

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

**Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2022

Meeting held at the CCCS System Office, 9101 E. Lowry Blvd., Denver, CO 80230

**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 **9:00 a.m. MDT** on Wednesday, April 13, 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  
Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller  
Garrison Ortiz  
Cathy Shull

**Members Absent:**

Terrance McWilliams  
Deidre Schoolcraft (SFAC)  
Forrest Weimer (SSAC)

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) 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, and to discuss personnel matters. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*There being no further business to discuss in Executive Session, Pres Askew made a motion to exit Executive Session at **9:38 a.m. MDT**. Dr. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A Work Session ensued prior to the meeting being recessed at **10:42am MDT** for attendance at the 2021-2022 Student Excellence Awards. The meeting was called back to order at **1:28pm MDT** to resume the Work Session.*

### III. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chairman, called the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) to order at **1:50 p.m. MDT** on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

### IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### A. Approval of Minutes

*Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to approve the February 9, 2022 regular session meeting minutes. Garrison Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### B. Approval of Agenda

*Pres Askew made a motion to approve the agenda for April 13, 2022. Karen McNeil-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### V. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Heath asked the board members if, after having had a full discussion of all the consent agenda items in the work session, there were any other comments to add. There were no comments.

A. Colorado Northwest Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Bart Nielson** for Appointment to a Full Term from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2026.

B. Colorado Northwest Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Sam Tolley** for Appointment to a Full Term from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2026.

C. Pueblo Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Abel Chavez** for Appointment to a Full Term from April 21, 2022 through April 20, 2026.

D. Pueblo Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Adam Hartman** for Appointment to a Full Term from April 21, 2022 through April 20, 2026.

E. Pueblo Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Sara Espinoza Blackhurst** for Appointment to a Full Term from April 21, 2022 through April 20, 2026.

*Karen McNeil-Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### VI. REPORTS

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

#### A. Joseph Garcia, Chancellor

- Welcomed the new Board members, Dr. Ross Dueber and Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller.

- Commented on the wonderful Student Excellence Awards event and thanked the team of staff that put it all together.
- Highlighted a few “good news” items.
  - Dr. Jill Biden’s visit to the Community College of Denver was a highlight. Dr. DeSanctis and her team did a tremendous job hosting this important event for CCD, our system, and our State.
  - CCCS has signed another engineering partnership. This time with the University of Colorado Boulder. Colorado is a hub for engineering companies and we have really focused efforts on partnering to grow the education and training pipeline for engineering jobs. This agreement like the others streamlines the transfer process for engineering students, expanding pathway options within the System’s Associate of Engineering Science (AES) degree path program.
  - CCCS has also focused attention on helping solve the dire teacher shortage in rural communities. Our partnership with the University of Colorado Denver was recently expanded to offer a 2+2 program at Northeastern Junior College. The program currently serves students attending Trinidad State College and Otero College. The Partnership for Rural Educator Preparation (T-PREP) uses a stackable degree model in which students can transfer associate degree credits to University of Colorado Denver and work toward a bachelor’s degree and licensure in elementary or early childhood education. This successful educator preparation program allows students to earn a bachelor’s degree in education without leaving home.
- Announced his participation in a Harvard webinar panel on “Community College Connections: Myths and Truths” which was co-developed by Leah Porter, former SSAC Representative to the SBCCOE and current student in the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

B. Audit Committee, Danielle Bundy reported on behalf of the Audit Committee

- Reported on the progress of the Audit Plan
  - Internal Audit is performing HEERF audits in Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022. The audits focus on ensuring HEERF funds are spent in accordance with Federal guidelines, students were eligible to receive funds and reporting is accurate and complete. Four audits are planned.
  - Quarterly compliance audits across the System continue over procurement card transactions.
  - Internal Audit continues to follow up on corrective actions from previous audits. Colleges are making good progress on corrective actions from Clery Act compliance audits and Human Resource process audits.

