



# CEC Governing Board Meeting October 25, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m. Join the meeting now

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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 (Absent), Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr (Absent), and Fish Abrhaley
- Executive Leadership Team: Cameron Mascoll, CFO (Absent); Stephanie Livingston, Executive Director of Organizational Development and HR; Ann Schultz, Executive Director of Academics (Absent); Saeed Sarani, Executive Director of Operations; Mark Murbach, Executive Director of Facilities Management.
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks and Amber DeCarli (Absent)
- Other staff as required: Rebecca F., Kitty M., Sarah B., Maren B., Jill G., Tom S., Keshia M., Gordon B., Jennifer D., Kim M., Dee Dee V., Hannah R., and Brenda R.

**Approval of Agenda** – Jessie made a motion to approve the agenda; Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

**Correspondence/Board Comments** - None

## Administration Report

- Annual Academic and Culture Report
  - State Assessment Data
    - Jennifer Daugherty, CEC Colorado Springs
    - Maren Blind, CEC Castle Rock
    - Keshia Medellin, CEC Douglas County North
    - Tom Smith, CEC Online Campus

- Sarah Burkeen, CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy
- Hannah Reese, CEC Aurora
- Rebecca Feilmann, CEC Windsor
- Dee Dee Vicino, CEC Fort Collins Middle School
- Gordon Boschman, CEC Fort Collins High School
  - Jennifer Daugherty, Head of School at CEC Colorado Springs, gave a brief explanation on why state assessment data is important and why the data matters. Each Head of School, in the order listed above, then presented a brief summary of their school's data including student achievements and action steps being taken to address challenges.
  - Laura thanked the Heads of School for their reports, and acknowledged and expressed appreciation for all the good work the schools are doing for students.
- HR Mid-Year Update – Stephanie Livingston
  - Stephanie briefed the Board on new hires, open positions, staffing needs, and staff retention.
- Preliminary October Count Enrollment Report – Brenda Rhodes
  - Brenda highlighted CEC's preliminary October Count enrollment and noted that CEC achieved its 2024-25 enrollment goal.

### **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](mailto:cecgoverningboard@coloradoearlycolleges.org) who will then respond to your question via email.

### **Executive Session**

- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(d), specialized details of security arrangements, specifically discussion of CEC's security plans.
- §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.), the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest, specifically Sale of Wheaton property and Horsetooth property.
- §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters, specifically an employment investigation.
- §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), legal advice specifically regarding CEC's security plans, sale of real property, and an employment matter.
  - At 5:02 p.m., Terry made a motion to enter Executive Session per C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(d), specialized details of security arrangements, specifically discussion of CEC's security plans, §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.), the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest, specifically Sale of Wheaton property and Horsetooth property, §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters, specifically an employment investigation, and §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), legal advice specifically regarding CEC's security plans, sale of real property, and an employment matter. Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Invited into Executive Session were all present Board members, all present Executive Leadership Team members, all present Heads of School, Dustin Sparks, and Kitty M.
  - At 5:12 p.m. Brenda R. was called into Executive Session via phone.
  - At 5:32 p.m. all Heads of School, Kitty M., and Brenda R. left Executive Session.
  - At 5:36 p.m. Brenda R. was called into Executive Session via phone.
  - At 6:04 p.m., all Executive Leadership Team members and Brenda R. left Executive Session.
  - At 6:35 p.m. Jessie made a motion to exit Executive Session; Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - At 6:36 p.m. all present Board members and Dustin Sparks rejoined the public meeting.
    - Upon entering the public meeting, Dustin Sparks noted that §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters, specifically an employment investigation was included under §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), legal advice specifically regarding CEC's security plans, sale of real property, and an employment matter.

## Board Discussion and Action

- Approve September 20, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
  - Jessie made a motion to approve the September 20, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes; Fish 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
- Approve Resolution 2024.10.25A To Implement Phase II of the SSO Initiative
  - Jessie made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.10.25A To Implement Phase II of the SSO Initiative; Fish 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved per following roll call vote:
    - Laura – Yes
    - Terry – Yes
    - Art – Absent
    - Jessie – Yes
    - Larry – Absent
    - Fish - Yes
- Approve Resolution 2024.10.25B Regarding Termination of Wheaton Lease
  - Terry made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.10.25B Regarding Termination of Wheaton Lease; Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved per following roll call vote:
    - Laura – Yes
    - Terry – Yes
    - Art – Absent
    - Jessie – Yes
    - Larry – Absent
    - Fish - Yes
- Approve Resolution 2024.10.25C Regarding Termination of Horsetooth Lease
  - Jessie made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.10.25C Regarding Termination of Horsetooth Lease; Fish 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved per following roll call vote:
    - Laura – Yes
    - Terry – Yes
    - Art – Absent
    - Jessie – Yes
    - Larry – Absent
    - Fish - Yes

**Other Business** - None

## Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- November 15, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams
- December 13, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams
- January 17, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams

**Adjourned** – Laura adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed



Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary