

SBCCOE Meeting (October 2024)

Minutes

Wednesday October 9, 2024

CCCS System Office, 9101 E. Lowry Blvd., Denver, CO 80230

The October 9, 2024 Minutes were approved by the State Board on December 11, 2024

I. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mascareñaz called the **October 9, 2024** regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at **2:05pm 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: Saige Chapin, Ross Dueber, Rollie Heath, Tatiana Hernandez, Catlyn Keenan, Landon Mascareñaz, Terrance McWilliams, Yolanda Ortega, Brad Rupert, Cathy Shull

Absent:

Members: Karen McNeil-Miller, Steven Trujillo

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Terrance McWilliams, Vice Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CCCS Land Acknowledgement

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

CCCS 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. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2024

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 10, 2024.

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

E. Approve Agenda for October 9, 2024

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to approve the agenda for the October 9, 2024 regular meeting.

Motion moved by Tatiana Hernandez and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVAL

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda containing the items noted below.

1. Lamar Community College (LCC) Request for Approval of Transaction to Purchase Four Different Products for Construction Trades Program
2. Arapahoe Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Jim Becklenberg for New Appointment to a Full Term from November 20, 2024 through November 19, 2028.
3. Community College of Aurora Advisory Council Nominee: Papa Dia for New Appointment to a Full Term from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2028.
4. Morgan Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Jennifer Beck for Re-ApPOINTment to a Full Term from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2028.

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mascareñas asked the State Board Coordinator if anyone had signed up to address the Board. Hearing that no one had signed up, the Chair continued the meeting.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Report, Joe Garcia

- Thanked the Board and CCCS leaders for the great work during our work session on the new strategic plan. It was clear to me that we have an amazing, dedicated group of leader who have worked hard together to create a shared vision for what we hope to accomplish. Strategic plans have a way of "binding us together" and giving us the collective will to make the significant changes that will be needed in the education and support we provide for the opportunity for success for all students and be "the best and first path for all to achieve a more prosperous and fulfilling life!"
- Mentioned that he has an upcoming meeting with the Governor to talk about what we have accomplished over the past year. He will share successes like Care Forward, Behavioral Health, and efforts we have implemented to increase our efficiencies like Colorado Online. He will share priorities for the year which include wrapping up and launching our strategic plan and will remind him that he kicked us off last Fall when he delivered an inspirational speech focused on providing high value education and training focused on

saving Coloradans money while providing them a high return on their time and dollars. Noted he will thank the Governor for focusing on community colleges and focusing resources on our system. He will ask him to prioritize our community colleges when it comes to funding decisions and potential cuts in this tight budget year.

- Shared that we have a couple of upcoming convenings.
 - On Thursday, October 17, the system office's Academic and Student Affairs Division is hosting an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit for personnel at the colleges and system office. There is much to learn and think about use cases as we continue to build awareness about AI and its use across the system from instruction to business and academic processes.
 - We are thrilled to announce the third CCCS Educational Excellence Conference, scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2024, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. This conference is partially supported by the Board's investment in Teaching Excellence. Dr. Katy Anthes, former Commissioner of Education is the keynote speaker. She is spearheading the Public Education & Business Coalition's new initiative: FORWARD: from Polarization to Progress
- Thanked the CCCS Foundation and Adam Cermak and team for launching the mini campaign aimed at raising \$2.5 million for a Chancellor's unrestricted endowment fund. We sincerely appreciate the generous gift of \$500,000 from former Board member Jim Johnson.

B. Audit Committee Report, Cathy Shull, Chair

- Reported on the progress of the Audit Plan, including the Pueblo Community College (PCC) External and Internal Audit, a requested process audit for Pikes Peak State College (PPSC), grant management process audits, quarterly compliance audits, Career and Technical Act audits, Perkins monitoring reviews, Office for Civil Rights monitoring and other projects.

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

- Reported that there is a task force of SFAC members drafting the Board policy and corresponding System procedures, at least one, protecting academic freedom. The task force has met twice under the leadership of Danen Jobe, CCCS Director of Academic Programs and Curriculum. A writing group has been formed and that group is going to draft preliminary text for the entire committee over the next month. The first task is to define what academic freedom is. Broadly speaking, it offers protections for faculty and students to pursue questions and research pursuant to discipline expertise and consensus. The task force is working on if it should apply to faculty, students, and or the institution, to establish the scope of what we want to bring to the board eventually. There is a lot of passion and a lot of energy around this topic.

- Reported that SFAC sent the strategic plan outline with the Keystone phase one report with a very simple survey to ask for feedback to faculty and instructors. They have until Monday, October 14 to provide feedback. A preliminary look shows that the feedback is basically positive. Many people are seeing themselves reflected to at least some degree in the strategic plan. Dr. Keenan will summarize the final feedback and provide it to Diane Duffy, Exec. Vice Chancellor. She shared that she will use Chat GPT to provide that summary. It is a powerful tool that can take in a lot of information and provide a succinct summary, even if some of it needs editing.

D. State Student Advisory Council (SSAC), Saige Chapin, Chair

- Stated that SSAC is finalizing an Action Plan/Initiative template for the year.
- Announced that SSAC is starting an initiative to review Student Medicaid/Insurance
 - After speaking with the EMT/FIRE Program director at RRCC, 20 - 40 students are turned away from the program each semester due to insurance issues.
 - Will continue gathering further numbers on this from other campuses.
- Reported that SSAC will be starting a monthly newsletter to help reduce the lack of information regarding campus resources or events
- Stated that SSAC is working to create a proper training guide for new SSAC Representatives and their college advisors.
- Reported that the Colorado Department of Higher Education has started a student leaders meeting which she will attend. There will be a student day at the capitol on February 13, 2025.

