



CEC Governing Board Meeting October 13, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Correspondence/Board Comments – Laura attended the CSI-hosted Brown Bag Lunch for school board members on October 12. Next lunch is December 7, 2023 and one member of the CEC Governing Board is required to attend. Laura asked Board member to let her know if they can attend the next lunch. Laura also reminded Board members about the Board Resources page on the CSI website and the CEC Governing Board Team.

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Academics
 - CSI Annual Review of Schools Report (CARS) Presentation– Ryan Marks, Chief of Authorizing and Accountability, Colorado Charter School Institute
 - Ryan Marks presented a brief overview on how to understand the CSI CARS reports. He briefly highlighted overall trends and noted that CSI and CEC are having discussions on how to increase student participation in state assessments.
 - CSI Charter Renewal Updates for CEC Douglas County and CEC Windsor – Ryan Marks and Michael McManus, Authorization and Accountability Manager, CSI
 - Ryan Marks told the Board that both CEC Douglas County and CEC Windsor are on track with their charter renewal process. Michael McManus was unable to join the meeting.
 - Preliminary October Count Enrollment
 - Sandi thanked all school leaders and the Marketing department for their hard work with student enrollment. Board members also extended their appreciation.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- Audit Report
 - Cameron informed the Board that the audit is in its final steps and will be completed and sent to CSI by Monday, October 16, 2023.
- Final Prior Financials – included in the Audit Report.

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 September 15, 2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Larry made a motion to approve the September 15, 2023 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Jessie 2nd. Approved.
- Approve 2022-23 Financial Audit
 - Roger made a motion to approve the 2022-23 Financial Audit. Larry 2nd. Approved.
- Resolution 2023.10.13A Regarding the CEC Parker Campus
 - Jessie made a motion to approve Resolution 2023.10.13A Regarding the CEC Parker Campus. Roger 2nd. Approved by roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Absent
 - Art – Absent
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish – Yes
 - Roger - Yes

Executive Session

- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(d), specialized details of security arrangements, specifically discussion of CEC's security plans.
- C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f), personnel matters, specifically to discuss former CEC personnel.
- C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for conferences with the attorney for CEC, specifically to receive legal advice related to security plans and matters involving former CEC personnel.
 - At 4:35 p.m. Larry made a motion to enter Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(d), specialized details of security arrangements, specifically discussion of CEC's security plans, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f), personnel matters, specifically to discuss former CEC personnel, and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for conferences with the attorney for CEC, specifically to receive legal advice related to security plans and matters involving former CEC personnel. Invited into Executive Session were Laura Calhoun, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, Fish Abrhaley, Roger LaMarca, Sandi Brown, Dustin Sparks, George S., Brenda R., Cameron M., Stephanie L., Hannah R., Kelly S., Alli S., Tom S., Dee Dee V., Maren B., Keshia M., and Jennifer D. Jessie 2nd. Approved. Brenda R. left the Executive Session once the recording was started.
 - At 6:11 p.m. Jessie made a motion to exit Executive Session. Laura 2nd. Approved.

Other Business - None

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- November 17, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.
- December 15, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.
- January 19, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned – 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed



Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary

Posted on October 12, 2023 and updated October 13, 2023