

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2026 Interim

July 1, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 2nd meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education was held on July 1, 2026, at 10:30 AM ET/9:30 AM CT in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Steve Riley, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Steve Riley, Co-Chair; Senator Steve Rawlings, Co-Chair; Senators Christian McDaniel, Gerald A. Neal, and Stephen West; and Representatives Scott Lewis, Bobby McCool, James Tipton, Shane Baker, George Brown Jr., Mike Clines, and Timmy Truett.

Guests: Travis Powell, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE); and Dr. Amanda Ellis, Senior Vice President, Student Access and Success, CPE.

LRC Staff: Mariah Derringer-Lackey, Ethan Williams, and Benjamin Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026 meeting of the subcommittee. Co-Chair Rawlings seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without objection.

Council on Postsecondary Education

Travis Powell, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, CPE; and Dr. Amanda Ellis, Senior Vice President, Student Access and Success, CPE, provided information regarding the role and functions of the CPE.

In response to Representative Tipton, Dr. Ellis confirmed that there is a lack of coordination between advising groups. Dr. Ellis stated that it would be helpful for the Kentucky Advising Academy to have an updated set of expectations.

In response to Senator McDaniel, Mr. Powell noted that the average student debt of \$10,000 does not include those who graduate with no debt. Mr. Powell stated that on average there is no student debt crisis in Kentucky.

In response to Co-Chair Rawlings, Mr. Powell noted that individual postsecondary institution budgets and personnel decisions are not within CPE's purview.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM ET/10:28 AM CT.