



CEC Governing Board Meeting–August 20, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m.

CEC Colorado Springs

4405 North Chestnut Street, Suite D, Colorado Springs

Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. with 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, Terry McDonald, Arthur Cyphers, Robin Phillips, Jessie Mathis, Papa Dia (Absent), Larry Mohr (Late), and Sandra Lee
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorney: Dustin Sparks and Kristen McCarthy
- Other staff as required: Stephanie L., Tom S., Lacey S., Hannah R., Collin T., Brenda R., Cory H., Delight H., Jennifer D., and Cameron M.
- Guests: Ryan Marks, CSI

Approval of Agenda – Terry put forth a motion to approve. Jessie 2nd. All in Favor.

Correspondence/Board Comments – Laura reported back to the board that she was both impressed and touched by the three recent CEC school reports to the CSI Board for the current charter renewal process. She also reported that she shared our Strategic Plan with the CSI Board, as well, and that that was well received. Laura also had the recent pleasure of meeting some new CECCS bus riders and families at a local bus stop – and enjoyed getting to get their perspective of riding the bus and on the start of a new school year.

Public Comment – none.

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Enrollment Status – our current overall enrollment is sitting at 4,126 with a couple hundred in the enrollment process pipeline. Our SDOL school is currently at 150 students with new inquiries each week.



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- CEC Network Rally Recap – Sandi reported that this year’s event was a huge success – highlighting the theme of social and community well-being.
- Masks and Vaccines – Sandi assured the Board that CEC will follow all Colorado mandates regarding public health. Currently, the only state-wide mandate is that students wear a mask while riding on the bus – and CEC is in full compliance with that. Wearing masks will be encouraged for anyone with health concerns – but along with determining COVID-19 vaccination policy -- both will continue as Parent Choice determination for students’ individual health and wellness decisions.
- Sandi asked all 3 HOS leaders (CECCS, CECFC, CECA) that presented charter renewal school reports to CSI – to present a short version to the CEC Board as well.
 - Jennifer highlighted CECCS’ mission and student focus in her presentation to CSI. She also showed how CECCS is now a grade 6-12 Campus Community with shared resources between the new MS and the HS, spotlighting several special CECCS students.
 - Collin started his CSI presentation with the CECFC mission statement – then highlighted CECFCMS soft skills curriculum, and the CECFCHS hands-on opportunities and unique Advising Model. He showed CECFC achievements with high marks in state testing results, and spotlighted 2 special CECFC graduates who came back to work as CEC employees after graduation. He also shared how CTE pathways and certifications are available on the CECFC campus.
 - Hannah presented her CECA, CSI presentation highlights as well – spotlighting student opportunities available in the medical field, and recent student participation in local vaccination clinics, including the opportunity to meet Governor Polis at a recent vaccination event. She also shared a couple successful CECA graduate stories, and addressed school challenges, root causes and major improvement strategies they are implementing at CECA.
- CEC Charter Renewals Update: Ryan Marks, CSI, started his update by thanking the CEC HOS, Board and Staff for our recent work on our charter renewal applications. He said our presentation to CSI was very well received! He said he appreciated our candor with our identified weaknesses and successes – and congratulated us that we are through the hardest part of the renewal process! He pointed out that our renewal site visits are up next, and that the final decision for renewals will be made in December.
- MDOL and Supplemental Online Status – Sandi shared that our initial MDOL application was submitted last year, but was put on hold per CSI recommendation. She shared CEC has re-started the application



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process but are still awaiting approval from CSI leadership. Sandi will continue to pursue this process at the CDE state board level.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- Cameron presented the FY21 Year End Unaudited Financials – specifically the CEC unaudited Fund Balance Report. He shared the great news that we have reached our goal of having 100 days cash on hand for this fiscal year.

Board Action

- Jessie put forth a motion to approve the July 16, 2021, CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Art 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
- Approve CEC Governing Policies
 - Student Organizations – Art put forth a motion to approve Student Organizations Policy revisions. Terry 2nd. All in Favor. Robin requested that the CEA give an Annual report to the Board on all the active Student Clubs as a window into student life across the network.
- Terry put forth a motion to approve both the 2021-22 CEC Online Tutoring Proposal and the 2021-22 CECFC Tutoring Proposal. Art 2nd. The board voted by roll call vote. All in Favor.

Executive Session – none.

Other Business – none.

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- September 17, 2021 – CEC Colorado Springs @ 3:30 p.m.
- October 11, starting around noon, CEC Fort Collins CSI Visit/Tour, All Board members welcome.
- October 15, 2021 – CEC Aurora @ 1:30 p.m.
- October 26 starting around noon, CEC Aurora CSI Visit/Tour, All Board members welcome.
- October 27 starting around noon, CEC Colorado Springs CSI Visit/Tour, All Board members welcome.
- November 9 @ 9 a.m., Charter Renewal Recommendations Presented to CSI Performance Management Committee – Via Zoom (If interested, contact Brenda for link.)
- November 19, 2021 – CEC Colorado Springs @ 3:30 p.m.
- December 14 @ 1 p.m., Charter Renewal Recommendations Presented to CSI Board – Via Zoom link (If interested, contact Brenda.)

Call to End – Laura adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.



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Signed,

Robin Phillips

Robin Phillips, Board Secretary

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