



COLORADO EARLY COLLEGES

CEC Governing Board Special Meeting

May 3, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.

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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 4:30 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 Members: Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Arthur Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, and Fish Ahrhaley
- Interim Chief Executive Administrator: Tony Fontana
- Attorneys: Amber DeCarli and Dustin Sparks
- Other staff as required: Brenda R., Stephanie L., Cameron M., Mark M. (Absent), and Joanna J.

Approval of Agenda

- Jessie made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add an additional topic under Executive Session: C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e), developing strategy for negotiations, instructing negotiators, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, specifically board consultant contract.” Art 2nd. Approved. The meeting minutes reflect this change.
- Jessie made a motion to approve the agenda as amended above. Art 2nd. Approved

Executive Session

- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) personnel matters, specifically individual CEC employee matters.
- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) conference with CEC’s attorneys to receive legal advice on employee matters, the process for hiring a long-term Chief Executive Administrator (CEA), board consultant contract, employment claims, insurance selection of counsel, and supplemental online education options.
- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e), developing strategy for negotiations, instructing negotiators, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, specifically board consultant contract.
 - At 4:36 p.m. Jessie made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) personnel matters, specifically individual CEC employee matters, C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) conference with CEC’s attorneys to receive legal advice on employee matters, the process for hiring a long-term Chief Executive Administrator (CEA), board consultant contract, employment claims, insurance selection of counsel, and supplemental online education options, and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e), developing strategy for

negotiations, instructing negotiators, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, specifically board consultant contract. Art 2nd. Invited into Executive Session were Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Arthur Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, and Fish Abrhaley, Dustin Sparks, and Amber DeCarli.

- At 4:37 p.m. Executive Session started for discussion regarding employee matter.
- At 5:42 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session for legal advice on personnel matters, employment claim, insurance selection of counsel, and supplement online education, which was not recorded.
- At 6:33 p.m. the recording was turned on which marked the end of legal advice.
- At 6:24 p.m. Jessie made a motion to exit Executive Session, Art 2nd. All Board members, Dustin Sparks, and Amber DeCarli returned to the public meeting.

Other Business

- Discuss CEA Hiring Process
 - The Board was reminded that they passed a resolution at their March 9, 2024 meeting to proceed with the hiring of the CEA position at the discretion of the Board's HR Committee.
- Discuss Insurance Selection of Counsel
 - Larry made a motion to authorize the Charter School Law Group to respond to and work on an insurance claim. Terry 2nd. Approved.
- Resolution 2024-05-03-A Regarding Supplemental Online Education Options
 - Dustin updated the Board that CDE's audit of the My Tech High program was not completed, but CDE did send an email stating they will fund the MTH program for this school year.
 - The resolution creates an "Supplemental Programs Committee" to work with CEC staff to determine options for offering supplement online programming, grades 6-12, for the 24-25 school year. Committee members are Laura Calhoun and Fish Abrhaley.
 - Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.05.03A Regarding Supplemental Online Education Options. Terry 2nd. Approved by roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish - Yes
- Discuss Postponing the May Regular Board Meeting to May 23, 2024
 - Board agreed to postpone the May 10, 2024 CEC Governing Board meeting to May 23, 2024, and established that a quorum would be present at the rescheduled meeting.
- Discuss date of 2-hour June Work Session With Board and Executive Leadership Team
 - Tony commented that after talking to the team, he would need to get back to the Board as he was not sure how the work session would work. Tony stated he would talk with the team on Monday.

Adjournment – Laura adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed



Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary