

**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION**

Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022

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Meeting held at Trinidad State College in the Pioneer Room at the Sullivan Center
600 Prospect Street, Trinidad, CO 81082
(Virtual Meeting via WebEx)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chairman, called the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) to order at **8:36 a.m. MDT** on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

A. Roll Call

Members Present:

Pres Askew
Dr. Ross Dueber
Richard Garcia
Rollie Heath (Chair)
Dr. Landon Mascareñaz (Vice Chair)
Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller
Terrance McWilliams
Garrison Ortiz
Cathy Shull
Deidre Schoolcraft (SFAC)
Federico Chavez (SSAC)

Members Absent:

Melanie Kruger

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to 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. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Pres Askew made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the session was ended at **9:09 a.m. MDT**.*

III. REGULAR SESSION CALL BACK TO ORDER

*Following a Work Session of the Board, Chairman Heath called the Board back to order at **11:02 a.m. MDT**. A quorum of Board members were present.*

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the August 10, 2022 regular session meeting minutes. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the agenda for the September 14, 2022 meeting. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. REPORTS

Chairman Heath asked the following individuals to share their reports with the members of the State Board.

A. Joseph Garcia, Chancellor

- Thanked Dr. Rhonda Epper and all at Trinidad State College for hosting the Presidents' Retreat and State Board meeting. Stated that it had been a productive three days and that the arrangements had been perfect.
- Informed the Board his key activities since the last Board meeting in August 2022.
 - a. Participated in the Colorado Northwestern Community College Convocation on August 16, 2022 to kick off their Fall term.
 - b. Attended the Governor's press conference at Arapahoe Community College to announce "Care Forward Colorado." Noted that the state made a substantial investment of one-time funds in this program which will allow our colleges to cover students for all tuition, fees, and course material costs for select in-demand healthcare programs that typically take less than one-year to complete. Within one year or less, students can become certified as a nursing assistant, emergency services technician, pharmacy tech, or other positions desperately needed in our healthcare facilities. Even better, once students earn their certificate, they can continue their training with CCCS to qualify for higher skill, higher-paying jobs, such as nursing. Recognized Dr. Landon Pirus, Fiona Lytle, and many others for their efforts in working with the Governor's office and legislators to develop the legislation and secure the funding.
 - c. Reported that he did an extensive interview with the Colorado Community Media when the Biden Student Loan Relief Package was announced. An op-ed has also been written that we hope to place. Key points of the op-ed:
 - i. Explaining the historical perspective of tuition and fees and what it takes today to attend college without borrowing money.
 - ii. Focusing on keeping CCCS tuition low
 - iii. Making the most of Federal Aid

iv. Connecting Colleges to Careers

v. Restoring Funding

d. Participated on a panel for the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (UCCS) Economic Forum on September 1, 2022

- Reported on enrollment across the system which shows a 2.9% headcount increase and slightly less than a 1% FTE increase over the previous year at the same time.
- Introduced and showed two recent videos, one of President Epper about TSC and encouraging students to enroll, and one with President DeSanctis speaking in Spanish about the *Care Forward Colorado* program, that are illustrative of the kinds of efforts Presidents are making to encourage enrollment across all communities throughout Colorado.

B. Deidre Schoolcraft, State Faculty Advisory Committee (SFAC) Representative

- Stated that Faculty members are very happy to be back in the classroom environment and meeting face-to-face with students once again. It has really boosted morale. Reported that faculty are appreciative of the increased flexibility in their hours on campus.
- Reported that the primary focus of SFAC this year will be to revise and modernize the policies and procedures on “Shared Governance” and “Shared Decision Making.”
- Voiced that SFAC hopes to create a culture of collaboration with the Board and the individual colleges.

C. Federico Chavez, State Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) Interim Representative

- Reported the SSAC has not met officially for the year. Some colleges have yet to name their representative.
- Stated he personally appreciates the Board members welcoming him to the Board.

D. Chairman Heath

- Commented on the huge impact the Colorado Community College System has on so many people.
- Observed that while made up of such a unique group of people, it is amazing how collaborative the Board, Presidents, and CCCS Staff are in their interactions.

E. Presidents' Reports

- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA)
 - Celebrated the achievement of CCA student Serena Martinez who received a “Leaders in Residence Scholarship” from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). Serena also

received a scholarship from the Latin American Educational Foundation (LAEF).

- Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, President, Community College of Denver (CCD)
 - Reported that as a result of an interview she did in Spanish recently, she received many E-mails requesting information on how to enroll at CCD.
- Dr. Lisa Jones, President, Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC)
 - Highlighted the success of a CNCC student who began in the ESL program. With her daughters, she continued on to general education, then the nursing program. She tutored bilingual students at no charge to help them complete the nursing program. She is now in a doctoral nursing program in Chicago.
- Dr. Linda Lujan, President, Lamar Community College (LCC)
 - Observed that while LCC did lose 35% of its workforce since December 2021 (mainly due to retirements, new opportunities, and personal or family issues), the newly hired staff and faculty members are engaged, vibrant, and are bringing a new energy to campus.
 - Reported that the University of Colorado at Denver has added LCC along with OC, and TSC to the Teacher Prep (T-PREP) Program Grant that is helping to fill teacher shortages.
- Mike White, President, Northeastern Community College (NJC)
 - Shared that the NJC Soccer teams have shared fields with the high school for many years, but that NJC was asked to vacate the fields this year due to maintenance costs. NJC Foundation donors redirected funds to help build a new field at NJC, but with high costs, they were still approximately \$25K short of the funds necessary. Adam Cermak, Executive Director of the CCCS Foundation, found a donor to fully fund the remaining cost and the new field will be completed soon.
- Dr. Tim Alvarez, President, Otero College (OC)
 - Quoted from his post on Facebook for Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) week, "Students do not leave their culture at home when they come to campus, so it is important for Otero to create a culturally responsive environment for Hispanic students to thrive. Being an HSI means intentionally serving our students by transforming Otero's systems and structures to best support our students."
- Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Pikes Peak State College (PPSC)
 - Announced that PPSC is an *Amazon Preferred Partner*. Amazon Career Choice is an education benefit that empowers Amazon employees to learn new skills for career success at Amazon or elsewhere.

- Reported that PPSC has 152 new Dakota Scholars which makes 294 total.
- Informed the Board that PPSC began bearing down on improving efficiencies during the summer semester and will continue that progress moving forward.
- Stated that he will attend his first College Board Advisory Board meeting in October 2022.
- Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College (RRCC)
 - Shared that Washington Monthly publicized that RRCC is #1 in the country for Health Diagnostic Vocational programs.
 - Reported that the Mines Academy started with the full 50 students and there are many more on the wait list for future cohorts.
 - Pointed out that RRCC has had a Gateway program for felons transitioning out of prison for ten years. They have had 1500 former felons go through the program and have a recidivism rate that is less than 5% while the national recidivism rate is approximately 57%.

VI. 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

VII. READING OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Heath read the items appearing on the Consent Agenda and asked the board members if there were any comments to add. There were no comments. He noted that the consent items will be approved during the Action Items section of the agenda.

- A. Approval of Colorado Northwestern Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Ann Brady** for *Re-Appointment* to a Full Term from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2026.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of ACC Advisory Council Nomination on the Consent Agenda
Pres Askew made a motion to approve the ACC Advisory Council item on the Consent Agenda. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Approval of the SBCCOE Board Bylaw Change
Pres Askew made a motion to approve the SBCCOE Board Bylaw Change. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. FY 2022-23 Look-back Analysis for Budget Formula Allocation and Amendment 50 Distribution
Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the FY 2022-23 Look-back

Analysis for Budget Formula Allocation and Amendment 50 Distribution. Dr. Ross Dueber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Approval of Chancellor's 2022-2023 Contract
Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Chancellor's 2022-2023 Contract. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Approval of the CCD Spending Authority Request for the Boulder Creek Center of Excellence for Health and Wellness Education Project
Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to approve the CCD Spending Authority Request for the Boulder Creek Center of Excellence for Health and Wellness Education Project. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Approval of the CCD Spending Authority Request for the Clear Creek Building Renovation Project
Dr. Ross Dueber made a motion to approve the CCD Spending Authority Request for the Clear Creek Building Renovation Project. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Approval of the CCD Spending Authority Request for the Joint Technology Committee Funded Project Classroom and Conference Room Technology.
Dr. Ross Dueber made a motion to approve the CCD Spending Authority Request for the Joint Technology Committee Funded Project Classroom and Conference Room Technology. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Approval of the CCD Spending Authority Request for Denver Commercial Property Services, Inc. dba Integrated Cleaning Solutions (ICS).
Garrison Ortiz made a motion to approve CCD Spending Authority Request for Denver Commercial Property Services, Inc. dba Integrated Cleaning Solutions (ICS). Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- I. Approval of Colorado Northwestern Community College Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Dental Hygiene.
Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve Colorado Northwestern Community College Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Dental Hygiene. Dr. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business to bring before the Board, Pres Askew made a motion to adjourn the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education meeting. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **12:13 p.m. MDT** on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.*