

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2026 Regular Session

February 5, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 3rd meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education was held on February 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM in Room 129 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, Chair; Representatives James Tipton, and Shane Baker.

Guests: Dr. Cady Short Thompson, President, Northern Kentucky University; Dr. Eli Capilouto, President, University of Kentucky; and Angie Martin, Vice President for Financial Planning and Chief Budget Officer, University of Kentucky.

LRC Staff: Justin Smith, Ethan Williams, and Benjamin Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes of the January 29, 2026 meeting of the subcommittee were not approved.

Northern Kentucky University

Dr. Cady Short Thompson, President, Northern Kentucky University (NKU) provided a presentation regarding NKU's additional budget requests.

In response to Representative Tipton, President Thompson noted that there were between six and ten students utilizing a Donovan Scholarship for Kentucky residents 65 or older.

University of Kentucky

Dr. Eli Capilouto, President, University of Kentucky; and Angie Martin, Vice President for Financial Planning and Chief Budget Officer, University of Kentucky provided a presentation regarding the UK additional budget requests.

In response to Representative Baker, President Capilouto said that the university works

tirelessly to be in compliance with the 2025 Regular Session House Bill 4 regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion.

In response to Representative Tipton, President Capilouto noted that the original Albert B. Chandler hospital has beds that are over sixty years old. There is a need to replace and increase the number of hospital beds available.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.