



CEC Governing Board Meeting October 3, 2023 @ 7:30 a.m.

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Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.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 (Absent), Jessie Mathis, Larry Mohr, Fish Abrhaley, and Roger LaMarca
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks
- Other staff as required Cameron M., Stephanie L., Keshia M., Mark M., George S., and Brenda R.

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

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 laura.calhoun@coloradoearlycolleges.org who will then respond to your question via email.

Administration Report – Sandi Brown

- Facilities Discussion
 - Sandi shared that the timing was right to “rethink” CEC Parker and CEC Inverness and combine the two campuses into one.
 - Sandi provided background on CEC Parker and how the current CEC Parker building limits programming and student enrollment. She also noted that Douglas County School District is

opening a number of STEM-specific campuses, and that CEC Parker cannot compete due to the building's size and layout.

- Keshia, CEC Parker and interim CEC Inverness Head of School, shared her perspective on how combining the schools would allow CEC to offer more of the programming that current and perspective Douglas County families are asking about/wanting. She also believes this is a win-win opportunity for staff.
- Cameron summarized his financial analysis and outlined potential next steps.
- Sandi added that transportation options for students are currently being explored.
- Sandi stated that communication needed to be sent soon as enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens November 1, 2023. Keshia and Sandi are working on messaging to send to CEC Parker and CEC Inverness staff first, followed by communication to students and families.

Board Discussion:

- Are there any consequences with CSI.
- Suggested a new building appraisal be conducted to see what the current market value is and asked about possible uses for the building.
- Transportation considerations for current Parker students to Inverness.
- Possible downside would be the perception of families driving a longer distance/longer travel time to Inverness.

Board Action - None

Next Meeting of the Governing Board

- October 13, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned – Laura adjourned the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Rhodes, CEC Senior Executive Assistance

Signed



Fish Abrhaley, CEC Governing Board Secretary