



COLORADO
Early Colleges

CEC Governing Board Meeting January 21, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.

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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. with a reading of our 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
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks
- Other staff: Cameron M., Stephanie L., Hannah R., Jeb H., Lacey S., Collin T., Brenda R., George S., Jennifer D., Tom S., Delight H., Jay E., Kelly S., Cory H., Ken M., and Lily H.
- Guests: Susan S., Nicole K., and Tarra C.

Approval of Agenda – Art put forth a motion to approve the agenda. Terry 2nd. All in Favor.

Correspondence/Board Comments – none.

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. The Board will respond to your questions via email.



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Administration Report

- Sandi introduced Jeb Holt, the newly hired CECFC Middle School Principal, who will take over for Delight Hockman next school year. Jeb shared a little bit about his 23 years of experience in Education, and that he is enjoying getting to shadow Delight and meet the staff and students at CECFCMS as he transitions to Principal over the next three months.
- Sandi shared the news that CSI awarded 5 Year Charter Renewals for CEC Aurora, CEC Colorado Springs, and CEC Fort Collins! Sandi made special mention of CEC Aurora – highlighting how Hannah and her team had done an especially large amount of work – but all three schools did a great job hosting CSI visitations and making school presentations to CSI throughout the process.
- COVID and Campus Updates – Sandi shared status updates for all CEC schools and how the COVID/Omicron quarantines had affected remote learning statuses. She shared that currently our NOCO schools are open for in-person education, Aurora was going remote for next week, Parker would be remote until Monday and that C-Springs had been remote learning due to, at one point, as many as 19 staff out sick or quarantined. Staffing continues to be a hardship during this COVID season and hiring new staff is also a challenge – CEC currently has 42 staffing positions open.
- CEC Multi-District Online School Application Update –Sandi mentioned she is proud of Tom S. and team’s progress – and that they will do more MDOL training for our Board at our upcoming Board Retreat.
- Blended Learning and Supplemental Online Learning Formal Variance Waiver – Sandi gave an update on how recent CDE changes would greatly affect our partnership program with My Tech High (MTH), and the 1400 students we have enrolled in that program. On a positive note -- CDE did approve our variances to continue this program for the next two years.



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- Founder's and President's Awards Process
 - Sandi said the applications and instructions for these awards have been smoothed out so it's an easier process for each school and applicants. There will be a special Board Work Session the week of March 28 to select this year's honorees.
 - SAC Mid-Year Reports – Sandi thanked the SAC committees and relayed that she has read through all the SAC reports for each school. These were also shared with the Board and there were no additional Board questions regarding the reports.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- 2nd Quarter Financials – Cameron shared the financials with the Board and mentioned he expects revenue to increase the second half of the year due to reimbursement of grant expenses.
- Amended 2021-22 Budgets – Cameron presented the amended 2021-22 Budgets and asked for Board questions. He shared overall FTE information for CEC and how those numbers compare to other charter school and public school enrollment numbers this year. (CEC is up 9% for FTE!) Cameron referenced each school's amended budgets and showed the Board where to look for Net income and loss. He also showed where we have allocated monies for 2 current Capitol projects which has lowered our Fund Balance – but that was according to our Capitol construction planning.
- Art, as Treasurer, was asked where he thought we were at with our amended budgets. He stated he had reviewed them all and that in his opinion, we are in good shape.

Executive Session

- At 4:24 p.m., Terry made a motion to move into Executive Session in accordance to §24-6-402(4)(b), conferences with attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions. Jessie 2nd. All in Favor. The Board invited Cameron M., Brenda R., and Sandi B. to join.
- Terry made a motion to add an Employment Issue to the agenda of the Executive Session. Jessie 2nd. All in Favor.



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- Jessie made a motion to end the Executive Session at 5:52 p.m. Art 2nd. All in Favor.

Board Action

- Papa put forth a motion to approve December 10, 2021 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Larry 2nd. All in Favor.
- Jessie put forth a motion to approve the Student Charges and Student Charges Schedule policy. Papa 2nd. All in Favor.
- Jessie put forth a motion to Approve Resolution 22-01-21A Approving Amended 2021-22 School Budgets. Art 2nd. The Board voted by roll call vote; All in Favor.
- Larry put forth a motion to approve Resolution 22-01-21B Authorize Initial Bond Refinance Plan. Art 2nd. The Board voted by roll call vote; All in Favor.
- Jessie put forth a motion to approve Resolution 22-01-21C Tax-Exempt Bond Reimbursement. Terry 2nd. The Board voted by roll call vote; All in Favor.
- Jessie put forth a motion to approve the employment matter discussed in Exec. Session. Art 2nd. The Board voted by roll call vote; All in Favor.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- February 19, 2022 – CEC Governing Board Retreat and Meeting – CEC Inverness
- March 11, 2022 – CEC Colorado Springs @ 3:30 p.m.
- April 8, 2022 – CEC Fort Collins @ 1:30 p.m.

Call to End – Laura adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Signed,

Robin Phillips

Robin Phillips, Board Secretary
1/28/2022