

LOTTERY TRUST FUND TASK FORCE
Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the 2023 Interim
November 2, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 6th meeting of the Lottery Trust Fund Task Force was held on November 2, 2023, at 3:00 PM in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Matthew Deneen, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Bobby McCool Co-Chair; Senator Matthew Deneen Co-Chair; Senators Gary Boswell, Gerald A. Neal, Lindsey Tichenor, and Mike Wilson; Representatives Daniel Grossberg, Steve Rawlings, Steve Riley, and Killian Timoney.

Guests: Dr. Matt Berry, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Statistics; Dr. Beth Kelly, Research Director, Kentucky Center for Statistics; and Becky Gilpatrick, Director of Student Aid, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority

LRC Staff: Cynthia Brown, Joshua Collins, Katy Jenkins, Haley Webb, Justin Smith, and Mariah Derringer-Lackey.

Minutes Approval for the October 19, 2023 meeting

On a motion from Representative Timoney, second from Senator Boswell, the minutes from the October 19, 2023, meeting were approved.

Work Ready Dual Credit Scholarship

Dr. Matt Berry, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Statistics; Dr. Beth Kelly, Research Director, Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS); and Becky Gilpatrick, Director of Student Aid Services, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, provided a presentation on the Work Ready Dual Credit scholarship (WKDC). Background information on the scholarship was given which provided demographics of recipients and enrollment. Graphs were presented that showed the WKDC recipients against all high school graduates and recipients of the dual credit scholarship. Information was given on high school success, college-going behavior, and employment outcomes.

In response to Senator Deneen, Ms. Gilpatrick explained the dual credit scholarship was not available for career and technical education courses due to budget language.

In response to Representative McCool, Ms. Kelly explained the dual credit scholarship started in 2019. Currently, there is not enough data to answer whether the scholarship is affecting postsecondary rates.

In response to Senator Neal, Dr. Kelly explained that the breakdown of demographics was a snapshot. Data on minorities is not in the presentation but is available. Dr. Berry confirmed that all relevant demographic data would be shown in future presentations.

In response to Senator Tichenor, Ms. Gilpatrick explained who paid for the courses before the dual credit scholarship. Sometimes the districts covered the fees, or the student paid the fees.

In response to Senator Tichenor, Ms. Gilpatrick confirmed the dual credit partnerships were with public universities, Kentucky Community and Technical College campuses, and numerous private institutions.

In response to Senator Boswell, Dr. Kelly clarified KYSTATS has the eligibility status of students for free or reduced lunch.

In response to Senator Boswell, Senator Deneen clarified how high schools have different schedules and sometimes, students can get an associate's degree with the schedule. Ms. Gilpatrick discussed how state funding has affected the scholarship program.

Senator Deneen thanked the panel for their presentations throughout the interim.

Consideration of Lottery Trust Fund Task Force Recommendations

On a motion from Representative McCool, and a second from Representative Timoney, the proposed recommendations memorandum was approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.