



COLORADO Early Colleges

CEC Governing Board Meeting—January 20, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 3:34 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 (absent), Arthur Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, and Fish Abrhaley
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks
- Other staff as required: Cameron M., Kelly S., Jeb H., Keshia M., Sarah B., George S., Jennifer D., Tom S., Brenda R., Stephanie L., Collin T., Maren B., Carla H., Micha L., and Ryan L.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments

- How to Contact State Legislators – Laura let the board know they could find their local legislator by visiting the state's website (<http://leg.colorado.gov/FindMyLegislator>) and typing in their address. She plans to reach out and hopefully meet with legislators that represent Colorado Springs and said that it might be a good idea for other Board members do the same.
- Updates from CLCS Board Meetings – Laura is a member of the Stakeholders Committee, which helps recruit new CLCS board members. CLCS is monitoring the current Colorado legislative session and provides weekly updates on legislative activities and bills.

Public Comment - None

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Academics
 - Colorado Springs 2023 Graduates – Two 2023 graduates from CEC Colorado Springs shared their experiences at CEC Colorado Springs, including why they chose CEC, what credentials they are earning at graduation, and their future education and career goals. Laura thanked the graduates for attending and congratulated them on their achievements.
 - 2022-23 Enrollment Update – Sandi informed the Board that enrollment for 2023-24 is going exceedingly well and highlighted that CEC had 88 graduates in December.
 - Founder’s and President’s Scholarship Awards Process – Sandi updated the Board on the upcoming 2023 Founder’s and President’s Scholarship Awards Process.
 - Board will receive nominations week of March 27, 2023
 - Deadline for Board selections is April 5, 2023
 - SAC Mid-Year Reports- All schools have active School Accountability Committees this school year with lots of parental involvement.
- Marketing
 - Refresh to Marketing Department – The CEC Marketing team is taking a proactive approach in supporting all schools with enrollment. CEC also has a robust presence on the Niche website which helps families find schools across Colorado.
 - CEC Parker Alumni Project – CEC is piloting an alumni association at CEC Parker and is engaging with former students to find their level of interest in reconnecting with CEC and becoming a resource to current CEC Parker students. CEC Colorado Springs will be next in forming an alumni association.
- Operations
 - Transportation Department Re-organization and Streamlining Process to Serve More Families – CEC is taking a deep dive into our transportation services with the goal to more effectively serve families who need transportation through targeted bus routes/stops.
 - All CEC Students Will Eat for Free 2023-24 School Year – CEC will feed all students for free in the 2023-24 school year and has a renewed focus on its farm-to-school program. Construction starts next month on the Colorado Springs scratch kitchen.
- Facilities – Sandi provided an update on all building leases as well as an update on current building improvements and upcoming construction projects.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- 2nd Quarter Financials – Cameron noted that 2nd Quarter Financials matched the amended budgets and noted there are no red flags. He informed the Board that CSI’s GrantVantage still needs to be updated and that could result in some changes to school grants.
- Amended Budgets – Cameron stated that CEC is still receiving updated FY23 financial information which could impact FY23 final budgets. Cameron will keep the Board apprised of updates and will let the Board know that there could be a need to amend budgets again before the end of this fiscal year.

Board Action

- Approve December 16, 2022 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes – Jessie made a motion to approve the December 16, 2022 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Larry 2nd. Approved.
- Approve Resolution 2023-01-20 Approving Amended 2022-23 School Budgets – Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01-20 Approving Amended 2022-23 School Budgets as presented on screen by Cameron Mascoll. Art 2nd. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- Approve Resolution 2023-01-20B Approving Letter to CEA

Executive Session

- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters
 - At 5:04 p.m. Jessie made a motion to enter Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), personnel matters. Invited into Executive Session were Laura Calhoun, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, Fish Abrhaley, Brenda Rhodes, and Dustin Sparks. Larry 2nd. Approved. Brenda left the Executive session once the meeting recording was started.
 - At 5:27 p.m. Art made a motion to exit Executive Session. Fish 2nd. Approved. Brenda was invited back into Executive Session to stop the meeting recording.

Additional Board Action

- Jessie made a motion to amend the January 20, 2023 CEC Governing Board Agenda and add Approving Resolution 2023-01-20B Approving Letter to CEA. Larry 2nd. Approved and agenda has been amended to reflect the added Board Action item.
- Jessie made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01-20B Approving Letter to CEA. Art 2nd. unanimously Approved by roll call vote.

Other Business

- Board Self-Assessment Will Be Sent January 23, 2023 – Laura asked Board members to check their CEC email daily as the Board Self-Assessment and additional information regarding the Board Retreat will require prompt responses.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- February 11, 2023 – CEC Governing Board Retreat and Board Meeting – CEC Inverness
- March 10, 2023 – Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.
- April 21, 2023 – CEC Parker @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn – Laura adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed



Laura Calhoun, CEC Governing Board President