

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COLLEGE AND CAREER INTEREST TASKFORCE**

**December 6, 2018**

A meeting of the College and Career Interest Taskforce was called to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. at the Illinois State Board of Education, 100 North First Street, 3rd Floor, Springfield and at the Illinois State Board of Education, Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-300, Chicago, Illinois.

**Attendance:** Dr. Eric Lichtenberger presided over the meeting. The following task force members were present:

**College and Career Interest Task Force Members**

Name	Affiliation
Dr. Latrice Eggleston-Williams	Chicago State University
Bobbi Kingery	Eastern Illinois University
Marco Krcatovich, II	Governors State University
Jana Albrecht	Illinois State University
Jon Furr	Northern Illinois University
Jaime Britt Conley-Holt	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Scott Belobrajdic	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Thy Nguyen	University of Illinois at Chicago
Dan Mann	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Nathan Wilson	Illinois Community College Board
Eddie Brambila	Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Mary Reynolds	Illinois State Board of Education
Diane Hendren	Illinois Association of School Administrators
Peg Agnos	Legislative Education Network of DuPage
Alison Maley	Illinois Principals Association
Sue McCance	Illinois Association of School Boards
John Burkey	Large Unit District Association
Cynthia Riseman	Illinois Federation of Teachers
Ja'Neane Minor	Advance Illinois
Cassie Creswell	Raise Your Hand
Kurt Hilgendorf	Chicago Teachers Union
Laura Farr	Chicago Public Schools
Eric Lichtenberger	Illinois Board of Higher Education

Dr. Lichtenberger provided an overview of what occurred at the first meeting and asked the task force if it was a fair representation. No objection were voiced.

Several members of the task force raised the importance of examining student privacy law during the first meeting; therefore, the second meeting centered on student privacy and related laws.

Jon Furr, who is serving on the task force and represents Northern Illinois University, gave a presentation on FERPA and other student privacy legislation.\*

Claudia E. Castro, Assistant Council for the Illinois State Board of Education, led a discussion centered on student privacy from the ISBE/ K-12 perspective.

Dr. Scott Belobrajdic, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, gave a presentation on the utility of different data sources for college and universities.\*

The group discussed the possibility of breaking into smaller working groups, while at the same time considering the time constraints associated with the work of the task force (January 30th deadline).

No formal action or votes were taken.

### **Emerging Themes:**

- Discussion centered on the need to consider FERPA as we are developing recommendations related to the charge of the task force. Other regulations governing student privacy were mentioned such as PRRA and IDEA/ADA and some members mentioned the lack of direct connection of those pieces of legislation to the charge of the taskforce. Others mentioned it might be beneficial to determine the solutions or potential recommendations first and then review pertinent student privacy law.
- Questions about the interpretation of the intent to enroll exception within FERPA. A task force member posited the following question: would listing a school on the FAFSA indicate such an intent to enroll? In other words, when is intent sufficiently signaled and how would/could that be related to the work of the taskforce?
- Suggested moving beyond data-specific recommendations and focusing on solutions that are more program specific such as developing P-20 to career pathways, partnership development across the P-20 spectrum, and regional economic development.
- Worth establishing a mechanism in which parental consent could be obtained.
- Ensuring that the college and career interest information of first generation students, or students who did not expect to go to college, but are college ready could be more readily shared with colleges (or public colleges).
- Ensuring that the data are not used in an exclusionary way and that the task force should consider making recommendations about how any shared information would be used, focusing on the algorithms that employed in predictive analytics associated with admissions and enrollment management practices.
- Reiterated the need for stable funding for higher education. This was somewhat related to another emerging theme that was brought up in both the first and second meetings. As a task force, we should consider framing the problem and address why this viewed as an issue in this state. In other words, what problem(s) are we attempting to solve; and what happens in other states.
- The need for funding for HS guidance counselors and that the current ratio of students to HS guidance counselors is significantly higher than best practices.
- Scott Belobrajdic presented on the importance of having labor market information and highlighted the utility of using such information as a way to structure educational offerings and bring together government, education, and business/industry. He discussed the practice of moving away from what faculty want to teach to focus on the skillsets that are needed by business (which are often described as what one would learn with a traditional liberal arts education). It was also suggested that value to the region?
- Questions about ACT/SAT being able to license data without parental consent. This raised the issue of whether parental notification is suffice.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

\*All slides were provided to the task force at the conclusion of the meeting.