



CEC Governing Board Meeting

April 17, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.

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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 (absent), Arthur Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, and Fish Abrhaley (absent)
- Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Jill Gildea
- Executive Leadership Team: Cameron Mascoll, CFO; Stephanie Gonzales, Executive Director of Organizational Development and HR; Saeed Sarani, Executive Director of Operations; Mark Murbach, Executive Director of Facilities Management
- Governing Board Liaison: Brenda Rhodes
- Other guests: Gordon B., Cody P., Mel P., Melissa O., Kitty M., Rebecca F., Hannah R., Robin Z., Tom S., Jennifer D., Maren B., Ryan P., and Keshia M.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments – Larry commented that student submissions for the CEC President's Scholarship Award were very impressive this year.

Administration Report – Dr. Jill Gildea

- Spring 2025 Operations Department Report – Saeed Sarani, Executive Director of Operations
 - Saeed presented an overview of the Operations department, which included updates from IT, Marketing, Website, Food Services, Transportation, Safety and Security, and Process and Integration.
 - Larry M. asked Saeed about website analytics, which Saeed said he would share with Board members. Larry also asked how the School Security Officer program is working at the schools.
- 2025 Preliminary Graduation Achievements – Dr. Gildea
 - Jill presented a summary of CEC's Class of 2025 graduation achievements noting that 99% of all graduates are on track to earn a postsecondary credential, including one graduate from Colorado Springs who is earning their bachelor's degree. Jill noted that CEC Castle Rock and CEC Fort Collins have the largest graduating classes. In addition, Jill noted that 100% of CEC Castle Rock juniors participated in the SAT assessment.
- Dr. Gildea formally introduced Melissa Ovsanik as CEC's new Executive Office Administrator.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- 3rd Quarter Financials
 - Cameron informed the Board that there are no red flags regarding CEC's 3rd quarter financials and all schools are tying out to their budgets.
- Select Tentative Date for Special Board Meeting to Approve FY26 Budgets
 - Cameron informed the Board that a special Board meeting might be needed in June to approve FY26 budgets.

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 March 8, 2025 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - After no discussion, Jessie made a motion to approve the March 8, 2025 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes; Art 2nd. Approved.
- Approve CEC Enrollment Policy
 - After no discussion, Larry made a motion to approve the CEC Enrollment Policy as presented; Art 2nd. Approved.
- Approve Resolution 2025.04.17A Dissolution of Executive Committee
 - After no discussion, Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 2025.04.17A Dissolution of Executive Committee; Art 2nd. Approved via the following roll call vote:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Absent
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Fish – Absent

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Revised agenda posted at approximately 11:45 a.m. on April 17, 2025.

- Brenda asked Laura and Art if she could sign the approved resolution on their behalf. Art agreed to step in for Fish to attest to the roll call vote.

Executive Session - none

Other Business

- Briefing on Matter Related to CEC Fort Collins High School Construction Project
 - Jill informed the Board that a special Board meeting will be scheduled for April 24, 2025 to address this subject. CEC Building Corporation members and legal counsel will be invited.
- Call for nominations for Board Officers and Board Directors
 - Board Directors with Terms Expiring May 2025
 - Laura Calhoun – agreed to run for another 3-year term.
 - Fish Abrhaley - absent
 - Jessie Mathis - agreed to run for another 3-year term and noted that this would be his last.
 - Elections held during May 8, 2025 Board meeting
 - Laura said she will reach out and speak with Fish to confirm if he would like to seek another 3-year term as a Board Director.
 - Call For Board Officer Nominations
 - Board President – Larua Calhoun
 - Board Vice President -
 - Board Treasurer – Art Cyphers
 - Board Secretary -
 - Elections held during May 8, 2025 Board meeting
 - Laura said she would follow up with current Board officers Terry McDonald (Vice President) and Fish Abrhaley (Secretary) to confirm they would like to be nominated for their positions for 2025-26.
 - A brief discussion followed regarding the need to recruit new Board members. Laura asked the Heads of School to let her and Dr. Gildea know of possible candidates as well as to identify possible areas of expertise new Board members could bring to CEC.
- 2025 CEC Graduation and Promotion Ceremonies
 - CEC Colorado Springs Middle School Promotion
 - Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.
 - CECCS Basecamp
 - Attending: Laura, Jessie
 - CEC Fort Collins Middle School Promotion
 - Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.
 - CECFC King Auditorium
 - Attending: Larry
 - CEC Colorado Springs High School Graduation
 - Monday, May 19, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.
 - UCCS Gallogly Hall
 - Attending: Laura, Art, Jessie
 - CEC Online Campus Middle School Promotion - virtual/recorded
 - Monday, May 19, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Attending: Laura

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- CEC Castle Rock Graduation
 - Monday, May 19, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.
 - Douglas County Event Center
 - Attending: Laura, Art, Terry
- CEC Online Campus High School Graduation – virtual/recorded
 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Attending: Laura
- CECDC North Graduation
 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Event Center
 - Attending: Laura, Art, Terry
- CEC Aurora Graduation
 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.
 - Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Event Center
 - Attending: Laura, Art, Terry, Fish
- CEC Windsor Middle School Promotion
 - Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.
 - CECFC King Auditorium
 - Attending: Laura
- CEC Windsor High School Graduation
 - Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.
 - CECFC King Auditorium
 - Attending: Laura, Art
- CEC Fort Collins Graduation
 - Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.
 - Aims Community College Welcome Center
 - Attending: Laura, Art, Larry

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- May 8, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams
- No June Meeting
- July 24, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams

Adjourned – Laura adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, Governing Board Liaison

Signed,



Laura Calhoun, CEC Governing Board President