E. Chair's Report, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz

- Noted that his report would be brief due to the long and constructive day with so much good thinking and design work around what comes next for the system.
- Regarding the priority of a "visionary and actionable strategic plan," the Chair commended and thanked everyone for the powerful voices each person brought to the table and engaged in the strategic planning sessions during the morning session. He mentioned that the economic mobility conversation illuminated some important discussions that will be ongoing about economic value but also recognizing there are other critical, important aspects to the work including building democracy and the social and soft skills necessary for learners to be able to enter the workforce. He emphasized that from his perspective they are not mutually exclusive and that fundamentally these things are all interconnected. To have a thriving democracy, economic mobility is needed. And economic mobility is needed to have a thriving democracy. The work of the Board and CCCS leaders is to establish priorities but also hold

these tensions together. He commended the group for reaching consensus on the vision, mission, values, strategies and goals. He urged the group not to walk past the moment but to recognize this is an incredible achievement and one to celebrate.

- Highlighted the CCD Adult High School diploma agenda item as illustrative of “building that future ready CCCS system.” He offered that in the work sometimes we refer to slipstreams that start to gather their own momentum. Through gathering their own momentum, we learn, and we move ahead in a unique and powerful ways. He added that much will be learned about economic mobility through the adult high school diploma program.
- Highlighted his participation in the Rural College Consortium meeting at Otero College and recognized it as a very inspiring meeting to have conversations with so many rural leaders from around our state doing incredible work to bring our rural communities together to create opportunity for everyone.
- Closed his comments by recognizing the contributions of a “constructive and energized board.”

F. Presidents' Emerging News

Dr. Curt Freed, President, Morgan Community College (MCC)

- Reported that the Colorado State Board of Education has approved the Technology Education degree program at MCC as its newest traditional teacher preparation program in the state of Colorado. The early childhood education one is on a slower timeline. It is going through peer review at CDE at this point.
- Received notice today that MCC has received a final signed contract with OEDIT for an Opportunity Now grant of \$740,000 to accelerate the work on the technology education BAS program.

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

- Announced that LCC has started a partnership with a small business development center of Colorado and they are going to establish an office on the LCC campus starting October 21, 2024. They identified an associate director who will be serving out of the LCC campus and will also work in partnership with the maker space to make that a launching pad for new businesses in our community.
- Reported that a workforce center in Lamar unfortunately had to close, but they reached out to LCC to bring their office on campus as well. That will give LCC an opportunity, especially around high school credentialing to help underemployed adults to re-engage and hopefully be retrained. That center will be on the LCC campus starting the spring of 2025.
- Stated that one of the reasons she was so attracted to serving at LCC was the community in Lamar, CO. Lamar has a large Hispanic and Latino population and serves a high number of students from economically disadvantaged background. One of the first things LCC did when she became President was to

submit an application for a Title V grant. LCC was notified two weeks ago that they will be receiving about \$3 million to serve economically disadvantaged students and Hispanic backgrounds. This is the first Title V grant received by LCC in their history and it will certainly change the future.

Dr. Mike White, President, Northeastern Junior College (NJC)

- Acknowledged Dr. Brownlee at Community College of Aurora (CCA) with a public "shout out" for help with getting the paramedic program at NJC off the ground. The accreditation path required NJC to teach a class under an accredited institution on our campus. Dr. Brownlee's team stepped right up and they hosted the first eight students, teaching them on the NJC campus. NJC was able to submit our letter which we hope to get approved for our own accreditation but NJC could not have gotten anywhere close to that without the partnership with CCA.

Dr. Stephanie Fujii, President, Arapahoe Community College (ACC)

- Announced that an article appeared recently in New College Daily that is about work that she has been doing with colleagues throughout the country to combat anti DEI legislation. The article is about supporting our colleagues, trying to empower them through some education, legally looking at some of the legislation, and Dr. Fujii was honored to be part of the group and grateful that she has the support of Chancellor Garcia and her system colleagues.

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

- Thanked Dr. White (NJC) for the kind comments regarding the Paramedic program. It's an example of the "Power of 13" and us working together to meet the needs and to be a partner of choice
- Thanked Chancellor Garcia for making himself available to help CCA host the Global Community College Leadership Network (GCCLN). CCA is the Colorado representative of this partnership and it is a community of 20 international and national community college presidents, including community colleges from Belfast and the United Kingdom (UK). Eleven U.S. Community College Presidents and Chancellors attended the two-day meeting hosted by CCA. The great work being done in Colorado and within our Colorado Community College System was highlighted.

V. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

The Board acted upon each item listed below.

A. Approval of BP 3-06, Legal Protection for Employees

Motion:

Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.

B. Approval of BP 3-14, Selection of a College President, REPEAL

Motion:

Motion moved by Tatiana Hernandez and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.

- C. Approval of BP 3-15, Employment of College President
Motion:
Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Brad Rupert.
The motion passed.
- D. Approval of BP 3-16, Conditions of Employment for System Chancellor
Motion:
Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams.
The motion passed.
- E. Approval of BP 8-190, Accounts Receivable Collections
Motion:
Motion moved by Tatiana Hernandez and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.
- F. Approval of the Community College of Denver (CCD) for the Adult High School Diploma
Motion:
Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.
- G. Approval of the Morgan Community College (MCC) Spending Authority Request for the Wray Center Building Renovation
Motion:
Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Cathy Shull.
The motion passed.
- H. Approval of the Trinidad State College (TSC) Spending Authority Request for Funds Raised to Support the Renovation of the Freudenthal Library
Motion:
Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.
- I. Approval of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) Spending Authority Request for Five Year Renewal of the AdAstra Contract
Motion:
Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed and the **October 9, 2024** meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education was adjourned at **2:53pm MDT**.