



CEC Governing Board Meeting September 20, 2024 @ 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, Arthur Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr (Absent), and Fish Abrahaley
- Executive Leadership Team: Cameron Mascoll, CFO; Stephanie Livingston, Executive Director of Organizational Development and HR; Ann Schultz, Executive Director of Academics; Saeed Sarani, Executive Director of Operations; Mark Murbach, Executive Director of Facilities Management.
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks (joined during Executive Session) and Amber DeCarli
- Other staff as required: Brenda Rhodes, Executive Office Administrator, Wendy R., Gordon B., Sarah B., Tom S., Keshia M., Dee Dee V., Jenn D., Maren B., and Hannah R.,
- Guests: Jill G., Lexi C., Brock M., Kristine W., and Michelle D.

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

Correspondence/Board Comments - None

Administration Report

- Early College Redesignation Application – Ann Schultz and Wendy Rhodes
 - Wendy presented an overview of CDE's Early College Redesignation Application and explained why it is required every 5 years. CDE will accept one Early College Redesignation Application for all CEC schools up for renewal in 2025 (CEC Aurora, CEC Colorado Springs, CEC Douglas County, CEC Fort Collins, and CEC Windsor).

- School Accountability Committee Calendars – Ann Schultz
 - Brenda presented on behalf of Ann, who experienced technical issues, and noted that all schools had shared their School Accountability Committee (SAC) meeting calendars with the Board. As a courtesy, Board members should reach out to the Head of School if they plan to attend a SAC meeting.
- Update Food Service and Transportation – Saeed Sarani
 - Saeed spoke on how he and his team, along with members of the Executive Leadership Team, are addressing staffing shortages within CEC Food Service and Transportation departments.

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 August 16, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Jessie made a motion to approve the August 16, 2024 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes; Terry 2nd. Approved.
- Approve August 23, 2024 Special CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Art made a motion to approve the August 23, 2024 Special CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes; Jessie 2nd. Approved.
- Approve Student Name Changes to Official Educational Records Policy
 - Discussion of the Student Name Changes to Official Educational Records policy was moved to Executive Session.
- Approve CEC Title IX Grievance Policy
 - Art made a motion to approve the CEC Title IX Grievance Policy; Terry 2nd. Approved.
- Approve CEC Student Nutrition and Wellness Policy
 - Terry made a motion to approve the CEC Student Nutrition and Wellness Policy; Art 2nd. Approved.
- Approve Resolution 2024.09.20A To Move Forward With The Early College Redesignation Application
 - Jessie made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.09.20A To Move Forward With The Early College Redesignation Application; Art 2nd. Approved by roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Absent
 - Fish - Yes
- Jessie made a motion to amend the agenda, specifically the 2nd bullet under Executive Session, to read “§24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), legal advice regarding CEO hiring process and legal advice regarding questions related to the cited statutes in the Student Name Changes to Official Educational Records policy.” Art 2nd. The meeting minutes reflect this amendment.

Executive Session

- §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters - CEO Candidate Finalist
- §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), legal advice regarding CEO hiring process and legal advice regarding questions related to the cited statutes in the Student Name Change to Official Educational Records policy
 - At 4:08 p.m., Terry made a motion to enter Executive Session per §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters - CEO Candidate Finalist and §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), legal advice regarding CEO hiring process and legal advice regarding questions related to the cited statutes in the Student Name Change to Official Educational Records policy. Art 2nd. Approved.
 - Invited into Executive Session were all present Board members and Amber DeCarli. Dustin Sparks joined the Executive Session.
 - At 5:54 p.m. Terry made a motion to exit Executive Session; Art 2nd. Approved.
 - At 5:56 p.m. all present Board members, Amber DeCarli, and Dustin Sparks rejoined the public meeting.

Other Business

- Approve Student Name Changes to Official Educational Records Policy
 - Terry made a motion to approve the Student Name Changes to Official Educational Records policy as amended in Executive Session; Jessie 2nd. Approved by roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Absent
 - Fish - Yes
- Possible Discussion and Action Regarding Vote on CEO Position
 - All Board members participated in a discussion regarding the CEO position and expressed their support for Dr. Jill Gildea.
 - Jessie made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.09.20B Approving Offer To Chief Executive Officer; Art 2nd. Approved by roll call vote as follows:
 - Laura – Yes
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Larry – Absent
 - Fish - Yes

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- October 11, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams
- November 15, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams
- December 13, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m. Virtually Via Teams

Adjourned – Laura adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed



Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary