CEC Governing Board Meeting
September 17, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
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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, Fish Abrhaley, Jennifer Bailey, and Stephanie Christian
- Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Jill Gildea
- Governing Board Liaison: Brenda Rhodes
- Other Guests: Aaron P., Cameron M., Hannah R., Melissa T., Mark M., Kia R., and Stephanie G.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments

- Laura shared that she attended the CSI school visit at CEC Fort Collins and enjoyed seeing the students.
- Larry also attended the visit and commended CEC Fort Collins staff on a job well done.
- Terry noted that the latest enrollment update showed some enrollment growth and congratulated staff on their efforts.
- Dr. Gildea shared that new building signage at CEC Fort Collins now includes “High School.”

Board Committee Reports

- Governance Committee Update – Terry McDonald
    - Terry stated that the Board will review the draft CEC Officer Succession plan at the upcoming Board retreat and that a Board Director handbook is being developed.

Administration Report – Dr. Jill Gildea

- School Accountability Committee Meeting Calendars – Dr. Gildea
    - Dr. Gildea informed the Board that the calendar of meeting dates for all School Accountability Committee meetings was included in the Board's meeting packet.
- Update on CSI Charter Renewal Process – Dr. Gildea
    - Dr. Gildea reviewed the schedule of CSI school visits, which are part of the CSI charter renewal process, for CEC Aurora, CEC Colorado Springs, CEC Fort Collins, and CEC Online Campus.
    - CSI's Board will determine each school's charter renewal time period at their December 2026 board meeting.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll, CFO

- Audit Update
    - Cameron informed the Board that CEC is in a good place regarding the annual audit.

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.

- Kia R. gave public comment.

Board Discussion and Action

- Approve August 20, 2026 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
    - Fish made a motion to approve the August 20, 2026 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes; Terry 2nd. Approved.

Other Business - None

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- September 19, 2026 @ 8:30 a.m. In-Person Board Retreat
- October 22, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams
- October 24, 2026 CEC 20th Anniversary Gala, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. @ Exploration of Flight
- November 19, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams
- December 17, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

Adjourned

- Larry made a motion to adjourn the August 20, 2026 CEC Governing Board meeting; Jessie 2nd. Approved.
- Laura adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, Governing Board Liaison

Signed,

Fish Abrhaley

Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary