



CEC Governing Board Meeting January 15, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. Join the meeting now

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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, and Fish Abrahaley (absent)
- Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Jill Gildea
- Governing Board Liaison: Brenda Rhodes
- Other guests: Maren B., Saeed S., Cameron M., Melanie F., Stephanie C., Melissa T., Aaron P., Mark M., Stephanie G., Jennifer B., Christopher C., Michelle P., Jeremiah W., Cindy R., Lucas R., Nathan S., and Cody P.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments – Jessie commented that he could not access some of the links embedded in several School Accountability Committee Mid-Year Reports and asked if Dr. Gildea could let the schools know to ensure that all embedded links are accessible to all Board Directors.

Board Committee Reports

- CEC Governance Committee
 - Terry reported that additional applications have been received for the open Board seats and thank the Board Director applicants for attending today's Board meeting. He also informed the Board that Brenda Rhodes, CEC Governing Board Liaison, was invited to join the Governance Committee.

Administration Report – Dr. Jill Gildea

- School Showcase – Maren Blind, Head of School, CEC Castle Rock
 - During her presentation, Maren highlighted the school’s growth, student life, and shared parent feedback with the Board. She also showed a student-created video highlighting staff and students talking about what they liked best about CEC Castle Rock.
- Facility Annual Report – Mark Murbach, Executive Director of Facilities Management
 - Mark presented the annual Facilities Update highlighting completed 2025 projects, current 2026 projects, and briefly described CEC’s Facilities Master Plan.
- Update on CEC Strategic Plan and Goals – Dr. Jill Gildea
 - Dr. Gildea’s CEC Strategic Plan and Goals presentation gave the Board a snapshot of where CEC currently is, and how she, her leadership team, and Heads of School are preparing for the next phase of CEC’s growth through alignment, performance, and forward momentum.
- Official October Count Enrollment Report – Dr. Jill Gildea
 - Dr. Gildea summarized the official October Count Enrollment report and informed the Board that CSI continues to send updated 2026 enrollment information.
- School Accountability Mid-Year Reports – Dr. Jill Gildea
 - Dr. Gildea reminded the Board that all School Accountability Mid-Year Reports are uploaded into the Governing Board team for review.

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.

Board Discussion and Action

- Approve December 18, 2025 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Jessie made a motion to approve the December 18, 2025 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes; Art 2nd. Approved.
- Approve 2026-27 CEC Fort Collins Homeschool Academy Calendar
 - Terry made a motion to approve the 2026-27 CEC Fort Collins Homeschool Academy Calendar; Larry 2nd. Approved.

Other Business

- **2026 CEC Promotion and Graduation Ceremonies**
 - CEC Colorado Springs Middle School Promotion
 - Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 8:30 a.m., CECCS MS Basecamp
 - CEC Fort Collins Middle School Promotion
 - Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m., CECFC High School King Auditorium
 - CEC Online Campus Middle School Promotion
 - Friday, May 15, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. (virtual/recorded)
 - CEC Fort Collins High School Graduation
 - Monday, May 18, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m., Blue Arena, Loveland
 - CEC Online Campus High School Graduation
 - Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. (virtual/recorded)
 - CEC Colorado Springs High School Graduation
 - Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m., UCCS
 - CEC Windsor Middle School Promotion
 - Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m., CECFC High School King Auditorium
 - CEC Windsor High School Graduation

- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m., CECFC High School King Auditorium
- CEC Douglas County North High School Graduation
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m., Arapahoe Fairgrounds Event Center
- CEC Aurora High School Graduation
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m., Arapahoe Fairgrounds Event Center
- CEC Castle Rock High School Graduation
 - Friday, May 22, 2026 @ Noon, Douglas County Event Center
- There was a discussion to set the date for the next Finance Committee meeting. Cameron will follow up with committee members.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- January 27, 2026 @ 7:30 a.m. Virtually Via Teams
- February 19, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. Virtually Via Teams
- March 19, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. Virtually Via Teams
- April 16, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. Virtually Via Teams

Adjourned

- Terry made a motion to adjourn the January 15, 2026 CEC Governing Board Meeting; Larry 2nd. Approved.
- Laura adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Board Liaison

Signed



Laura Calhoun, CEC Governing Board President