



COLORADO
Early Colleges

CEC Governing Board Meeting – July 16, 2021

CEC Colorado Springs

4405 North Chestnut Street, Suite D, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

3:30 p.m.

Call to Order -- Terry called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., with attendance, approval of agenda, public statements, and then the reading of our 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 (absent for first half of meeting), Terry McDonald, Arthur Cyphers, Robin Phillips, Jessie Mathis, Papa Dia, Larry Mohr, and Sandra Lee
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Amber DeCarli
- Other staff: Jennifer D., Hannah R., Tom S., Cameron M., Delight H., Lacey S., and Corey H.

Approval of Agenda – Jessie put forth a motion to approve the agenda. Larry 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment – a parent email had been sent regarding back-to-school COVID-19 procedures. This parent didn't attend our meeting to speak, as expected, but Jessie M. expressed concern that public health mandates may require weekly student testing in the Fall. At this time, state and local public health plans for Fall are still in flux – so no determinations for this specific concern are confirmed yet for the CEC Network.

Correspondence/Board Comments

- Update on CDE Board Fundamentals Training – Art Cyphers
 - Art shared his training session notes from “Risk Management, the roll of charter school members protecting public funds.” Board members have the ultimate responsibility to maintain and oversee school funds. PDPA custodians confirm to the bank that funds are appropriated correctly – and we use a 2-party system to ensure fraud protection.
- Annual Board Conflict of Interest Forms – Brenda asked that the remaining Board members turn in annual conflict of interest forms by end of week.

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- SDOL Program Approvals – We just received our Single District Online Learning approval – we can now enroll 99 students per school code, as online students.



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- Enrollment Status – Sandi said enrollment looks good – we have enrolled 1100 new students across the network. Plus 100-200 part-time online students. We need to find more teachers – unfortunately, we have lost several teachers recently to higher-paying districts and bonuses. We need to get creative on retention options to stay competitive.
- Buildings and Lease Report:
 - Sandi gave an update on the Windsor 392 Acceleration Lane – still awaiting a contractor.
 - CECCSMS – is on track for a C.O. on July 27.
- School Accountability Committee End of Year Reports – Sandi asked if there were any board questions on the posted SAC annual reports. It's been a good year for our SACs, and the Teams format for meetings accommodated great attendance.

Board Trainings and Discussion – Amber DeCarli (confirming with Amber)

- Legal and Policy Development
 - Send Training Reflections to Brenda by July 23

Board Action

- Approve May 14, 2021 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Art put forth a motion to approve our May 14 and June 10, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes. Jessie 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- Approve June 10, 2021 CEC Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes. (See above.)
- Approve CEC Student Fees, Fines, and Charges Policy – Discussed policy – to include Accuplacer and Student ID fees. Larry put forth a motion to approve this policy. Art 2nd. All in favor.
- Approve CEC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity Policy – Discussed policy and how it aligns with state and federal regulations. Larry put forth a motion to approve this Nondiscrimination policy. Jessie 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- Approve CEC Parent Notification of Employee Conduct Policy – Discussed policy. Art put forth a motion to approve this Parent notification policy. Jessie 2nd the policy. All in Favor.
- Approve CEC Homeless Students Policy – Discussed policy changes. Larry put forth the motion to approve this policy for Homeless Students. Papa 2nd. All in favor.
- Approve CEC Administration of Medical Marijuana – Discussed policy changes. Jessie put forth a motion to approve this Medical Marijuana policy. Art 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- Approve Resolution 2021-07-16A Remote Learning. Discussed resolution origins – CSI guided this remote Learning resolution. Art put forth a motion to approve Resolution 2021-07-16A. Jessie 2nd. Board voted by roll call vote. All in Favor. 1 absent.
- Approve Resolution 2021-07-16B Board Meeting Meetings and Agendas. Discussed resolution. Jessie put forth a motion to approve Resolution 2021-07-16B. Board voted by roll call vote. All in Favor. 1 absent.
- Board Elections:



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- All current Board officers accepted nominations to remain on in current positions. No challenges or new nominations.
- President – Laura Calhoun. The board voted by roll call vote. Laura abstained. All others voted in favor.
- Vice President – Terry McDonald. The board voted by roll call vote. Terry abstained. All others voted in favor.
- Secretary – Robin Phillips. The board voted by roll call vote. Robin abstained. All others voted in favor.
- Treasurer – Art Cyphers. The board voted by roll call vote. Art abstained. All others voted in favor.

Other Business – none.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- August 3, 2021 – CEC Network Rally
 - 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 - CEC Inverness and John Derry Park (312 Inverness Dr. S.)
- August 20, 2021 @ CEC Colorado Springs
 - CEC Colorado Springs Middle School Tour @ 11:30 a.m.
 - Lunch @ 12:30 p.m.
 - Board Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.
- September 17, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m. - Colorado Springs or Virtual
- October 15, 2021 @ CEC Aurora
 - Tour @ 11:30 a.m.
 - Lunch @ 12:30 p.m.
 - Board Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.

Call to End – Terry adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Signed,

Robin Phillips, Board Secretary



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