed the need for the Board and the Department of Education to continue fight for the rights of every student in Pennsylvania for a better education.

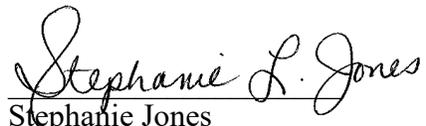
Ms. Gina Gullo, Assistant Director of Educational Services with the Pennsylvania State Education Association, commended the Council on its efforts to develop a draft Master Plan. She encouraged the Council to include input from K-12 educators on the draft Master Plan.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. on a **Dungee Glenn/Gunter-Smith** motion.

  
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