



CEC Governing Board Meeting December 12, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m. Join the meeting now

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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, Arthur Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr (absent), and Fish Abrhaley
- Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Jill Gildea
- Executive Leadership Team: Cameron Mascoll, CFO; Stephanie Livingston, Executive Director of Organizational Development and HR; Ann Schultz, Executive Director Academics (absent); Saeed Sarani, Executive Director of Operations; Mark Murbach, Executive Director of Facilities Management.
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks
- Other staff as required: Brenda R., Jennifer D., Rebecca F., Gordon B., Dee Dee V., Hannah R., Maren B., Tom S., Keshia M., and Sarah B.
- Other guests: Joy E., Rachel P., Chrissy H-P., Emma D., Lori K., Robin Z., Kitty M., Jen M., Melissa F., Chris V., and Lyniah L-M.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments - None

Administration Report – Dr. Jill Gildea

- Dr. Gildea shared with the Board that she is grateful for the warm welcome she has received from staff, and that she is working to build relationships and to gain a deeper understanding of CEC. Dr. Gildea noted

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that CEC has a dedicated team who are passionate about CEC's mission. She briefly shared about a new initiative that will start to bolster curriculum and shared that the search for permanent Fort Collins leadership is wrapping up. She is energized by her first 6 weeks as CEC's CEO and will continue to partner with the Board.

- Dr. Gildea also acknowledged Dee Dee Vicino, Head of School at CEC Fort Collins Middle School whose last day at CEC is Monday, January 6, 2025. Dr. Gildea thanked Dee Dee for her time and commitment to CEC, and for the commendable work she has done at the Fort Collins middle school.

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 cecgoverningboard@coloradoearlycolleges.org who will then respond to your question via email.

Executive Session

- §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.), the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest, specifically Sale of Wheaton property and Horsetooth property.
 - At 3:43 p.m., Jessie made a motion to enter Executive Session per §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.), the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest, specifically Sale of Wheaton property and Horsetooth property. Art 2nd.
 - Invited into the Executive Session were all present Board members, Dr. Jill Gildea, Cameron Mascoll, Mark Murbach, and Dustin Sparks.
 - At 4:08 p.m. Jessie made a motion to exit Executive Session. Terry 2nd. All individuals listed above returned to the public meeting.

Board Discussion and Action

- Approve November 15, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - After no discussion, Art made the motion to approve the November 15, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Terry 2nd. Approved.
- Approve 2025-26 School Year Calendars
 - CEC Aurora
 - CEC Colorado Springs
 - CEC Douglas County
 - CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy – Centennial Campus
 - CEC Everest Point Homeschool Academy – Colorado Springs and Northglenn Campuses
 - CEC Fort Collins
 - CEC Online Campus
 - CEC Windsor
 - CEC Network
 - After no discussion, Art made a motion to approve the 2025-26 School Year Calendars listed above. Fish 2nd. Approved.
- Discussion On Changing the Meeting Day for Governing Board Meetings
 - Discussion was held regarding the Board changing the day for its monthly Board meetings. The Board asked for feedback from staff in attendance regarding their thoughts on moving the monthly Board meetings to the 3rd Thursday of each month. Staff were overwhelmingly in support of the change.
 - Terry made a motion to change the Board's meeting day from the 3rd Friday of each month to the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning with the January 2025 Board meeting. Art 2nd. Approved by roll call vote:

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- Laura – Yes
- Terry – Yes
- Art – Yes
- Jessie – Yes
- Larry – Absent
- Fish - Yes
- Dustin recommended that the Board adopt a formal resolution at its January meeting memorializing the decision.

Other Business - None

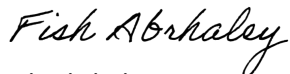
Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- January 17, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams
- February 22, 2025
 - Board Retreat @ 8:30 a.m. at CE CDC North
 - Board Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. at CE CDC North
- March 21, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams

Adjourned – Laura adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed



Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary