

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

November 8, 2023

**TOPIC:** Pueblo Community College Spending Authority Request for the Expenditure of Funds on Elevator Improvements at the PCC St. Mary Corwin Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center

**PRESENTED BY:** Dr. Patricia Erjavec, President

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Campus Infrastructure – additional investment.  
Transforming the Student Experience.

**EXPLANATION:**

The Pueblo Community College St. Mary Corwin Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center opened under Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and continues to operate under this Temporary Certificate. For a Permanent Certificate of Occupancy, it has been identified by the Pueblo Regional Building Department (PRBD) that PCC has to address certain elevator code requirements. As previously reported, the existing rated elevator shafts must have a 1-hour opening protection rating per the 2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) compared to a 2-hour rating under the International Building Code. To retrofit the existing elevators, it has been determined that installing fire curtains, sprinkled shafts and/or installation of rated swing doors in lieu of the total replacement of existing equipment would be the most cost-effective means to comply with the 2015 IEBC standard and approved by the State Elevator Inspector and local building officials.

On February 24, 2023, Pueblo Community College was granted spending authority of \$1,204,410 of PCC reserve funds for this project. On October 9, 2023 PCC received bids. Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of materials, the successful bidder was \$180,195 over the projected \$984,705 construction cost estimate. Per RTA architects, and there is no option for “Value Engineering”. Therefore, for PCC to move forward with this project and maintain a 15% construction contingency, we are asking for additional spending authority.

Pueblo Community College (PCC) requests SBCCOE approval for additional spending authority of up to \$220,000 of PCC reserve funds for upgrading and renovating the existing elevators at St. Mary Corwin Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center.

If approved, PCC will move forward with the Notice of Award to the contractor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the requested spending authority for \$1,424,410 of PCC reserve funds. Staff also recommends the Board delegate contract and other related document approval and signature authority up to the maximum amount authorized by the Board for this project, to the CCCS Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, as long as all State and Board requirements are met.