



CEC Governing Board Meeting

May 23, 2024 @ 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, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, and Fish Abrhaley
- Interim Chief Executive Administrator: Tony Fontana
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks
- Staff and Guests: Cameron M., Dee Dee V., Hannah R., Robin Z., Kelly S., Joanna J., Mel P., Alli S., Stephanie L., Tom S., Maren B., Mark M., Keshia M., Kitty M., Jennifer D., and Brenda R.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments

- Board members shared how much they enjoyed all the promotion and graduation ceremonies. Board members thanked the teachers and staff for their hard work in doing what is best for all CEC students.

Administration Report – Tony Fontana

- CEC Middle School Spotlight – Jennifer Daugherty, Kelly Smith, and Dee Dee Vicino
 - The 3 middle school leaders shared highlights from the 2024-24 school year including student achievement data and student activities.

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Revised agenda posted at approximately 1:30 p.m. on May 23, 2024.

- School Accountability Committee Year End Reports
 - Tony noted that all final School Accountability Committee Year End Reports are available for Board members to review.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll, CFO

- 3rd Quarter Financials
 - 3rd Quarter Financials were submitted to CSI on time.
- Amended Budgets
 - Cameron noted that both CEC Douglas County and CEC Fort Collins were close to the Board’s approved expenses for FY24. Cameron amended the budgets to add a buffer so that both schools will have a net income.
- Overview of FY25 Budgets
 - The Board’s Finance Committee and Board President reviewed all FY25 budgets. All schools and the Network are projected to have a net income for FY25. The Board’s Finance committee recommended approval of all FY25 budgets.

Public Comment

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 who will then respond to your question via email.

- Guest Joanna J. provided public comment.

Board Action

- Approve April 19, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Jessie made a motion to approve the April 19, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Larry 2nd. Approved
- Election of Board Directors
 - Art Cyphers
 - Jessie made a motion to appoint Art Cyphers as a Board Director with a 3 year term ending May 2027. Larry 2nd. Roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Absent
 - Art – Abstained
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish - Yes
 - Larry Mohr
 - Art made a motion to appoint Larry Mohr as a Board Director with a 3 year term ending May 2027. Jessie 2nd. Roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Absent
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Abstained
 - Fish - Yes

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- Election of Board Officers – the following Board members were elected to serve as Board Officers for 2024-25:
 - President – Laura Calhoun - unanimously elected by roll call vote; Laura abstained from voting.
 - Vice President – Terry McDonald - unanimously elected by roll call vote; Terry was absent.
 - Treasurer – Art Cyphers - unanimously elected by roll call vote; Art abstained from voting.
 - Secretary – Fish Abrahaley - unanimously elected by roll call vote; Fish abstained from voting.
- Resolution 2024.05.23A to Approve CEC Governing Board Annual Calendar
 - Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.05.23A to Approve CEC Governing Board Annual Calendar. Art 2nd. Comment made that the 2024-25 Board calendar appeared to be similar to past calendars. Resolution approved by roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Absent
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish - Yes
- Resolution 2024.05.23B Regarding SSO Contract
 - Art made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.05.23B Regarding SSO Contract. Larry 2nd. Resolution approved by roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Absent
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish - Yes
- Resolution 2024.05.23C Approving Amended 2023-24 School Budgets
 - Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.05.23C Approving Amended 2023-24 School Budgets. Art 2nd. Resolution approved by roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Absent
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish - Yes
- Appropriation Resolutions for FY2024-25
 - CEC Aurora
 - Art made a motion to approve the CEC Aurora Appropriation Resolution for FY2024-25. Fish 2nd. All approved; none opposed.
 - CEC Colorado Springs
 - Larry made a motion to approve the CEC Colorado Springs Appropriation Resolution for FY2024-25. Jessie 2nd. All approved; none opposed.
 - CEC Douglas County
 - Art made a motion to approve the CEC Douglas County Appropriation Resolution for FY2024-25. Fish 2nd. All approved; none opposed.
 - CEC Fort Collins
 - Larry made a motion to approve the CEC Fort Collins Appropriation Resolution for FY2024-25. Art 2nd. All approved; none opposed.

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- CEC Online Campus
 - Fish made a motion to approve the CEC Online Campus Appropriation Resolution for FY2024-25. Jessie 2nd. All approved; none opposed.
- CEC Windsor
 - Fish made a motion to approve the CEC Windsor Appropriation Resolution for FY2024-25. Art 2nd. All approved; none opposed.
- CEC Network
 - Larry made a motion to approve the CEC Network Appropriation Resolution for FY2024-25. Fish 2nd. All approved; none opposed.
- Approve CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy location to be outside the Douglas County School District
 - Larry made a motion to approve CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy to operate outside the Douglas County School District and to move to a new location in Cherry Creek School District. Art 2nd. Approved by roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Absent
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish - Yes

Executive Session - none

Other Business

- Fish asked if any Heads of School/staff had objections to the SSO initiative. The Board agreed that there were many discussions held on the subject and Fish withdrew his question. The Board reiterated that they would like to hear from staff and Heads of School regarding concerns.
- Supplemental Online Committee Report and Next Steps
 - Laura and Fish, members of the Board’s Supplemental Online Committee, reported that after meeting with the CEC Executive Leadership Team a supplemental online program will not be implemented for the 2024-25 school year. The committee will revisit the possibility of offering a supplemental online program in the future.
- Discussion on New Location for CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy Outside Douglas County School District
 - Dustin informed the Board of that the new location for the Douglas County campus of CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy is actually located in Cherry Creek School District. CEC cannot operate outside a district in which it is not charter and CEC cannot offer a complete program outside its charter district. In Dustin’s opinion, CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy is not a complete program and in talking with CSI, they are not opposed to CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy’s move.
 - Jessie made a motion to amend the agenda and add “Approve CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy Location to be outside the Douglas County School District.” Larry 2nd. Approved. The meeting minutes reflect this change.

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Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- No June Board Meeting
- July 19, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned – Laura adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fish Abrhaley".

Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary