



CEC Governing Board Meeting–November 18, 2022 @ 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, and Larry Mohr
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks (absent) and Kristen McCarthy
- Other staff as required: Brenda R., Cameron M., Stephanie L., Collin T., Jeb H., Kelly S., Hannah R., Tom S., Jay E., Keshia., Maren B., Jennifer D. Guests: Sarah S., Michelle R., Claire S., Josiah E., Nina H., Gabe R., Eric S., and Dulce S.

Approval of Agenda - Larry made a motion to approve the agenda. Jessie 2nd. Approved

Correspondence/Board Comments

- Board Recognition - postponed.
- New Board Candidate Discussion - Laura opened up the floor for each Board member to share any questions or concerns about the proposed Board candidate, Fesehay (Fish) Abrahaley. All comments based on his professional resume were positive and all felt he would be a great addition to the Board.
- Board members appreciated the Fall 2022 CEC Network and School Leaders Gathering and enjoyed their time.

Public Comment - None

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Marketing
 - Enrollment Opened November 1 – Sandi noted that enrollment for the 2023-24 school year opened November 1. The CEC Marketing department created strategic marketing plans for each CEC school to support enrollment activities. CEC is also using Niche to enhance its presence with online searches.
 - CEC Annual Report – Sandi unveiled CEC’s first Annual Report, which culminates 15 years of CEC.
- Academics
 - Student Liaison Presentations – Student representatives from CEC Windsor, CEC Fort Collins Middle School, and CEC Fort Collins High School shared about their school’s culture and highlighted upcoming school events/activities with Board members. Laura thanked the students for attending the Board meeting.
 - CSI Annual Review of Schools Report (CARS) Presentation – Ryan Marks, Chief of Authorizing and Accountability, Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI). Ryan explained how to read and understand the preliminary 2022 Colorado Charter School Institute Annual Review of Schools (CARS) Reports for CEC Aurora, CEC Colorado Springs, CEC Douglas County, CEC Fort Collins, and CEC Windsor. All CEC schools are performing well.

Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- 1st Quarter Financials - Cameron shared 1st quarter financials with the Board and indicated that there are no “red flags.”

Board Action

- Approve October 18, 2022 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes – Terry made a motion to approve the October 18, 2022 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes, Jessie 2nd. Approved
- Resolution 2022-11-18A: Vote on Appointment of Fesehaye (Fish) Abrahaley to CEC Governing Board – Art made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11-18A: Vote on Appointment of Fesehaye (Fish) Abrahaley to CEC Governing Board, Jessie 2nd. Approved per roll call vote:
 - Terry – Yes
 - Art – Yes
 - Larry – Yes
 - Jessie – Yes
 - Laura – Yes

Executive Session

- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), conferences with attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.
 - At 4:46 p.m., Art made a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), conference with attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions. Invited into Executive Session were Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Art Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, Sandi Brown, Kristen McCarthy, and Brenda Rhodes. Jessie 2nd. Approved. The recording started at 4:47 p.m. and stopped at 4:48 p.m.
 - At 5:34 p.m., Larry made a motion to exit Executive Session. Art 2nd. Brenda was invited back in to start the recording.
- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters.
 - At 5:40 p.m. Terry made a motion to go into a 2nd Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), personnel matters. Invited into Executive Session were Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Art Cyphers, Jessie Mathis, and Larry Mohr. Larry 2nd. Approved. The recording started at 5:41 p.m.
 - At 5:46 p.m. Larry made a motion to exit Executive Session. Terry 2nd. Approved

Other Business - none

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- December 16, 2022 – Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.
- January 20, 2023 - Virtual Via Microsoft Teams @ 3:30 p.m.
- February 11, 2023 – CEC Governing Board Retreat and Board Meeting – CEC Inverness

Adjourn – Laura adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Executive Office Administrator

Signed



Laura Calhoun, CEC Governing Board President