



**Program Review Process Advisory Council
Agenda
April 20, 2026, 10-11am**

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 Minutes)
2. Updates on Draft Regulations & Feedback Incorporation (15 Minutes)
 - Workforce Needs
 - Program modality and admissions criteria moved from the 'may consider' into the 'shall consider' section
 - Revised language regarding 'any other factor'
3. Duplication Analysis: Deep Dive (30 Minutes)
 - Modality: Discuss using modality as a factor in the duplication analysis
 - See [October 2017 Commission Meeting Materials](#)
 - New requirement from HB1244: [Education Article §11-206.4](#) program review process for new proposed programs that (1) Are offered only online and to a majority of out-of-state students; and (2) Enable the institutions of higher education in the State to compete with out-of-state competitors in the online marketplace (still objectionable; duplication analysis still applies)
4. Forthcoming discussions in 2026
 - outline of a guidance document
 - draft regulations for Letters of Intent
5. Other Business
 - 2026 Workforce Needs Analysis currently under development

2026 Meeting Schedule (3rd Monday, 10am-11am):

January 26 (pushed back 1 week due to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
April 20
May 18
June 15
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 14 (pushed up 1 week due to various winter break start dates)

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