



CEC Governing Board Meeting June 27, 2024 @ 7:30 a.m.

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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.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, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, and Fish Abrahaley
- Interim Chief Executive Administrator: Tony Fontana (Absent)
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks and Amber DeCarli (Absent)
- Other staff as required: Cameron Mascoll, Stephanie Livingston (Absent), Ann Schultz, Saeed Sarani, Mark Murbach, and Brenda Rhodes

Approval of Agenda – Art made a motion to approve the agenda, Terry 2nd. Approved.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll, CFO

- SY24 Amended Budgets for CEC Colorado Springs and CEC Fort Collins
 - Cameron explained that the reason for the amended SY24 budgets for Colorado Springs and Fort Collins was because the shared expenses for the BEST grants should have been expensed at the school level rather than at the Network level.

Board Discussion

- Creation of Executive Committee and Delegation of Authority to CEC Staff
 - Dustin led the discussion and explanation of Resolution 2024.06.27B, which formed a new Board-level committee called the “Executive Committee.”
 - Interim CEA Tony Fontana’s last day is June 30, 2024 and the Board needs to move into the next steps in leading CEC as the search for the permanent CEO takes place.
 - The Executive Committee will serve as CEC’s Chief Executive Administrator starting July 1, 2024. The committee will have 2 Board members, Laura Calhoun and Terry McDonald, as members. Art Cyphers will be an alternative member and will participate as needed.
 - All five Executive Directors are non-voting members of the Executive Committee and will bring items to the Executive Committee for discussion and approval.
 - The resolution will be rescinded after the permanent CEO is hired.

Board Action

- Approve Resolution 2024.06.27A Approving Amended 2023-24 School Budgets
 - Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.06.27A Approving Amended 2023-24 School Budgets. Art 2nd. Roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry - Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish - Yes
- Approve Resolution 2024.06.27B Creation of Executive Committee and Delegation of Authority to CEC Staff Art
 - Roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry - Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish - Yes

Laura asked the newest members of the CEC Executive Leadership Team - Ann Schultz, Executive Director of Academics and Saeed Sarani, Executive Director of Operations - to introduce themselves to the Governing Board.

Terry McDonald briefly updated the Board on the CEO search. Initial interviews with select applicants are scheduled. The interview panel will recommend 2-3 candidates to move forward for the entire Governing Board to interview. It was noted that the CEO hiring process is being done in accordance with state statute.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- July 19, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.
- August 16, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.
- September 20, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned – Laura adjourned the meeting at 7:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed

Fish Abrhaley

Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary