



CEC Governing Board Meeting

May 13, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 3:31 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, Robin Phillips (absent), Jessie Mathis, Papa Dia (absent), and Larry Mohr
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks, Amber DeCarli, and Kristen McCarthy
- Other staff as required: Cameron M., Tom S., Jeb H., Collin T., Cory H., Hannah R., Keshia M., Stephanie L., Brenda R., Jay E., Kelly S., and Jennifer D.

Approval of Agenda – Jessie put forth a motion to approve the agenda. Larry 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment - none

The Board welcomes Public Comment. Please keep comments to 3 minutes or less per person. Should you have questions, please submit prior to the Board meeting to laura.calhoun@coloradoearlycolleges.org. The Board will respond to your questions via email.

Correspondence/Board Comments

- 2022-23 Governing Board School Visits
 - Laura summarized the Governing Board school visits for 2022-23 school year.
- Update from the National Alliance of Public Charter Schools Event in Washington D.C. Regarding Federal Grants
 - Laura and Robin Z. attended the event and represented CEC. Laura was selected to speak at the event on behalf of CEC. Laura reported over 1,000 charter school advocates attended and noted that it was great to hear what is happening around the nation with charter schools.

- Laura Calhoun, Director, Colorado League of Charter Schools Board
 - Laura was unanimously elected to serve on the Colorado League of Charter Schools Board. She starts her term in June.
- Art and Jessie attended the CEC Colorado Springs Middle School promotion ceremony and shared how the inaugural class of 8th graders marched from the middle school to the high school signaling their transition to high school.
- Robin, Laura, and Larry will attend the northern Colorado middle school promotions.
- Larry noted that he, Art, and Cameron held the 1st Finance Committee meeting.

Administration Report

- Hiring, Staffing, and Substitute Update – Sandi shared how HR has worked diligently to norm salaries across the Network and that CEC is competitive in the marketplace. Staffing needs across the network include mental health professionals, school nurses, bus drivers, IT, and math and science teachers. Sandi asked the board to send referrals to Stephanie L.
- Summer Facilities Work
 - Windsor Acceleration Lane – Work is in progress and going smoothly. No major issues foreseen. Project should be finished in 4-5 weeks.
 - Facilities work will start at all buildings. CEC is presenting for the BEST grant that will help facilities work at the Colorado Springs campus.
- CECFC West Closure – All is going well with the transition of the building to Liberty Commons and a timeline is set: AXIS moves out June 10, CEC will follow with Liberty moving in on July 1. CEC is working with CSI to disperse all items and equipment.
- MDOL Application Update – The Office of Postsecondary Workforce Readiness is recommending approval of CEC Online Campus as an Early College high school to the State Board of Education (SBE) in June. CEC’s MDOL application will be up for discussion and approval at the SBE’s June meeting in Estes Park. Sandi and the CEC Online Campus team, along with CSI representatives, will attend the June hearing in person.
 - The State Board of Education meeting is June 8 – 9, 2022 in Estes Park.
 - Board members should let Brenda R. know if they would like the link to watch our presentation.
- SAC End-of-Year Reports – The SAC committee reports were impressive with Sandi highlighting accomplishments from each campus.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- 3rd Quarter Financials – Cameron shared there were no red flags with 3rd quarter financials and reports have been submitted to CSI.
- Update on 2022-23 State Funding – PPR increased 6%; Capital Construction increased to \$10 million; CSI Mill Levy Equalization increased \$8 million; approximately \$80 million in additional funding for Special Education was approved by the legislature; CEC has applied for additional ESSR funds that were not dispersed and will put funds towards summer school and tutoring.
- Bond Refinance Update – Close to final closing date.
- Special Board Meeting to approve 2022-23 Budgets
 - Wednesday, June 15 @ 7:30 a.m.

Board Action

- Approve April 8, 2022 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve April 14, 2022 Special CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve May 3, 2022 Special CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes

- Terry made a motion to make all three Governing Board Meeting Minutes a Consent item. Jessie 2nd. All in favor.
- Approve Resolution 2022.05.13A Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings 2022-23
 - Terry made motion to approved; Larry 2nd. Board approved by roll call vote.
- Approve Resolution 2022.05.13B Resolution Designating Meeting Dates, Times and Public Places for Posting of Regular and Special Governing Board Meetings
 - Jessie made motion to approved; Larry 2nd. Board approved by roll call vote.
- Approve Resolution 2022.05.13C Defining and Implementing Guidance Related to Remote Learning During the 2022-23 School Year in Response to Disruptions Caused by the Spread of COVID-19
 - Terry made motion to approved; Larry 2nd. Board approved by roll call vote.
- Approve Resolution 2022.05.13D Concerning Colorado Early College Fort Collins West Middle School Closure
 - Larry made motion to approved; Jessie 2nd. Board approved by roll call vote.
- Approve Resolution 2022.05.13E Authorizing a Lease and Sale of Property
 - Terry made motion to approved; Jessie 2nd. Board approved by roll call vote.
- Approve Resolution 2022.05.13F Approving Spending and a Budget Amendment
 - Terry made motion to approved; Larry 2nd. Board approved by roll call vote.
- Election 2022-2023 CEC Governing Board Officers – Larry made a motion to make board officer elections a Consent item for approval; Jessie 2nd.
 - President – Laura Calhoun – elected by roll call vote.
 - Vice President – Terry McDonald – elected by roll call vote.
 - Secretary – open position.
 - Treasurer – Art Cyphers – elected by roll call vote.
- Election for CEC Governing Board Directors (3-year term)
 - Laura Calhoun – Terry made a motion to elect Laura to a 3 year term; Art 2nd. Laura was elected by roll call vote.
 - Jessie Mathis – Laura made a motion to elect Jessie to a 3 year term; Terry 2nd. Jessie was elected by roll call vote.
 - Laura noted that the board will be looking for two new Board members to represent Aurora and Douglas County. Board members should let Sandi know of possible candidates.

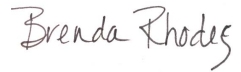
Executive Session

- Jessie made a motion at 4:22 p.m. to go into Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) conference with CEC’s attorney, Amber DeCarli and Kristen McCarthy, for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the ACLU letter presented to the Board and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) conference with CEC’s attorney, Amber DeCarli, for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding a student matter and processes. Invited to the 1st executive session were Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Art Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, Amber DeCarli, Kristen McCarthy, and Sandi Brown. Invited into the 2nd executive session were Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Art Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr and Amber DeCarli. Larry 2nd. All in Favor. The 1st portion of Executive Session started at 4:27 p.m.
- At 4:58 p.m., the 1st portion of the Executive Session ended.
- At 5:04 p.m., the Board moved into the 2nd portion of the Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) conference with CEC’s attorney, Amber DeCarli, for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding a student matter and processes.
- At 5:30 p.m., the Board ended the 2nd Executive Session.
- Jessie put forth a motion to approve delegating CEC’s response to the ACLU to Laura. Terry 2nd. All in Favor.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board – Laura adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

- June 15, 2022 – Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 7:30 a.m.
- July 15, 2022 – Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.

Signed,



Brenda Rhodes on behalf of Robin Phillips, Board Secretary
5/13/2022