

# INDIANA HIGHLIGHTS

2023-2024

## OVERVIEW

Indiana enacted authorizing legislation in 1996 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Over the past 29 years, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from Indiana have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

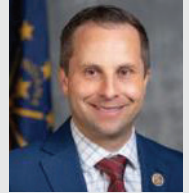
## HOW MHEC BENEFITS INDIANA

- ▶ **\$6.54M in total annual savings.** Indiana colleges, universities, school districts, state and local governments, and students and their families realized more than \$6.54M in cost and time savings through MHEC’s contracts and programs.
  - » *Technology Contracts.* Indiana entities saved \$3.5M through MHEC contracts with Dell, Oracle, Xerox, CampusGuard, Lenovo, and others.
  - » *Distance Education.* By participating in the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA), Indiana saved approximately \$2.3M and avoided a costly state-by-state, institution-by-institution approach.
  - » *Tuition Reciprocity.* Indiana students and their families who participated in the Midwest Student Exchange Program saved \$747,280.
- ▶ **Strong return on investment.** Indiana received a 57-fold return on annual compact membership commitment of \$115,000.
- ▶ **Open Educational Resources.** MHEC supported Indiana with grant funds to support librarians and educators across the state to attend Creative Commons Certificate training and to support the OER State Action Team to meet with leaders of public and independent institutions.
- ▶ **Professional Development and Support.** Six Indiana leaders attended MHEC’s FAFSA Summit and eight attended the follow-up call session. Five technology leaders engaged in MHEC’s free professional development and networking. MHEC co-presented at the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships with Ball State University leaders.

## COMMISSIONERS



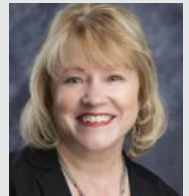
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Indiana General  
Assembly, State  
Representative



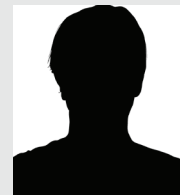
**Spencer Deery**  
Indiana General  
Assembly, State  
Senator



**Charles Johnson**  
Vincennes University,  
President



**Dottie King**  
Independent Colleges  
of Indiana, President  
and CEO



**Vacancy**  
Appointing Authority:  
IN Governor  
(Designee)



The Midwestern Higher Education Compact seeks to improve individual career readiness and regional economic vitality through collective problem-solving and partnerships that strengthen postsecondary education. To achieve this vision, the Compact focuses its work in three strategic priority areas:

## **INCUBATE**

*Advance innovation, efficiency & effectiveness*

- » Serve as an incubator, studying challenging topics where MHEC can play a valuable role and piloting potential solutions.
- » Lead in expanding use and utility of open educational resources.
- » Respond rapidly to member states' requests for research on pressing topics such as workforce development, loan forgiveness programs, and college affordability.
- » Provide state-by-state data through an interactive dashboard on key performance indicators including preparation, participation, affordability, completion, finance, and workforce.

## **LAUNCH**

*Develop collaborative solutions to regional problems and opportunities*

- » Take on projects, issues and opportunities that are too big for one state to do alone, working jointly to improve higher education and to strengthen the Midwest region.
- » Convene and connect higher education leaders to navigate timely and critical issues facing higher education, such as FAFSA, distance education delivery, and tuition reciprocity.
- » Help Midwestern states navigate accreditation standards to meet the significant increase in demand for dual and concurrent enrollment.

## **SAVE**

*Drive cost savings & business solutions*

- » Leverage the combined technology needs of higher education institutions in member states to reach favorable agreements with technology vendors that result in tremendous time and cost savings.
- » Explore opportunities to serve risk management needs.
- » Offer affordable solutions that improve student well-being.