



CEC Governing Board Meeting-October 14, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.

Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

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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, and Larry Mohr
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks (absent) and Amber DeCarli
- Other staff as required: Cameron M., Stephanie L., Brenda R., Carla H., Jeff G., Maren B., Hannah R., Jeb H., Jennifer D., Keshia M., Nichole B., Peri C., Blake M., and Art F. Guests: Mackinzy J., Stephen G., Connor W., Samantha T., Uli K., and Fesehaye A.

Approval of Agenda – Art made a motion to amend the agenda to move Board Action after the Administration Report. Larry 2nd. Approved.

Correspondence/Board Comments – Laura announced that Deborah Hendrix, former CEC Governing Board President, had been appointed to the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) Board.

Public Comment - None

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Academics
 - CDE released the School Performance Framework reports. Ryan M. from CSI will attend the November 18 Board meeting to present the data to the Board.
 - The 2021 Annual Report for Dual and Concurrent Enrollment in Colorado highlighted the top 10 schools with the highest number of students participating in concurrent enrollment. CEC Fort Collins topped the list for the 3rd consecutive year, and CEC Parker ranked #10.

- Student Liaison Presentations – Student representatives from CEC Castle Rock, CEC Inverness, and CEC Parker shared about their school’s culture and highlighted upcoming school events/activities with Board members. Laura thanked the students for attending the Board meeting.
- Human Resources
 - CEC has nearly 500 employees but has a number of unfilled positions such as bus drivers, substitutes, and mental health providers.
- Marketing
 - CECI Featured on 9News “Cool Schools” September 30 – A video clip was shared with the Board during the Student Liaison Presentations.
 - CEC’s website is in progress of a refresh with a focus on easier navigation.
 - Marketing Plans for each school will be completed by November 1, 2022.
 - CEC launched its first Alumni Outreach focusing on CEC Parker.
- Operations and Facilities
 - Each CEC school has a robust Safety Response Protocol in place.
 - Staff from each CEC school attended CPI training through Crisis Prevention Institute.
 - CEC has a 3-year Safety and Security Plan in collaboration with facilities for upgrades to door locks, cameras, barriers, glass protection, etc. There is a possibility of Federal grant money being available and CEC is prepared to apply.
- Presentation on Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) Program – Amber DeCarli
 - The purpose of the FAMLI presentation was to inform the Board about the program so that the Board could discuss and determine which of the three program participation options was best for CEC.

Board Action

- Approve September 16, 2022 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes – Jessie made a motion to approve the September 16, 2022 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes, Terry 2nd. Approved
- Vote on Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) Program Option – Larry made a motion to call for a vote for CEC to decline all participation in FAMLI and to not mandatorily enroll its employees within the FAMLI program, this is at no cost or loss of benefit to CEC’s employees and shall enable CEC employees the freedom to elect coverage within the program. Art 2nd. Approved per roll call vote:
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Laura – Yes
- Approve Final 2021-22 Financial Audit – Jessie made a motion to approve the Final 2021-22 CEC Audit, Art 2nd. Approved per roll call vote:
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Laura – Yes

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- Overview of Annual Audit – Uli Keeley, Prospective Business Solutions
 - Uli presented an overview of CEC’s first Network-combined audit. She noted that GASB 87 (accounting changes for leases) was implemented this year. Uli pointed out that the auditors gave CEC an unmodified opinion. Overall, the audit was completed in record time.
 - Both Uli and Cameron M. extended their appreciation to CEC’s Finance Department for all their hard work.

- Final 2021-22 Financials – Final 2021-22 Financials were included in the Annual Audit presentation above. Board members had no questions or concerns.
- Terry made a motion to amend the approved agenda and add “Vote to Approve Final 2021-22 Audit” under Board Action. Jessie 2nd. Approved. Agenda amended above.

Other Business - None

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- November 18, 2022 – CEC Fort Collins High School and Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.
- December 16, 2022 – Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.
- January 20, 2023 - Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn – Laura adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed



Laura Calhoun, CEC Governing Board President