

# SBCCOE Meeting- August 2023 Minutes

Meeting held via WebEx

Aug 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM MDT

Minutes prepared by Mary Reeves, Coordinator for the State Board

## I. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Landon Mascareñaz, Chair, called the regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at **11:55am MDT**.

## II. GENERAL BUSINESS

### A. Pledge of Allegiance

*Dr. Ross Dueber led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### B. Roll Call

*Mary Reeves, Coordinator for the State Board, called the roll. A quorum of members was present.*

#### **Attendance**

##### **Present:**

Members: Terrance McWilliams, Cathy Shull, Ross Dueber, Richard Garcia, Rollie Heath, Catlyn Keenan, Landon Mascareñaz

##### **Absent:**

Members: Melanie Kruger, Karen McNeil-Miller

### C. Land Acknowledgement

*The Honorable SR Heath Jr., Immediate Past Chair, read the Land Acknowledgement. The Colorado Community College System acknowledges, with respect, the land we are presenting from today is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Apache, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Pueblo, Shoshone, Kiowa, and Ute Nations, tribes, and peoples. This land was also a site of trade gathering and healing for numerous other Native tribes. We recognize the Indigenous peoples as original stewards of this land and all the relatives within it. As these words of acknowledgment are spoke and heard, the ties Nations have to their traditional lands are renewed and reaffirmed.*

### D. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting of June 14, 2023

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

### E. Approval of Agenda, Regular Meeting of August 9, 2023

**Motion:** *Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed.*

## III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Mascareñaz asked if there were any comments or discussion on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the list below.

- Approval of Northeastern Junior College Advisory Council Nominee: Mr. Shawn Randel for Appointment to a Full Term from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2027.
- Approval of Pueblo Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Dr. Velia Rincon for Re-Appointment to a Full Term from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2027.
- Approval of Pueblo Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Ron Wiley for Re-Appointment to a Full Term from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2027.

- Approval of Trinidad State College Advisory Council Nominee: Kathy Woods for Appointment to a Full Term from August 15, 2023 through July 14, 2027.  
**Motion:** Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.

#### IV. REPORTS

##### A. Chancellor's Report, Joe Garcia

- Welcomed Brad Rupert who has been appointed by Governor Polis to the State Board to serve as a member from the 7th Congressional District (CD), previously held by Pres Askew. Mr. Rupert is an attorney from Jefferson County who has served as a member of the Jefferson County Board of Education and the Board of Directors for the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, in addition to lending his time and talents to so many organizations to improve our communities and state. He has broad experience in K-12 as well as with Colorado business and industry.
- Thanked Chairman Mascareñaz for the work he did with the Denver Foundation to bring about the \$5 million dollar gift through its Reisher Scholars program to support qualifying Bridge to Bachelor's Program students with 30 credits or less remaining to complete their Associate's degree.
- Reported that the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) experienced a data incident that impacts a broad swath of Coloradans over many years. The CCCS Presidents along with other higher education leaders were briefed yesterday. As the situation will continue to unfold, he urged everyone to advise individuals that may be concerned to call the CDHE hotline.
- Expressed that the launch of Career Advance Colorado has been remarkably successful. Since the July 17, 2023 launch, Career Advance Colorado has been covered thirty-nine times by state and national outlets, reaching an estimated twenty-six million people. CCCS is also coordinating five paid segments featuring Gov. Polis and CCCS presidents. Colleges have leveraged the statewide announcement to pitch their own stories, garnering local coverage in Colorado Springs, Fort Morgan, and Grand Junction, among other communities.
- Announced that the September meeting of the Board will be in person at Red Rocks Community College (RRCC).

##### B. Audit Committee Report, Terrance McWilliams, Committee Chair

- Reported on the progress of the Audit Plan, including procurement audits, a requested process audit, quarterly compliance audits, Career & Technical Act (CTA) audits, and Office for Civil Rights monitoring.
- Announced that the FY24 Audit Plan has been approved and will include requested process reviews, follow up on the cybersecurity audit, an internal quality assessment review, follow-up on previous audits, and continuous process improvement audits. Required monitoring of Career and Technical Act education funds, Perkins Federal funds, and civil rights compliance will also take place.
- Noted that Internal Audit is facilitating feedback from functional groups to update top risks from the prior year and will update the risk mitigation plans this fall.
- Communicated that the annual financial statement audit performed by FORVIS has begun. FORVIS is in the process of performing interim testwork over information technology controls and internal controls at the colleges and the System Office.

##### C. State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC), Dr. Catlyn Keenan, SFAC Representative

- Announced that the first SFAC meeting will occur on Friday, September 1, 2023. At that time, the group will elect a new Chair and will set their priorities for the coming academic year.
- D. State Student Advisory Council (SSAC)
- The SSAC will name a representative to the Board for 2023-2024 after the start of the Fall term.
- E. Chair's Report, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz
- Thanked everyone for supporting him in his new role as Chair of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE).
  - Announced that his FY24 focus for the SBCCOE includes our shared "north star" of economic mobility, preparing a visionary and actionable Strategic Plan as the current one expires in December 2025, creating a "Future Ready" System, and having a constructive and energized Board.
- F. Presidents' Reports, Presidents Wishing to Address the Board

**Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA)**

- Announced the "Unlocking Pathways" event being held on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at CCA. Officials from the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Energy will be in attendance along with U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper, U.S. Representative Jason Crow, Colorado Governor Jared Polis, and other state officials and dignitaries.

**Dr. Colleen Simpson, President, Front Range Community College (FRCC)**

- Reported that FRCC is one of eleven colleges which received a grant from the band Metallica to support Career and Technical Education (CTE).

**Dr. Rosana Reyes, President, Lamar Community College (LCC)**

- Announced that LCC will hold a Career Exploration Fair on September 20, 2023 with a focus on job opportunities with educational opportunities in Prowers County.

**Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Pikes Peak State College (PPSC)**

- Reported that PPSC will receive \$1 million from a Congressionally Directed Spending request through Senator Hickenlooper for the PPSC Dental Center.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public are invited to address the Board at this time regarding any issue not on the agenda. The time allotted for remarks may be limited by the Chair to accommodate the Board's schedule.

*There were no public comments at this meeting.*

## VI. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve each of the items below.

- A. Approval of Chancellor's Salary, 2023-2024; Sixth Amendment to Chancellor's Employment Contract  
**Motion:** Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Ross Dueber. The motion passed.
- B. Approval of the Appointment of Rollie Heath to the Audit Committee  
**Motion:** Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.
- C. Approval of Board Policy 19-60, Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, or Retaliation  
**Motion:** Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Cathy Shull. The motion passed.
- D. Approval of the PPSC Spending Authority Request for AdPro LLC  
**Motion:** Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Cathy Shull. The motion passed.
- E. Approval of the PPSC Spending Authority Request for Southwest Foodservice Excellence  
**Motion:** Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.

## VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes sections 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. Further, the Board may convene in Executive Session and include new appointee, Brad Rupert, in the discussion.

**Motion:** Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to enter an Executive Session. Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed.

## VIII. EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION and ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to exit the Executive Session. Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to adjourn the regular session of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education.

Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Ross Dueber. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at **1:25pm MDT**.