

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

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

January 11, 2024

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education (Council) was called to order by the Hon. Pedro Rivera, Chairman of the Council, at 11:00 a.m.

Attending:

Hon. Carol Aichele
Nathan Barrett
Brenna Chernich
Claire Chi
Katherine Christiano

Aarushi Dedhiya
Sandra Dungee Glenn
Ernest Hadrick
Amanda Hetrick
Jeffrey Keeling

Robert Mitchell
Hon. Pedro Rivera
Monica Taylor
Karen Farmer White
Lee Williams
Benjamin Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 3, 2023, 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. Kate Shaw, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Postsecondary and Higher Education, discussed ongoing efforts related to higher education reform and the higher education workgroup that is engaging in related discussions. Most recently, Dr. Shaw said a convening was held to support the workgroup's efforts in reviewing issues related to higher education affordability and workforce development. Dr. Shaw also discussed the Shapiro Administration's efforts to address collegiate basic needs through PA MASLOW. She noted that an additional 'Financial' pillar will be integrated into PA MASLOW, expanding the framework to seven pillars. She shared that a student needs assessment tool is being developed to be utilized across postsecondary institutions in Pennsylvania with the goal to connect students with resources and to identify needs and service gaps to support college completion. Finally, Dr. Shaw updates on the launch of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). She also discussed the Pennsylvania Department of Education's efforts to expedite the intern certificate process for educator preparation programs.

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 11:24 a.m. on a **Hetrick/Dungee Glenn** motion.

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