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Chancellor

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RE: Progress Report Review

DATE: May 20, 2025

The Commission has received the Progress Report submitted by Pathways College in spring 2025 and acted to continue the Notice of Concern and proceed to the fall 2025 Special Visit as scheduled.

As a result of a Progress Report submitted by Pathways in August 2024 the Commission, in Action letter dated August 29, 2024, issued a Notice of Concern and required two further Progress Reports, one to be submitted by October 15, 2024 and a second to be submitted by March 15, 2024. WSCUC received the Progress Reports from Pathways College in October 2024 and reviewed it with the Executive Committee, which determined that the Notice of Concern should stay in place. The March 2025 Progress Report was requested to address:

1. enrollment;
2. the status of Pathways' application for Title IV recognition; and
3. the status and documentation of formal commitments from donors for projected student scholarships.

As a part of the Progress Report, Pathways provided (a) PCI Income Statement; (b) enrollment projections and actuals through March 2025; (c) an update to the Title IV application; (d) Hawkeye support letter; and (e) a resume for the new chancellor, Christie DeGregorio.

#### Enrollment Update

Pathways has reported a fall enrollment of 17 full-time, degree-seeking students and 249 part-time/dual-enrollment students. These include 12 new bachelor's students. For spring 2025, Pathways reports 23 full-time students, including 7 new students and 1 drop. Part-time students dropped from fall to 218. The income statement projects revenues of \$1.2 million seemingly based upon cuts in certified personnel. However, revenue from tuition is projected at a loss. So, it remains difficult to tell how Pathways becomes sustainable financially in the immediate future.

#### Status of Title IV Application

Pathways submitted a letter from the Chief Academic Officer indicating that Pathways is in the process of working with legal counsel to resolve outstanding issues for the Title IV application

with the US Department of Education. As a part of its efforts to comply with USDE requests, Pathways brought on a new chancellor with higher education experience. However, Pathways has not submitted evidence that the USDE has replied with a resolution to the institution's Title IV application.

#### Donor Commitments

Pathways submitted a letter from Hawkeye Properties and Workforce Innovation, Inc., signed by the organization's Chief Operating Officer, confirming a commitment to donate an additional \$620,000 for scholarships in March 2025.

#### **Summary**

Pathways has submitted documents to address each of the areas requested by the Commission. The documents provided show that Pathways is maintaining its enrollment and continuing to receive support from its major donor, Hawkeye Properties and Workforce Innovation, Inc. The documentation submitted does not provide evidence of Title IV approval from the Department of Education.

Pathways has a Special Visit scheduled for fall 2025.