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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:00am

Room 110 – Blatt Building

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Timothy A. “Tim” McGinnis on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All subcommittee members (Chair McGinnis; Representative Phillip Bowers; Representative Paul Wickensimer; Representative Robert Williams) were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Representative Michael Rivers; was not present.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

Approval of Minutes

- I. Representative Wickensimer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from prior meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

| Rep. Wickensimer's motion to approve meeting minutes. | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
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| Rep. Bowers | ✓ | | |
| Rep. McGinnis | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Rivers | | | ✓. |
| Rep. Wickensimer | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Williams | | | ✓ |

Discussion of Commission on Higher Education, Findings and Recommendations

- I. Chair McGinnis acknowledges that, Zachary Christian, Deputy Director of Tuition Grants Commission was sworn in at the February 27, 2025, and that he remains under oath.
- II. Deputy Director Christian then continues presenting the overview of the agency with Executive Director Harrison presenting on specific information.
- III. Topics of Discussion include:
- a. Five-year enrollment statistics
 - b. Program marketing initiatives
 - c. Agency financial Overview
 - d. Staff salaries
 - e. Tuition grants & lottery allocations

Throughout the testimony, members ask Deputy Director Christian and Executive Director Harrison questions, and they respond accordingly.

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.