



**CEC Governing Board Meeting
January 19, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.
Via Microsoft Teams
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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting 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 (absent)
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks
- Other staff as required: Alli S., Wendy R., Kathleen K., Hannah R., Kitty M., Dee Dee V., Cameron M., George S., Tom S., Stephanie L., Sarah B., Brenda R., Kelly S., Maren B., Jennifer D., and Keshia M.

Approval of Agenda

- Art made a motion to approve the agenda. Jessie 2nd. Approved

Correspondence/Board Comments

- Larry shared about his conversation with fellow travelers regarding CEC, with one being a recent CEC graduate.
- Sandi shared that January is Board Appreciation Month and thanked Board members for their service to CEC. It was shared that Board member profiles were being featured on LinkedIn.

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Academics
 - Daniels Grant Presentation – Wendy Rhodes, Director of Postsecondary Workforce Readiness and Kathleen Kingdom, STEM Coordinator
 - Wendy and Kathleen presented how CEC is using the Daniels Grant to enhance the Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings at the Colorado Springs campus. They shared how CEC is using the funds to expand STEM, Health Sciences, and Multimedia pathways for students.
 - Sandi mentioned that CEC has 5 Daniels Scholarship Finalists – 2 at CEC Fort Collins, 1 at CEC Aurora, and 2 at CEC Douglas County.
 - Founder’s and President’s Scholarship Awards Process
 - Board will receive nominations the week of March 11, 2024 via Teams
 - Deadline for Board selections is Monday, April 1, 2024
 - Sandi highlighted the deadlines above.
 - SAC Mid-Year Reports
 - Sandi noted that the 2023 Mid-Year School Accountability Committee (SAC) reports were the best reports received to date. She encouraged the Board to take time and read them.
- SSO Update
 - Sandi mentioned this discussion would happen later in the meeting under “Other Business” on the Board’s agenda.
- My Tech High Audit Update
 - Sandi noted that CEC, My Tech High (MTH), and CSI met the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) deadline for submitting all documentation for an early audit of the MTH program. CEC has not received news from CDE regarding the audit’s findings, but was told by the commissioner that the audit would be completed by January 31, 2024.
 - CEC also sent a formal notice to MTH to reduce liabilities should the audit not be favorable. Sandi will inform the Board of the audit’s outcome via email if the audit findings are received prior to the February Board meeting.
 - CEC asked for an analysis of how the changes to the School Finance Act could impact CEC’s Early College model programming. MTH asked for an analysis of their program as well.
- Facilities
 - Update on Sale of Parker and Wheaton Buildings
 - Sandi informed the Board that both buildings are up for sale and that a “moving” banner is now up at Parker. There was a walk through of the Parker building by an interested investment group.
 - CEC is doing its due diligence with Academy of Arts and Knowledge (AAK) with regards to condo-izing the Wheaton building. AAK is interested in purchasing only the 1st floor.
 - Liberty Common has until June 30, 2024 to exercise the option to purchase the former CEC Fort Collins West building.
- Out-of-State Employees and Payroll Taxes
 - Sandi provided Board members with information regarding out-of-state employees and payroll taxes in their Board packet.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- Amended Budgets
 - Cameron thanked the Heads of School and their Business Managers for their work on amended budgets. Overall, he stated that CEC is in a good place and has a good fund balance.
 - Larry and Art, members of the Board’s Finance Committee, echoed Cameron’s comments in that CEC is in good financial condition and that the budgets looked sound.

- Cameron reminded the Board that state law requires schools to amend their budgets by January 31 of each year.

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.

Board Action

- Approve 12.15.2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve 12.26.2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Art made a motion to approve the 12.15.2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes and the 12.26.2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Jessie 2nd. Approved.
- Approve Resolution 2024.01.19A Approving Amended Budgets
- Approve Amended Budgets
 - CEC Aurora
 - CEC Colorado Springs
 - CEC Douglas County
 - CEC Fort Collins
 - CEC Online Campus
 - CEC Windsor
 - CEC Network
 - Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.01.19A Approving Amended Budgets and to approve all amended budgets listed above. Art 2nd. Approved via roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish – Yes
 - Roger - Absent
- Approve Resolution 2024.01.19B Authorizing Charter Contract Renewal Negotiations for Colorado Early Colleges Windsor
 - Jessie made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.01.19B Authorizing Charter Contract Renewal Negotiations for Colorado Early Colleges Windsor. Larry 2nd. Approved via roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish – Yes
 - Roger – Absent

- Approve Resolution 2024.01.19C Authorizing Charter Contract Renewal Negotiations for Colorado Early Colleges Douglas County
 - Jessie made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.01.19C Authorizing Charter Contract Renewal Negotiations for Colorado Early Colleges Douglas County. Terry 2nd. Approved via roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish – Yes
 - Roger - Absent

Executive Session

- C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for conferences with the attorney for CEC, specifically for the purpose of receiving legal advice related security plans.
 - At 4:30 p.m. Larry made a motion to enter Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for conferences with the attorney for CEC, specifically for the purpose of receiving legal advice related security plans. Fish 2nd. Invited into Executive Session were all board members, Sandi B., Brenda R., and Dustin S.
 - At 5:18 p.m. Larry made a motion to exit Executive Session. Jessie 2nd. All Board members and those invited into Executive Session rejoined the public meeting with the exception of Fish Abrhaley who had to leave the Board meeting for personal reasons.

Other Business

- Discuss CEC security plans and intent of Board Resolution 2023-12-15A School Security Measures
 - Board members engaged in a discussion that included clarity around moving forward with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, armed vs. unarmed SSOs, and the benefits of a pilot program with a specific timeframe to gather feedback and evaluate the program.
- Vote on Resolution 2024.01.19D School Security Measures replacing Resolution 2023-12-15A
 - Art made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.01.19D CEC School Security Measures. Jessie 2nd. Approved via roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish – Absent
 - Roger - Absent

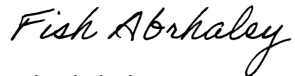
Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- February 24, 2024
 - In Person Board Retreat @ 8 a.m. CEC Inverness
 - In Person Board Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. CEC Inverness
- March 15, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.
- April 19, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned - Laura adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fish Abrhaley".

Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary