



## CEC Governing Board Meeting – April 16, 2021

CEC Colorado Springs, 4405 N. Chestnut Street, Suite D,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80907 – 3:30 p.m.

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**Call to Order** – Laura called the meeting to order at 3:32 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, Robin Phillips, Jessie Mathis, Papa Dia, Larry Mohr, and Sandra Lee
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks and Amber DeCarli
- Other staff: Stephanie Livingston, Lacey S., Cameron M., Jennifer D., Brenda R., Tom S., Hannah R., Corey H., Jay E., Dan H., George S., and guests Erin Sciscione (CSSI) and Ryan Marks, CSI

### **Approval of Agenda**

- Jessie put forth a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of Resolution No. 2021-04-16A regarding the CEA contract – to Board Action. Art 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

### **Correspondence/Board Comments**

- Jessie shared the observation that both Prom and Graduation will be utilizing the new Courtyard at CSEC!

### **Administration Report – Sandi Brown**

- Sandi kicked off the admin report with a birthday serenade for our Board president, Laura, in honor of her spending her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with us today!
- CSI Charter Renewal Kick Off Overview – Ryan Marks, CSI, presented the upcoming Renewal timeline:
  - Officially moving into the charter renewal process for CECFC, CECA (August) and CSEC (October).
  - The Board needs to provide a budget and 3-year forecast as a financial review.
  - The Board strategic plan – a part of the administrative renewal process.



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- CSSI Visit Summary for CEC Windsor and CECFC West MS – Erin Sciscione, CSSI Team Lead (Consultant), Presented a high-level review of the CSSI reports.
  - Summary report Highlights:
    - Windsor: Curriculum maps, teachers able to relay teaching plans well, MTSS system was clearly developed, great documentation efforts, teachers’ voices heard through surveys and conversations, students felt safe and comfortable, comradery, trusted leaders and teachers.
    - Windsor focus areas: gaps in the data provided for staff to make data-driven analysis and decisions. The recommendation of making really clear leadership roles in data cycle/goals, feedback on progress and coaching support.
    - CECFCWest Highlights:
      - A high-degree of confidence in leadership and staff seem very happy at this school.
      - Implement a systems-thinking approach to school-wide changes to build staff-wide buy-in and understanding of data and goals.
      - Collect data on “Why choosing initiatives?”
      - School-wide analysis and prioritize goals.
- CEC Buildings and Lease Report
  - Putting in acceleration lane and bike lane for CEC Windsor.
  - Bringing in Skills Academy as new partner in CSEC.
  - AXIS Lease update, Enterprise Rental Car/Boys and Girls club lease update. (Wheaton)
  - TPAAK and Spider Monkey (rental lease update).
- 2021-22 Enrollment Goals – Sandi gave update on enrollment and marketing. MyTechHi enrollment up! In general – many parents seem to be waiting to enroll students depending on how Fall protocols are published, and homeschooling is up across the state. PPR projections are that we will NOT have a decrease in PPR for next year.
- Graduation Projections for Class of 2021
  - CSEC graduating 95% of grads with degrees or credentials!
  - CECA is graduating 65% of grads with degrees or credentials!
- President’s and Founder’s Awards



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### Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Graduation/Promotion Dates
  - CEC Fort Collins West MS Thursday, May 13 @ 5 p.m. CECFC HS
  - CEC Windsor Thursday, May 13 @ 7 p.m. CECFC HS
  - CEC Fort Collins MS Friday, May 14 @ 5 p.m. Remote ceremony
  - CEC Fort Collins HS Sunday, May 16 @ 2 p.m. Embassy Suites, Loveland
  - CEC Aurora Thursday, May 20 @ 2 p.m. Colorado Community Church  
14000 E. Jewell Ave., Aurora
  - CEC Colorado Springs Thursday, May 20 @ 10 a.m. Tentative CEC Colorado Springs Courtyard
  - CEC Douglas County Friday, May 21 @ 10 a.m. Phillip S. Miller Park Amphitheater  
210 E., Wolfensberger Rd, Castle Rock

### Board Training and Discussion – Amber DeCarli

- Board Financial Oversight and Charter School Finance
- Question and Answer time yielded a conversation on when CEC should refinance our bonds? Dustin Sparks said he will look into when we can re-finance without a penalty – and will advise the Board and the Building Corps.
- Conflict Resolution – there was collective difficulty with getting this training to download and play correctly. The Board will continue to attempt to finish this training before May’s meeting and answer questions regarding conflict resolution, next month.

### Board Action

- Approve March 26, 2021 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
  - Art put forth a motion to approve 3/26/2021 minutes. Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Approve CEC Inverness Science Bowl Club
  - Terry put forth a motion to approve the CECI Science Bowl Club. Art 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Jessie put forth a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-04-16A. Art 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

### Executive Session

- Terry put forth a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24.6.402(4)(f), personnel matters. Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5:04 p.m. the Board voted, All in favor.
- Those invited: The Board, Sandi and Dustin.
- At 5:27 p.m. Terry put forth a motion to leave Executive Session. Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**Public Comment** – none.



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**Other Business** – none.

### **Future Meetings of the Governing Board**

- May 14, 2021 @ 3:30 PM – Colorado Springs
- No June Meeting
- July 16, 2021 @ 3:30 PM – Colorado Springs

**Call to End** – Laura adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Signed,

*Robin Phillips*

Robin Phillips, Board Secretary  
4/16/2021