



CEC Governing Board Meeting–August 18, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.

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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, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, Fish Abrahaley, and Roger LaMarca
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks
- Other staff as required: Cameron M., Brenda R., Keshia M., Stephanie L., Alli S., Hannah R., Tom S., Dee Dee V., Jennifer D., Kelly S., and Maren B.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments – Laura noted that she enjoyed attending all the Network rallies and that staff did a great job in putting them together.

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- 2023-24 Enrollment and Staffing Updates
 - Sandi commended school leaders and school registrars for all their hard work in reaching their 2023-24 school year enrollment goals.
 - Sandi mentioned that CEC processed a number of new hires for this school year.
 - Keshi Medellin is the interim Head of School at CEC Inverness, and she is currently interviewing candidates for the CEC Inverness Academic Dean position.
 - CEC still needs staff in for SPED, Bus Drivers, and School Counselors across the Network. Food Services staffing is good and Sandi congratulated the new Colorado Springs scratch kitchen for serving over 500 meals to students on their 2nd day of school.

- Recap CEC Network Rallies and First Weeks of School
 - Sandi shared the positive feedback schools shared with having Network staff travel to each school for the Network rallies. Schools and students are settling in after the 1st week.
- Mental Health Program Plans
 - Sandi pulled the Board’s attention to the schools’ Mental Health Program Plans. She noted that all schools are focused on improving their Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS) programs for this school year.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- Audit Update
 - Cameron told the Board that all interim work for the audit is completed, and auditors expect to begin their field work early next week.

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.

Board Action

- Approve July 21, 2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve August 1, 2023 Special CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Larry made a motion to approve both the July 21, 2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes and the August 1, 2023 Special CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Terry 2nd. Approved
- Approve Early College Graduation Policy
 - Sandi led a discussion on the updates/revisions to the Early College Graduation policy. Art made a motion to approve the Early College Graduation policy. Larry 2nd. Approved

Executive Session - None

Other Business

- Signed Governing Board Policy and Conflict of Interest Forms Due to Brenda by **Friday, September 1, 2023**.
 - Laura requested that both the Governing Board Policy and Conflict of Interest Form be sent to Board members for their signatures via Adobe Sign.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

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

Adjourned – Laura adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, Senior Executive Assistant

Signed

Fish Abrhaley

Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary