

Office of the Governor
STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Order 2018-4

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming seeks to increase the number of its working population 25 – 64 who possess a valuable post-secondary credential (certificate or degree); and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming has established an educational attainment goal of 67 percent by 2025 and 82 percent by 2040; and

WHEREAS, we must increase high school graduation rates, close higher education attainment gaps, and increase opportunities for Wyoming workers to obtain post-secondary credentials; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming, the Wyoming Department of Education, and Wyoming's Community Colleges have all committed to increasing educational attainment; and

WHEREAS, in order to be achieved, the goal requires collaboration and cooperation among all education organizations and workforce as well as the state's business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, I, Matthew H. Mead, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby issue this Executive Order providing as follows:

1. There is created the Wyoming Educational Attainment Executive Council (Council) as a means of accomplishing the goals established in Executive Order 2018-1.
2. The Council shall:
 - a. Establish a five-year and a 10-year strategic plan to reach the Wyoming educational attainment goal;
 - b. Convene stakeholders to develop these strategic plans;
 - c. Convene meetings with stakeholders and the public across Wyoming to obtain necessary information and suggestions on strategic plan elements;
 - d. Include an analysis of opportunities coordinated across priority economic sectors as identified by the ENDOW Executive Council; and
 - e. Establish appropriate data metrics and performance indicators in the development of the strategic plan and communicate relevant data to the governor, state legislators and the public.

3. The President of the University of Wyoming and a President of one of the Wyoming community colleges are included as voting members of the Council and shall serve as Council co-chairs.
4. The Council shall consist of 15 members, including:
 - a. The President of the University of Wyoming;
 - b. The Executive Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC);
 - c. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or her designee;
 - d. A President of a Wyoming community college as selected by the President's Council;
 - e. Two members of the ENDOW Executive Council;
 - f. A Wyoming school district Superintendent;
 - g. A representative of the Governor's Office;
 - h. The Director of the Department of Workforce Services;
 - i. A representative of the University of Wyoming, designated by the President of the University of Wyoming, whose duties are directly aligned with enrollment services and student success;
 - j. The Chief Executive Officer of the Wyoming Business Council;
 - k. An individual with expertise in the delivery of education to individuals on the Wind River Indian Reservation;
 - l. A member of the WCCC with experience on the Complete College Wyoming initiative, as selected by the WCCC;
 - m. One member of the Wyoming Senate, as appointed by the President of the Senate; and
 - n. One member of the Wyoming House of Representatives, as appointed by the Speaker of the House.
5. The Council may convene subcommittees and involve stakeholders as necessary.
6. The Council shall be housed within the WCCC, with support from the University of Wyoming, the Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Services.
7. The Council shall report quarterly and provide copies of each strategic plan to the Governor, the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, the WCCC, the ENDOW Executive Council and the Joint Education Committee of the Legislature quarterly.

This Executive Order takes effect upon my signature and remains in effect until replaced or rescinded.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 29 day of August, 2018.


Matthew H. Mead
Governor