



CEC Governing Board Meeting September 15, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.

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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 3:30 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
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks and Kristen McCarthy
- Other staff as required: Brenda R., Dee Dee V., Tom S., Jennifer D., Stephanie L., Cameron M., Alli S., Kelly S., George S., Keshia M., Kitty M., Maren B., and Hannah R.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments – Laura commented that the CSI visits at CEC Douglas County campuses and CEC Windsor were great and enjoyed listening to the student, parents, and staff panels. Laura also asked Board members to consistently check their CEC email.

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Marketing and Enrollment
 - All schools are doing well with enrollment and, as a Network, CEC is over its budgeted FTE goal.
 - Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens November 1, 2023

- Academics
 - Daniels Fund and CEC Colorado Springs CTE Programming and EPHA Programming
 - CEC was awarded \$500,000 over 2 years to support programming and equipment for CEC Colorado Springs CTE pathways, and to support Everest Point Homeschool Academy at Colorado Springs.
 - School Performance Data Summary – Ryan Marks Attending October Board Meeting
 - Ryan Marks will attend the October 13, 2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting and review the CARS reports with the Board.
 - Schools will work this coming year to increase student participation in state assessments.
 - MTH and Homeschooling in the State of Colorado
 - CDE is instituting new funding rules for this October Count that focus on student/teacher instructional time as well as how attendance is taken in order to “count” a student for funding.
 - Sandi is working with CSI and Dustin to ask for more time to enable MTH to comply with the new funding rules. CEC is collaborating with 2 other Colorado school districts who also offer MTH to their students.
 - SAC Meeting Calendars For Board Attendance
 - School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meeting calendars are available to Board members. Sandi asked if a Board member wants to attend a school’s SAC meeting to please let Brenda know so she can, in turn, let the school leader know.
 - Summary Approved School Clubs and Associations
 - A list of approved school clubs and associations to date is now available to Board members.
 - Update on CEC Douglas County and CEC Windsor Charter Renewals
 - The CSI charter renewal process is going well. Sandi thanked Keshia Medellin, Maren Blind, and Kelly Smith for their work in making their visits extremely successful.
- Safety
 - CEC Colorado Springs Security Patrol and Homelessness
 - CEC has hired a third-party security company to provide 24-hour patrols of the Colorado Springs campus.
 - “No Trespassing/Private Property” signs have been ordered and will be installed.
 - The security company will add physical patrols of school buses to their night rounds.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- Audit Update
 - Cameron informed the Board that the audit is going well, and we will meet all deadlines.

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 laura.calhoun@coloradoearlycolleges.org who will then respond to your question via email.

Executive Session

- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(d) specialized details of security arrangements, specifically review of CEC’s security plans.
- C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) for conferences with the attorney for CEC, specifically to receive legal advice related to: security plans, policies, governance responsibilities of the Board, and compliance with changes in laws applicable to Colorado schools.

- At 4:07 p.m. Jessie made a motion to enter Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(d) specialized details of security arrangements, specifically review of CEC’s security plans and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) for conferences with the attorney for CEC, specifically to receive legal advice related to: security plans, policies, governance responsibilities of the Board, and compliance with changes in laws applicable to Colorado schools. Invite into Executive Session were Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Arthur Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, Fish Abrhaley, Roger LaMarca, Sandi Brown, Dustin Sparks, Kristen McCarthy, Brenda R., Dee Dee V., Tom S., Jennifer D., Stephanie L., Cameron M., Alli S., Kelly S., George S., Keshia M., Kitty M., Maren B., and Hannah R. Larry 2nd. Approved. Brenda R. left the Executive Session once the recording was started.
- At 4:49 p.m. the following individuals left Executive Session: Dee Dee V., Tom S., Jennifer D., Stephanie L., Cameron M., Alli S., Kelly S., George S., Keshia M., Kitty M., Maren B., and Hannah R.
- At 5:11 p.m. George S., and Kitty M. left Executive Session.
- At 5:43 p.m. Brenda was invited back into Executive Session.
- At 5:46 p.m. the Board moved out of Executive Session without a motion.

Board Action

- Approve August 18, 2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Larry made a motion to approve the August 18, 2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Jessie 2nd. Approved
- Approve CEC Enrollment Policy
 - Art made a motion to approve the CEC Enrollment Policy. Larry 2nd. Approved.
- Approve CEC Suspension/Expulsion of Students Policy
 - Art made a motion to approve the CEC Suspension/Expulsion of Students policy with edits discussed in Executive Session. Jessie 2nd. Approved
- Approve CEC Student Interviews, Interrogations, and Searches Policy
 - Terry made a motion to approve CEC Student Interviews, Interrogations, and Searches Policy. Art 2nd. Approved.

Other Business - None

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- October 13, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.
- November 17, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.
- December 15, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned – 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed

Fish Abrhaley

Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary