

# SBCCOE Meeting- December 2023

## Minutes

December 13, 2023

Via WebEx

December 13, 2023 Minutes to be approved by the Board on February 14, 2024

### I. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mascareñaz called the regular meeting of the **Wednesday, December 13, 2023** meeting of State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at **11:40am MST**.

#### 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: Ross Dueber, Richard Garcia, Catlyn Keenan, Landon Mascareñaz, Terrance McWilliams, Yolanda Ortega, Brad Rupert, Cathy Shull, Steven Trujillo, Hector Vargas

##### **Absent:**

Members: Karen McNeil-Miller

#### B. CCCS Land Acknowledgement

Rollie Heath, Immediate Past Chair, read the CCCS Land acknowledgement.

##### **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.

#### C. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair, Terrance McWilliams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### D. Approve Minutes of November 8, 2023

##### **Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the SBCCOE meeting on November 8, 2023*

*Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.*

E. Approve **Amended** Agenda of December 13, 2023

**Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to amend the agenda to add the approval of the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Business Administration to the Discussion and Action section (VII.) of the agenda.*

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

**Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the amended agenda for the SBCCOE meeting of December 13, 2023.*

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

F. Recognition of SBCCOE Member Richard Garcia

*Chair Mascareñaz read the official SBCCOE Resolution for Board member Richard Garcia in recognition of his service. Mr. Garcia was thanked by the Chancellor and his fellow Board members for his participation on the State Board. Mr. Garcia will be presented with a framed copy of the Resolution.*

II. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda containing the two items noted below.

1. Approval of Career and Technical Act Distribution for Fiscal Year 2024.
2. Otero College Advisory Council Nominee: Mr. Andy Flemer for Appointment to a Full Term from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2027.

**Motion:**

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mascareñaz asked the State Board Coordinator if anyone had signed up to address the Board. Hearing that no member of the public had signed up, the Chair continued the meeting.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Report, Joe Garcia  
Chancellor Garcia

- Informed the Board that he anticipates the Governor to officially announce a new Board member to fill the seat Richard Garcia has held.
- Announced that Dr. Landon Pirius will be the next President of Red Rocks Community College. Thanked President Haney for her flexibility in staying on through mid-March and working with us to ensure a smooth transition especially in light of several of the significant projects like Colorado Online that

Dr. Pirus is leading. Disclosed that the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs position would be posted by the end of this week.

- Thanked Dr. Ryan Ross for his tremendous contributions to our system. He was the first system Equity and Inclusion officer, along with the very heavy student affairs portfolio. He accomplished much in both those big areas over the past five years, and he will be missed.
- Reported that he attended a national convening for Complete College America. Announced that Dr. Lance Bolton was recently selected as a Fellow with Complete College America.
- Commented that legislative activities are ramping up. He testified along with Dr. Simpson and Dr. Zant at the Joint Technology Committee and will be appearing before the Capital Development Committee on December 14th. Reported that the Joint Budget Committee hearings are slated the week of January 8th.

**B. Audit Committee Report, Terrance McWilliams, Audit Committee Chair**  
Terrance McWilliams, Audit Committee Chair reported the progress on the Audit Plan as follows:

- Informed the Board that Pikes Peak State College (PPSC) had requested a process audit.
- Noted that Quarterly Compliance Audits and Perkins Monitoring Reviews are in progress.
- Reported that all eighteen civil rights monitoring visits required for the 2021-2023 biennial period have been completed. The biennial report to the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights is on track to be submitted by December 31, 2023.

**C. State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC), Dr. Catlyn Keenan, SFAC Representative**  
Dr. Catlyn Keenan, SFAC Representative to the SBCCOE

- Reported that the SFAC group met on December 1, 2023 and discussed that faculty are pursuing consistency in the delivery of classes across the colleges, in terms of instructor pay, delivery modality, and accessibility. The faculty discipline groups are working together to ensure both rigor and student support no matter where a student takes a course.
- Noted that on December 8, 2023, faculty representatives from across the colleges and discipline groups met under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Pirus and Tammy Vercauteren, Director of the CO Online Project to collaborate on issues with CO Online. That meeting resulted in six concrete action items that will clarify processes and requirements and delegate work to a few temporary working groups.
- Commented that SFAC has begun a more structured collaboration with the State Instructor Advisory Council (SIAC), because faculty and instructors often share many of the same needs and concerns.
- Reported that SFAC participated in the working group to update Board Policy (BP) and System Procedure (SP) on Shared Governance. The working group presented to the Presidents' Council on December 12, 2023. They collected

feedback and will begin drafting the final BP and SP with plans to present the BP for approval to the Board for consideration in February 2024.

- D. State Student Advisory Council (SSAC), Hector Vargas, SSAC Chair  
Hector Vargas, SSAC Chair
- Introduced himself as the newly elected chair for SSAC and stated that he attends Front Range Community College (FRCC).
  - Noted that he is looking forward to the CCCS Day at the Capitol.
  - The SSAC group discussed projects occurring at the different colleges.
- E. Chair's Report, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz  
Chair Mascareñaz
- Reported that he was invited to a global summit on the interconnection of education in Cambridge, MA last week. At the summit, it was very clear that people all over the world see the idea of economic mobility, the ability to gain dignity in your home country or your home community, and the ability to achieve the life you want which has massive implications for the future of democracy. The work of our community college system is essential at building the economic mobility and human potential for flourishing and for people to live the life that they want to achieve in their own community.
  - Reported that he is wrapping up his participation with the University of Denver Inclusive Economic Development Task Force, which was charged by Senator Bennet to come up with a set of consensus recommendations across all sectors. Indicated that our community college system capacity potential is front and center in that document as we think about what comes next for Colorado's workforce.
  - Commented that CCCS is continuing the process toward creating a visionary and actionable strategic plan.
  - Stated that he is thankful for a full Board that is constructive and energized.
- F. Presidents' Emerging News
- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA)**
- Dr. Brownlee highlighted CCA's "Alumni in Action," a new video series sharing the stories of CCA alums and explores the impact that each is making in their community. He noted the most recently released video featured Omar Temprana, a 2020 CCA graduate who is currently working for the Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy Research Organization (CLLARO). The series will continue through the semester. In addition, he shared that construction has begun on the CCA's new Center for STEM, Power Mechanics, and Applied Technologies.
- Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, President, Community College of Denver (CCD)**
- After CCD's Board report was submitted, Dr. DeSanctis learned that, in partnership with the Colorado Workforce Development Council, CCD received an inaugural grant from SkillsFWD, a new initiative seeking to build a more equitable skills based hiring ecosystem leveraging learning and employment records (LERs). She noted that Colorado is one of only six grantees. The Colorado project is targeted to address urgent direct care and behavioral healthcare talent

shortages by investing in a pilot for solving the challenges around the adoption and accessibility of learning and employment records.

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

- Dr. Reyes mentioned that the LCC, Construction Trades Program, completed a major renovation and remodel of a home in Wiley. The listing is on Zillow at 201 Welton Street, Wiley, CO 81092. The instructors and students did an amazing job to create this beautiful new home and it would be the perfect home at a good price if you know anyone looking to move to SE Colorado.

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

- Dr. Freed announced that the MCC Foundation would receive a \$1 million dollar gift on December 14, 2023 to establish the Gene Doty Health Scholarships and Programs Endowment. Mr. Doty was a life-long resident of Fort Morgan and generous community philanthropist. This is a significant gift that will substantially impact health education at MCC by helping fund scholarships, equipment, instructional staff, and educational materials. Dr. Freed also reported that MCC would be hosting a groundbreaking for MCC's Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology on December 14, 2023.

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

- Dr. Bolton shared that all the high schools in Colorado Springs are now covered by PPSC Promise Programs – last dollar scholarships which cover the costs of on-campus tuition, fees, and books, and academic support from the PPSC coaching team. The last dollar funding comes from the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI), funding from philanthropy and CD 11 is also contributing. PPSC has been offering these programs for four years now, and the data is clear the PPSC promise scholarships dramatically increase equitable access to PPSC for students graduating from Colorado Springs high schools.

**Dr. Rhonda Epper, President, Trinidad State College (TSC)**

- Dr. Epper shared that Trinidad state men's cross-country team won the national championship last month and that the college and community are beaming with pride. She noted that this was a remarkable accomplishment as the TSC team was up against larger and more well-funded colleges who have full scholarships for all their athletes. In addition to the national team title, TSC was runner up in the men's half marathon and the women finished fourth in the half marathon. Three team members were named All Americans. Coach Lauren Masterson was named Men's Cross-Country Coach of the Year, the first time a woman has received this recognition for men's cross country.
- Coach Masterson is the daughter of the head coach of the cross-country team at Adam's State University. And it works out well, because the daughter and father coaches go out and do recruiting together. Adam's State has been incredibly supportive of the TSC teams. TSC has a partnership with Adams State that allows the TSC teams to use dorms and facilities, including Adams State training facilities and indoor track. The teams are close and TSC is something of a feeder school for Adam's state. Having athletics at a college brings a lot of school spirit and energy. TSC hosted a big community celebration! President Epper closed her

remarks showing off her national championship ring and reflected on her pride in the TSC student athletes, coaches, and the program.

## V. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEM APPROVAL

The Board acted upon each item listed below:

- A. Approval of BP 3-70, Ethics

**Motion:**

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

- B. Approval of BP 3-71, Whistleblower Protection Policy

**Motion:**

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

- C. Approval of BP 6-30, E-mail Retention

**Motion:**

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

- D. Approval of the repeal of BP 8-170, Contractual Indemnification

**Motion:**

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

- E. Approval of PPSC Spending Authority Request for PPSC and City of Colorado Springs (CSPD) – Firing Range Renovation Project Phase 1

**Motion:**

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

- F. Approval of PPSC Spending Authority Request for Centennial Campus Asphalt Replacement Project

**Motion:**

*Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.*

- G. CCCS Information Technology Spending Authority Request for Cloud Telephony Upgrade

**Motion:**

*Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.*

- H. Approval of the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Business Administration

**Motion:**

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to adjourn the meeting on December 13, 2023.*

Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed and the **December 13, 2023 meeting** was adjourned at **12:30pm MST**.

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