



**CEC Governing Board Meeting**  
**April 8, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**CEC Colorado Springs, 4405 N. Chestnut Street, Suite D**  
Via Microsoft Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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**Call to Order** – Laura called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm 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, Jessie Mathis, Papa Dia, Larry Mohr, and Sandra Lee. None absent!
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks
- Other staff as required: Delight H., Hannah R., Kelly S., Collin T., Stephanie L., Lacey S., Cory H., Jennifer D., Cameron M., Keshia M., Brenda R., Tom S., Jay E., and Jeb H.

**Approval of Agenda** – Jessie put forth a motion to approve the agenda removing A, B and C from the Board Action section. Art 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in Favor.

**Correspondence/Board Comments –**

- Laura talked about the options of future Board meetings either being virtual or in-person school tour visits. She requested that the Board members email her their preferences. She also asked the Board members to email their requests to Brenda – pertaining to individual's school requests to attend meetings in-person. (For reservation requests.)
- Cameron fielded a question from Jessie regarding the verification of Building Corp. Board memberships. The Board will appt. members for 2-3 years at an upcoming special board meeting.

**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](mailto:laura.calhoun@coloradoearlycolleges.org). The Board will respond to your questions via email.

## Administration Report

- Preliminary Graduation Statistics – Sandi and Brenda put together a visual report for the Board to see the total number of graduates with either a 2-year degree or certificate. The average graduation rate with these credentials has reached 98.5% across the network. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year since CEC was founded and a great milestone to celebrate!
- MDOL Application – submitted last Thursday to the state. CSI has been a great partner in this process – should hear State Board of Education approval (or not) by June.
- 2022 Graduation/Promotion Ceremonies
  - List of dates/time/locations emailed to Board members March 16
  - Let Brenda know if plans change

## Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- Bond Update – We have a tentative date to close the end of April. We got our rating score back – BA1 level, a strong level. We are working with our current Bond holder to see what rates could be offer.

## Other Business

- Remainder of 2021-22 Board Meetings – virtual or in-person. The Board agreed to do them virtual.
- 2022-23 CEC Governing Board Officers
  - Current Candidates – please contact Laura within the next week if you’d like to be considered for one of these positions:
    - President – Laura C.
    - Vice President – Terry M.
    - Secretary – Robin P.
    - Treasurer – Art C.
  - Elections will be held at the May 13, 2022 Board meeting
- Board Members With Terms Expiring May 2022
  - Laura Calhoun
  - Jessie Mathis
  - Papa Dia
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- Debrief on Data Dashboard and Unified Improvement Plan Trainings Presented by Cory Harbor and Jennifer Daugherty in Support of CCSP Grants
  - Data Dashboards – presentation given by Jennifer including how dashboards are:
    - Snapshots of school, and how we can represent school data in different ways.
    - Used as a communication tool for how school is operating, including key performance indicators from strategic plan, such as graduation data. How to make data easy to read for stakeholders. (Using pie charts, bar charts, etc...)
    - Look at end goal and progress towards that goal – such as Graduation, Grant and Finance Goals
    - What questions does the Board want answered? What Data is necessary, and what format is best for Board?
  - UIP Training presented by Cory H.:
    - UIP was introduced in 2009, a requirement for each Colorado school
    - UIP Planning Process: Gather and organize data, review current performance (progress, such as with a CARS report) and trends (State averages, positive and negative

performance patterns), prioritizing performance challenges (Targets and specific statements). Then we need to identify Root Causes of challenges. (Based off of surveys and staff observations). ID Major strategies and action steps and ID implementation Benchmarks.

- Set student centered targets, and ID Interim Measures. (And Benchmarks).
- CSI Performance Framework – An evaluation tool to see if our school is performing well academically. (Per CARS reports)
- Use to measure Academic achievement and growth
- Board Reflections Due to Brenda by Friday, April 15

## Board Action

- Approve March 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
  - Art put forth a motion to approve minutes from 3/11/22, Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.
- Service Animals and Other Animals on Campus Policy
- Art put forth a motion to approve the: Service Animals and Other Animals on Campus Policy. Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board voted by roll call vote. All in Favor.
- **2022.04.08A: A Resolution of the Board Of Directors of Colorado Early Colleges Appointing Officers to the Boards of Multiple Related Building Corporations – REMOVED FROM AGENDA**
- **2022.04.08B: A Resolution of The Board Of Directors of Colorado Early Colleges Authorizing a Plan of Finance Regarding CSEC BC – REMOVED FROM AGENDA**
- **2022.04.08C: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Colorado Early Colleges Authorizing a Plan of Finance Regarding Aurora Charter School BC – REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

## Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- April 14, 2022 – Special Meeting/Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 5:30 p.m.
- May 13, 2022 – Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.
- July 15, 2022 – Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.

**Call to End** – Laura adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Signed,

*Robin Phillips*

Robin Phillips, Board Secretary  
4/08/2022