



CEC Governing Board Meeting February 23, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

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Call to Order Laura called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. with the reading of the Mission Statement.

Mission Statement

Colorado Early Colleges' mission is to prepare a diverse population of students for life by developing their mind, body and character through rigorous academic studies, and character development activities in cooperation with the community we serve.

All students, regardless of background or skill level, will have the opportunity to pursue a growth mindset that will allow them to achieve mastery and will demonstrate that they can succeed in school, in college, and in their chosen career.

No exceptions. No excuses.

Attendees:

- Board of Governors: Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Arthur Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, Fish Abrhaley, and Roger LaMarca (absent)
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks and Amber DeCarli
- Other staff as required: Kitty M., Alli S., Stephanie L., Sarah B., Tom S., Keshia M., Dee Dee V., Jennifer D., Maren B., Hannah R., Cameron M., Mark M., and Brenda R.

Approval of Agenda – Art made a motion to approve the agenda. Fish 2nd. Approved.

Correspondence/Board Comments - None

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Academics
 - CDE Audit of MTH
 - The requested early audit of My Tech High (MTH) was completed in January. Sandi met with CDE, CSI, and MTH representatives regarding next steps.

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Revised agenda posted at approximately 3:20 pm on February 23, 2024.

- School Finance Act Update
 - Sandi shared that the State Board of Education did not vote on the revised School Finance Act; the vote may occur in March or April. CEC is working with legal counsel to push back on the portion of the Act that states that a full-time student must take 12 college credits as this will impact students on plans. If the revised School Finance Act is passed, it will affect how CEC schools enroll students into classes for fall 2024.
- 2024 Graduation and Promotion Ceremonies
 - Recommendation to Rename “Founder’s Scholarship Award” to the “Keith King Scholarship Award”.
 - Sandi recommended that the “Founder’s Scholarship Award” be renamed to the “Keith King Scholarship Award” effective with the 2024 graduating class.
 - Promotion and Graduation Ceremonies Dates, Times, and Locations
 - Friday, May 10, 2024**
 - CEC Colorado Springs MS 8th Grade Promotion @ 8:30 a.m. CECCS MS Basecamp
 - Laura is Attending
 - Wednesday, May 15, 2024**
 - CEC Online Campus 8th Grade Promotion @ 10:00 a.m. Virtual via Teams
 - Laura Can Record Message if Requested
 - CEC Fort Collins MS 8th Grade Promotion @ 4:30 p.m. CEC Fort Collins HS King Auditorium
 - Need Board Member To Speak if Requested
 - Thursday, May 16, 2024**
 - CEC Windsor 8th Grade Promotion @ 5:00 p.m. CEC Fort Collins HS King Auditorium
 - Need Board Member To Speak if Requested
 - CEC Windsor Graduation @ 7:00 p.m. CEC Fort Collins HS King Auditorium
 - Board Remarks
 - Friday, May 17, 2024**
 - CEC Douglas County Graduation @ 9:00 a.m. Gaylord of the Rockies, 6700 N. Gaylord of the Rockies Blvd., Aurora, 80019
 - Board Remarks
 - CEC Online Campus Graduation @ 10:00 a.m. Virtual via Teams
 - Laura Can Record Message if Requested
 - CEC Colorado Springs Graduation @ 2:00 p.m. UCCS Gallogly Event Center, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Colorado Springs, 80918
 - Board Remarks
 - Saturday, May 18, 2024**
 - CEC Fort Collins Graduation @ 2:00 p.m. (Board arrives by 1:20 p.m.) Embassy Suites, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, CO 80538
 - Laura is Attending
 - **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**
 - CEC Aurora Graduation @ 11:00 a.m. Hyatt Regency Aurora - Denver Conference Center, 13200 E 14th Pl, Aurora, CO 80011
 - Laura is Attending
 - Laura asked Board members to let her know by early next week which promotion and/or graduation ceremonies they will attend and if they could say a few words (3-5 minutes) at the ceremonies noted above by “Board Remarks.”

- Colorado League of Charter Schools' Hall of Fame Finalists (Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 6 p.m. @ Marriott DTC) Register is free, but required.
 - Hannah Reese, CEC Aurora, Leader of the Year
 - Sharla Butkovich, parent, CEC Parker, Advocate of the Year
 - Keith King, Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Alfredo Beltran Aguirre, CEC Aurora, Educator of the Year
 - Tara Hedberg, CEC Parker, Educator of the Year
- Operations/Safety
 - SSO RFP Update
 - Communication regarding the School Security Officer Initiative was sent to all CEC staff and families on February 16, 2024. The parent letter, Frequently Asked Questions, and the RFP are posted to the CEC website on the School Safety page. 23 RFPs were sent out and three companies have expressed interest in the pre-proposal meeting and school tours.
- Facilities
 - Sandi summarized the various facilities work and projects happening across CEC campuses.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- 2nd Quarter Financials
 - Cameron highlighted the 2nd quarter financials and noted that he has no concerns.

Public Comment - None

The Board welcomes Public Comment. Please keep comments to 3 minutes or less per person. Should you have a question for the Board that requires a response, please submit your question via email to the CEC Governing Board President, Laura Calhoun, at cecgoverningboard@coloradoearlycolleges.org who will then respond to your question via email.

Executive Session

- C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a), the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest, specifically the sale of the Parker campus.
- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) conference with CEC's attorneys to receive legal advice on investigation updates, an employee's request for an appeal hearing, discuss risk assessment options, and the use and documentation of executive sessions.
- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) personnel matters, specifically to discuss updates on employment investigation and an employee's request for an appeal hearing.
 - At 4:09 p.m. Larry made a motion to enter Executive Session per C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a), the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest, specifically the sale of the Parker campus; C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) conference with CEC's attorneys to receive legal advice on investigation updates, an employee's request for an appeal hearing, discuss risk assessment options, and the use and documentation of executive sessions; and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) personnel matters, specifically to discuss updates on employment investigation and an employee's request for an appeal hearing. Art 2nd. Invited into Executive Session were all present Board members, Dustin Sparks, and Amber DeCarli. At 4:11 p.m. Sandi Brown, Mark Murbach, and Cameron Mascoll were called into Executive Session. Board member Terry McDonald joined the Board meeting during the Executive Session.
 - At 5:21 p.m. Sandi Brown, Mark Murbach, and Cameron Mascoll left the Executive Session. The remaining Board members in attendance along with Amber DeCarli and Dustin Sparks remained in executive session for the remainder of executive sessions.

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Revised agenda posted at approximately 3:20 pm on February 23, 2024.

- At 5:28 p.m. the Board moved into their second executive session to receive legal advice on personal matters related to an employee’s request for an appeal hearing.
- At 5:54 p.m. the Board exited their executive session to receive legal advice on personal matters related to an employee’s request for an appeal hearing and moved into executive session to review personnel matters specifically related to an employee's request for an appeal hearing. The Board ended the executive session to review personnel matters specifically related to an employee's request for an appeal hearing at 6:16 p.m.
- At 6:19 p.m. the Board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters, specifically related to discuss updates on ongoing employment investigation. At 7:12 p.m. the Board entered into executive session to obtain legal advice, specifically related to updates on an ongoing employment investigation. At 7:43 p.m. the Board reentered the executive session to discuss personnel matters, specifically related to discuss updates on ongoing employment investigation.
- Larry made a motion to exit Executive Session. Jessie 2nd. All Board members, Dustin Sparks, and Amber DeCarli rejoined the public meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Board Action

- Approve 01.18.2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Art made a motion to approve the 01.18.2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Jessie 2nd. Approved.
- Vote on employee’s request for an appeal hearing before the Board
 - Larry made a motion that the Board vote “No” regarding the employee’s request for an appeal hearing before the Board. Art 2nd.
 - Roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish – Yes
 - Roger -Absent
- Approve Letter From the Board to the CEA and Legal Counsel Regarding Sale of CEC Parker
 - Jessie made a motion to amend the agenda and add approval of a letter from the Board to the CEA and legal counsel regarding the sale of CEC Parker. Fish 2nd. Meeting minutes reflect this change.
 - Roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish – Yes
 - Roger -Absent
 - Dustin Sparks read the letter aloud into public record.
 - Terry made a motion to approve the letter as read. Jessie 2nd.
 - Roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes

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- Jessie – Yes
- Larry – Yes
- Fish – Yes
- Roger -Absent

Other Business

- Honoring Keith King – Board agreed to table this topic to the March 9, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting.
- Who is Attending the March 9, 2024 CEC Governing Board Retreat and Meeting In Person or Virtually – Roger will attend the March 9, 2024 CEC Governing Board Retreat/Meeting virtually. Fish will be absent due to a previous commitment. All other Board members will attend in-person.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- March 9, 2024
 - In Person Board Retreat @ 8 a.m. CEC Inverness
 - In Person Board Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. CEC Inverness
- April 19, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.
- May 10, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned - Laura adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed

Fish Abrhaley

Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary