

SBCCOE Meeting - August 2024

Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Colorado Northwestern Community College, Craig Campus

2801 W 9th Street, Craig, CO 81625

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mascareñaz called the **August 7, 2024** regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at **8:27am MDT**.

A. Roll Call

Mary Reeves, State Board Coordinator, called the roll. With the attendance noted below, a quorum was reached, and the meeting proceeded.

Attendance

Present:

Members: Ross Dueber, Rollie Heath, Catlyn Keenan, Landon Mascareñaz, Terrance McWilliams, Yolanda Ortega, Brad Rupert, Cathy Shull, Steven Trujillo

Absent:

Members: Tatiana Hernandez, Karen McNeil-Miller

B. Motion to Move into Executive Session

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to move into Executive Session.

Motion:

The Board may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice and to discuss personnel matters.

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to adjourn the Executive Session

Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed and the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:21am MDT.

II. REGULAR SESSION CALL BACK TO ORDER

Following a Work Session, Chair Mascareñaz called the meeting back to order at **2:51pm MDT** with a quorum of members present.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Terrance McWilliams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CNCC Land Acknowledgement

Board member Yolanda Ortega read the Land Acknowledgement for the Colorado Northwestern Community College.

We at Colorado Northwestern Community College acknowledge that the lands where our College locations sit, are the ancestral homeland of the Shoshone, Paiute, Fremont, Goshute and Ute Tribes. We also recognize that Mother Earth has no borders and sees no difference among us and so our goals and destiny as a human race are to be one that is shared.

C. Approve Minutes of June 12, 2024

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2024.

Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Ross Dueber. The motion passed.

D. Approve Agenda for August 7, 2024

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to approve the agenda for the August 7, 2024 regular meeting.

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mascareñas asked the State Board Coordinator if anyone had signed up to address the Board. Hearing that Dr. Tatiana Bailey and Gabrielle Glassford of Data-Driven Economic Strategies had requested time, the Chair acknowledged them and directed that five minutes were allotted for the comments. Following the comments, the Chair thanked them and the meeting continued.

IV. REPORTS

Chair Mascareñas requested that the following individuals provide reports to the Board.

A. Chancellor's Report, Joe Garcia

- Thanked President Jones and all the CNCC staff at both Rangely and Craig for all the hard work to host the Board and CCCS leadership.
- Thanked the Board and CCCS leaders for the GREAT work during the strategic planning session on our shared vision and values. Stated that it was clear that all involved recognize that CCCS is at an important inflection point that will require significant innovation and transformation in the education and training to meet the needs of learners and employers, and how we deliver and support success for *all* students. The creation of our new strategic plan to guide our efforts is off to an outstanding start, he looks forward to continuing the work at the September retreat.
- Welcomed new PCC President, Dr. Chato Hazelbaker, to his first Board meeting. Excited to have him at the helm of PCC and look forward to his leadership and contributions to the college and our system.
- Commented that he appreciated the robust discussion of the ballot measures and potential implications for CCCS and our colleges.
- Stated that the Fall term kicks off on Monday, August 19, and his annual "State of the System" message will be delivered that morning to all employees at our colleges and the system office via email and will be posted on social media

outlets. Thanked the System Office Communications team for the great support in preparing and distributing the message.

- Mentioned that the Colorado Online project is entering its final phase with the last wave of courses transitioning this Fall term. Despite the disruption of this strategic change to consolidate all our online education into a single consortial entity for all 13 colleges and learners, online enrollments have continued to increase due to the tremendous efforts of the project teams and all those supporting the project. The system is well positioned to develop and offer more fully online degree options and be more competitive in the hyper competitive online market. Stated that it has been a tremendous team effort to date literally involving every aspect of the enterprise. Highlighted the IT team who developed new applications to support the consortium. Reported that CIO Julie Ouska was not in attendance in person because she and several team members were attending the CIO 100 awards ceremony to receive an award on behalf of the organization. The CIO 100 award celebrates 100 organizations, mostly private companies, and the teams within them that are using IT in innovative ways. Several universities made the list, but CCCS was the only community college organization among the 100. Since the award is given to companies/organizations rather than individuals, it's an honor for the entire organization. Congratulations to Julie Ouska, Mahdi Omar, the application development team, and all those who have worked so hard to successfully implement Colorado Online!

B. Audit Committee Report, Terrance McWilliams, Chair

- Reported progress on the FY24 Audit Plan including Pueblo Community College (PCC) corrective action to address findings, a requested process audit for Pikes Peak State College (PPSC), quarterly compliance audits, Career & Technical Act audits, Office for Civil Rights monitoring, and the approval of the FY25 Audit Plan.
- Stated that the annual financial statement audit performed by FORVIS has begun.

C. State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC), Dr. Catlyn Keenan, SFAC Representative
Reported that the SFAC met in May. They will hold a retreat for the group in Breckenridge later in August. Academic Freedom is one of the topics top of mind for the group.

D. State Student Advisory Council (SSAC) – No Report

This meeting occurred prior to the start of classes, therefore, there is no SSAC report. The new SSAC Officers will be elected at the first SSAC meeting of the Fall term and the SSAC Chair will be the representative to the State Board for the remainder of the academic year.

E. Chair's Report, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz

- Exclaimed he was inspired by the work on the new CCCS Strategic Plan. He observed and appreciated that everyone was curious, thoughtful and engaged.

He challenged all to continue to lean in and bring their best to the continued co-creation of a shared visionary and actionable plan.

- Noted the importance of the agenda item and presentations on the property tax ballot measures and appreciated the Board's robust discussion of the issues, especially potential impacts for a "future-ready" CCCS.
- Shared that he attended the first meeting of the ad hoc committee on board appointments and was proud to see energized and constructive board members committed to studying and making recommendations to improve internal board processes. Thanked members for their time and talents they are bringing to this additional assignment.
- Reported that he directed the Board Coordinator to survey members regarding their interests in various board assignments. He thanked members McWilliams and Heath for their service to the Audit Committee. During the discussion and action portion of the agenda he would be asking the Board to appoint Tatiana Hernandez and Ross Dueber to the Audit Committee, Cathy Shull as Chair of the Audit Committee, and recommend Brad Rupert as SBCCOE representative to the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges.

F. Presidents' Emerging News

Dr. Chato Hazelbaker, President, Pueblo Community College stated that he is proud to be a part of the Colorado Community College System and looks forward to serving with his fellow system Presidents.

V. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

The Board held discussions as noted and then acted upon each item listed below.

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Appointments to Committees

The Board members held a discussion on appointments to the SBCCOE Audit Committee and the Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges Board. Following the discussion, several motions were made and votes were taken for each.

Motion 1:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to appoint Ross Dueber to the Audit Committee.

Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

Motion 2:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to appoint Tatiana Hernandez to the Audit Committee.

Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed.

Motion 3:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to appoint Cathy Shull as the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed.

Motion 4:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to recommend Brad Rupert to the Foundation for Community Colleges Board as the SBCCOE representative. Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Ross Dueber. The motion passed.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Resolution for Ballot Initiatives

Having heard presentations supporting and opposing proposed property tax ballot measures #50 and #108, the Board discussed implications and estimated substantial financial impacts on CCCS, and reviewed a draft Board Resolution stating opposition and summarizing rationale for the opposition.

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the Board Resolution opposing ballot initiatives #50 and #108.

Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on the Chancellor's Salary, 2024-2025; Seventh Amendment to Chancellor's Employment Contract

Motion:

The Board held a discussion on the Chancellor's salary for 2024-2025 and the seventh amendment to his employment contract. Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve both.

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

D. Approval of the ACC Spending Authority for IT Equipment Leasing

Motion:

Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.

E. Approval of ACC Spending Authority for Annex Project

Motion:

Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

F. Approval of the CCA Spending Authority for the Nursing Program Lease

Motion:

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Ross Dueber. The motion passed.

G. Approval of the TSC Site Lease and Resolution

Motion:

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Ross Dueber. The motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of August 7, 2024.

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed and the regular meeting of the State Board held on **August 7, 2024** was adjourned at **3:17pm MDT**.

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