

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

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022

Meeting held virtually 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 **9:02 a.m. MDT** on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

A. Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Pres Askew

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), 24-6-402(3)(a)(IV), and 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), to discuss the sale of property, to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice, to discuss specialized details of security arrangements, and to discuss personnel matters. Garrison Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Karen McNeil-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the session was ended at **9:48 a.m. MDT**.*

III. REGULAR SESSION CALL BACK TO ORDER

*Chairman Heath called the Board back to order at **10:03 a.m. MDT**. A quorum of Board members were present.*

- A. Melanie Kruger, new member of the State Board representing the Eighth Congressional District (CD8) was introduced. Melanie shared her background and stated that she looks forward to serving on the State Board.
- B. Dr. Colleen Simpson, new President at Front Range Community College, was introduced. Dr. Simpson shared her background.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Ross Dueber made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022 regular session meeting minutes. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the agenda for the August 10, 2022 meeting. Melanie Kruger 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

- Welcomed a new member of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE), the new President of Front Range Community College (FRCC), a new representative of the State Student Advisory Council (SSAC), and the returning representative of the State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC).
 - a. Melanie Kruger is from the new Congressional District 8. She has an impressive record working as a talent and organizational development expert in the tech start up space, and she is currently Senior Vice President of Talent at Red Canary where she oversees HR and DEI initiatives.
 - b. Dr. Colleen Simpson became the new President of FRCC on August 1, 2022. Dr. Simpson most recently served as the vice president of student services and regional learning centers at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. In that role, she oversaw multiple campuses and five regional learning centers.
 - c. Federico Chavez, a student at FRCC is serving as the Interim SSAC representative to the State Board until the group is able to hold their elections.
 - d. Deidre Schoolcraft, English faculty at Pikes Peak State College (PPSC), is returning for a second year as the SFAC representative to the SBCCOE.

- Announced that he served as a panelist for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) with Todd Saliman, President of the University of Colorado. They spoke to several hundred legislators from around the country about college costs – why they have gone up, and what can be done about it.
- Reported on the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) enrollment, indicating that following national trends, CCCS continues to see a decline in enrollment numbers and tuition revenues, although the declines over the last two years of the pandemic were slightly less severe than the national average. Enrollment continues to be a top strategic priority for the system and will be a topic for robust discussion at the September Board meeting in Trinidad, CO.
- Spoke to the audience about and praised everyone involved in the emergency response to the possible threat toward several of the System colleges that occurred on Friday, August 5, 2022.

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

- Reported that SFAC has not met during the summer as faculty are not on contract. They will resume their monthly meetings in September and she looks forward to reporting back to the Board on their conversations.

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

- Introduced himself and stated that he is studying Science at FRCC with the hopes of transferring to the Colorado School of Mines for Electrical Engineering.

D. Chairman Heath

- Stated that he is privileged to serve this Board, that CCCS has so much to offer, and that he is thrilled with the new Presidents that have come to the system from across the country.

E. Presidents' Reports

- Dr. Stephanie Fujii, President, Arapahoe Community College (ACC)
 - Announced that ACC was invited by the Douglas County Commissioners to submit proposals for use of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The commissioners approved \$2.2 million for ACC to support workforce programs as well as programs for intellectual and developmental difficulties.
 - Reported that with the assistance of Senator Kolker, ACC will be hosting the Colorado Competitive Council. It will focus on workforce development specific to healthcare. ACC will be able to highlight their Health Annex Innovations building.

- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA)
 - Announced that CCA will hold a groundbreaking event on September 19, 2022 for the new STEM, Power Mechanics, and Applied Technologies Building.
 - Shared that Misty Terrero, a Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa student has been selected for the Truth Initiative. She will represent CCA in Washington DC in September for the Youth Menthol Convening. She will bring that work back to CCA as they continue their work to be a tobacco-free campus.
 - Reported that he has been asked to serve on the Board for the American Association of Community Colleges.

- Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, President, Community College of Denver (CCD)
 - Reported the CCD had their first summer social for new students and families. They had approximately 200 new students attend. The highlight of the day was holding family orientation sessions in both English and Spanish while the students toured the campus.

- Dr. Lisa Jones, President, Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC)
 - Reported that CNCC will be working on sustainability starting with enrollment management. They have been focusing on retention efforts.
 - Shared that CNCC is one of six National Park Service (NPS) programs in the United States. This program was featured in *USA Today* in July.
 - Informed the audience that a Paleontology Summit was held. CNCC is a designated federal fossil repository. In other words, it is one of a very few places authorized to dig and store the bones found in the area.
 - Announced that the Colorado Attorney General will visit the Craig campus in August, 2022 to look at the CNCC Cybersecurity program.

- Dr. Colleen Simpson, President, Front Range Community College (FRCC)
 - Announced that the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship has approved FRCC as an Apprenticeship Ambassador. There are 20 Community College Apprenticeship Ambassadors in the United States and FRCC is the first one in Colorado.

- Dr. Curt Freed, President, Morgan Community College (MCC)
 - Referred back to the MCC budget presentation in June which informed the board that MCC would be looking at enrollment intensity. MCC has launched a “15 to Finish” project which is one of Complete College America’s strategies to increase enrollment intensity. MCC is heading into the Fall 2022 semester with the highest enrollment intensity compared to the last four years.
 - Shared that MCC is in the final stages of the process to receive a \$2.5 million gift to help with completing the Center for Trades and Technologies.
- Mike White, President, Northeastern Community College (NJC)
 - Reported that he has been working with Board member Richard Garcia to build some inroads in Yuma, CO. In partnership with the County of Yuma, NJC will offer a Commercial Driver’s License program geared toward agricultural drivers. The county will provide the vehicle and training pad for use during the course and NCJ will provide the instruction.
- Dr. Patricia Erjavec, President, Pueblo Community College (PCC)
 - Announced that Vestas, a major employer in Pueblo, was recently purchased by a Korean company. President Erjavec has been invited to visit Korea in September, 2022 to work with a university on a potential international partnership. Unfortunately, this trip conflicts with the Board’s September meeting.
- Dr. Rhonda Epper, President, Trinidad State College (TSC)
 - Announced that TSC is looking forward to hosting everyone on campus in September and that they plan to “roll out the red carpet” to show off things happening on campus and give everyone the full “Trinidad experience” including a dinner at the A.R. Mitchel Museum of Western Art.
 - Noted that Fox News did a full week feature on Trinidad recently. Dr. Epper and many other community leaders were interviewed for the series. Chancellor Garcia directed Mary Reeves to send the link to the excellent interview with Dr. Epper to the Board members.

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.
- B. Approval of Colorado Northwestern Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Todd Hagenbuch** for *Re-Appointment* to a Full Term from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2026.
- C. Approval of Colorado Northwestern Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Tim Osborne** for Appointment to a Full Term from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2026.
- D. Approval of Northeastern Junior College Advisory Council Nominee: **Felicia Rodriguez** for Appointment to a Full Term from September 1, 2022 through August 30, 2026.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Changes to Bylaws (First Reading), Angie Gramse, General Counsel
No questions or comments from the Board.
- B. Sale of CNCC Bell Tower, Lisa Jones, President, Colorado Northwestern Community College
No questions or comments from the Board.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of All Items on the Consent Agenda (VII.A-VII.D.)

Karen McNeil-Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Dr. Ross Dueber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Sale of Bell Tower

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the Sale of the Bell Tower at Colorado Northwestern Community College. Cathy Shull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Dr. Landon Mascareñas made a motion to adjourn the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education meeting. Dr. Ross Dueber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. MDT on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.