

Docket Item:

The State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) : Orientation, Resources and Discussion

Summary:

The State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) is a national organization that serves the chief executives of statewide governing, policy, and coordinating boards of postsecondary education and their staffs. HECC Executive Director Ben Cannon represents the State of Oregon at SHEEO and was elected the organization's Chair for 2022-23. HECC policy and research staff routinely utilize SHEEO-published resources and attend SHEEO conferences and convenings.

Rob Anderson is President of SHEEO. He will provide the HECC with an overview of SHEEO and its members, identify some of the common challenges facing state higher education boards, and describe opportunities for partnership and problem-solving.

About SHEEO:

Founded in 1954, SHEEO promotes an environment that values higher education and its role in ensuring the equitable education of all Americans, regardless of race/ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic factors. Together with its members, SHEEO aims to achieve this vision by equipping state higher education executive officers and their staffs with the tools to effectively advance the value of higher education, promoting public policies and academic practices that enable all Americans to achieve success in the 21st century, and serving as an advocate for state higher education leadership.

About SHEEO President Rob Anderson:

Robert E. Anderson became president of SHEEO in August 2017, working out of SHEEO's Boulder office. In this role, Dr. Anderson provides strategic leadership for the association and is an essential member of the broader higher education community and a strong and vehement advocate for public policy that addresses the postsecondary needs of all. Prior to accepting the appointment at SHEEO, Dr. Anderson served as a vice chancellor at the University System of Georgia, executive vice chancellor for administration at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, and as the director of research and planning at the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. A native of Augusta, Georgia, Dr. Anderson holds degrees from The Citadel (B.A.), The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and the University of Georgia's Institute of Higher Education (Ph.D.).

Staff Recommendation:

No Commission action is required. This is a discussion and informational item.