



Strategic Planning
Annual Commission Meeting
November 2021

Session Objectives

- Review and approve the mission, vision and strategic priorities, as recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee
- Provide input on MHEC's values, to be drafted by the Strategic Planning Committee and presented to the Commissioners for approval in early 2022



Mission

What good we do and for whom

MHEC brings together midwestern states to develop and support best practices, collaborative efforts, and cost-sharing opportunities. Through these efforts it works to ensure strong, equitable postsecondary educational opportunities and outcomes for all.



Vision

The impact we seek

To improve the economic vitality and competitiveness of the Midwest region through collective problem-solving and partnerships that strengthen postsecondary education.

Strategic Priorities



Innovation, efficiency & effectiveness

- Serve as an incubator, discussing research and ideas and piloting potential solutions in a low-risk environment.
- Study challenging topics (such as declining enrollment, learning gaps, affordability) and consider how MHEC could/should play a role in addressing the issue.

Strategic Priorities



Regional problem solving

- Take on projects and issues that are too big for one state to do alone, working jointly to improve higher education and to make the Midwest region stronger and more competitive.
- Convene leaders to share successful models and approaches that institutions and states can adopt and tailor.

Strategic Priorities



Cost savings & business solutions

- Drive savings for institutions, states, and students.
- Help solve key business problems.
- Protect investments in higher education by collaborating and reducing risk.

Principles of the Strategic Plan

- We will continually evaluate the purpose and impact of our work to be as responsive and valuable as possible to MHEC members.
- We will integrate diversity, equity and inclusion into all aspects of our planning and operations.
- We will be intentional within each priority about articulating who is served, who we want to participate, and who benefits.

Values discussion

What will guide our behavior, relationships, and decision making at MHEC?

- What is most important to us in our work with MHEC? What is important to the collective group, despite our differences?
- What helps MHEC be most successful?
- What are those values that need to be present no matter the topic, convening, issue, etc.?
- How do you see/want to see these values show up in our work?