

# BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

## Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2023 Interim

July 19, 2023

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The 2nd meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education was held on July 19, 2023, at 10:30 AM in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Matthew Deneen, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### Present were:

Members: Senator Matthew Deneen, Co-Chair; Representative Kim Banta, Co-Chair; Representative Bobby McCool, Co-Chair; Representative James Tipton, Senator Christian McDaniel, Senator Gerald A. Neal, Senator Stephen West, Representative Adam Bowling, Representative Derrick Graham, Representative Scott Lewis, Representative Steve Riley, and Representative Killian Timoney.

Guests: Dr. Koffi Akakpo, President, Kentucky State University; Tammi Dukes, Kentucky State University Board of Regents, Chair; Travis Powell, Vice President and General Counsel, Council on Postsecondary Education; Dr. Juston Pate, President, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College; Jessie Schook, Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development, Kentucky Community and Technical College System

LRC Staff: Justin Smith, Ethan Williams, and Amie Elam.

The minutes from June 7, 2023 meeting were approved by voice vote.

### Kentucky State University (KSU) Update

Newly named KSU President, Dr. Koffi Akakpo, provided the subcommittee with an update on the state of the the university. Mr. Travis Powell, updated the committee regarding HB 250 deliverables, including the faculty and staff evaluation process.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Mr. Powell will provide the subcommittee with a report on faculty and staff performance reviews, an updated organizational chart, and program updates. Ms. Dukes answered that KSU expects to complete the Fiscal Year (FY) 21 financial audit by July 31, 2023, and the FY 22 financial audit by the end of August 2023. Dr. Akakpo said that he informed senior management officials at Sodexo, the facilities management company, that they have 30 days to improve or he will cancel the contract. Dr. Akakpo stated there is a transition plan in place should the contract be canceled.

In response to a question from Senator Neal, Dr. Akakpo said that KSU will be requesting funding for a health sciences building in the upcoming budget cycle.

In response to a question from Senator West, Dr. Akakpo stated that KSU must grow enrollment to be able to meet financial obligations.

### Workforce Development

Representatives from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) spoke to the committee about workforce development in the Commonwealth. The presentation included information about the impact of KCTCS on Kentucky's economy and workforce, and program and funding challenges.

In response to a question from Representative Timoney, Dr. Pate said that KCTCS has been involved in every phase of the battery plant project in Glendale. He said that the investment the legislature has made in the training facility and other facets of the project have been critical in allowing KCTCS to continue to grow the workforce pipeline needed to move the battery plant forward.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Dr. Pate stated that KCTCS is very supportive of performance-based funding. He said that the biggest challenge is the volatility that comes with performance-based funding not being added to the base. He added that he is hopeful there will be changes made to the performance metrics for two year institutions versus four year institutions.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:46.