- Career and Technical Act audits over costs and student FTE reported for Fiscal Year 2021 are in process. Six audits are planned. Three audits are in process.
  - Perkins Monitoring Reviews
    - Reviews of Perkins grant award sub-recipients for Fiscal Year 2021 are complete for three sub-recipients.
  - Office for Civil Rights Monitoring
    - The Biennial Report on activities undertaken during the 2019 – 2021 biennial was completed and submitted to the Federal Office for Civil Rights. Six of eighteen visits required during the 2021 -2023 biennial period have been completed.
- C. State Faculty Advisory Committee (SFAC), Chairman Heath noted that Deidre Schoolcraft was not able to attend today, but submitted a written report that he read to the Board.
- Reported that several SFAC members and faculty statewide worked on the five recommendations for Colorado Online (CO@) that helped Dr. Landon Pirius, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs make his decisions last week. Faculty involved in the CO@ project are beginning to see how online programs will function in the future.
  - Announced that the SFAC has been working on strengthening Concurrent Enrollment across the state for students and faculty with Dr. Pirius and Danen Jobe, Director of Academic Programs, and are in support of the Academic Freedom statement released by Mr. Jobe to the Vice Presidents' of Academic Affairs (VPAAAs).
  - Noted that the SFAC members are exploring ideas with Chancellor Garcia, Dr. Pirius, and System Legal which will clarify shared governance in CCCS, and will create consistency across our system which should make collaboration much easier.
  - Reported that after considerable efforts related to salary increases, the group is eager to hear what Colorado will do about its deficit in faculty pay.
  - Noted that many SFAC members are looking forward to the CCCS Teaching Excellence Symposium on Friday, April 15 and to the Conference this summer.
- D. State Student Advisory Committee (SSAC), Chairman Heath noted that Forrest Davis was unable to attend today and reported on his behalf.
- Reported that the SSAC was unable to take official action this month because they did not have enough members present at the meeting to meet quorum requirements; however, they did engage in informal discussion among the members who were able to attend.
    - The Mental Health Resources Hub is nearly complete.

- Chair Davis will be sending e-mails to staffers working for Congresswoman Diana DeGette, Congressman Joe Neguse, and Senator John Hickenlooper to follow-up on previous conversations.

#### E. Chairman Heath

- Welcomed the two new SBCCOE members, Dr. Ross Dueber and Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller.
- Requested that Diane Duffy, Executive Vice Chancellor report on the Strategic Planning Ad hoc Committee
  - Reported that the committee is moving forward with their task to develop “a plan for the plan” and have completed preliminary mapping and a timeline. The committee will have a report for the Board at the meeting on May 11, 2022
- Indicated his intent to name specific Board members to serve in the following roles. The Board will take action during the Discussion and Action portion of the agenda.
  - Appoint Dr. Landon Mascareñaz to assume the role of Interim Vice Chair.
  - Appoint Terrence McWilliams to assume the role of Audit Committee Chair.
  - Appoint Garrison Ortiz and Cathy Shull as the two additional members of the Audit Committee.
  - Appoint himself, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz, and Pres Askew to the FY23 Nominating Committee.

#### F. Presidents' Reports

Presidents wishing to address the Board reported the following items.

- Dr. Stephanie Fujii, President, Arapahoe Community College (ACC)
  - Announced that ACC won two awards from the Campus Voting Challenge. One was for the highest student voter turnout and the other for highest voter registration.
  - Shared that an ACC student was elected as Co-President for the Phi Theta Kappa international organization.
- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA)
  - Announced that he had testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Workforce Development.
  - Reported that the CCA Foundation raised a record \$197,000 in two hours.

- Stated that the CCA Model United Nations Team did an excellent job representing Botswana.
- Announced that the CCA Alpha Pi Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has received a 5-star designation.
- Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, President, Community College of Denver (CCD)
  - Followed up the Chancellor's comments on the Latino Economic Summit with Dr. Jill Biden, saying that the entire event was planned in two weeks. Thanked the Board members who were able to attend and thanked the Chancellor for allowing her to introduce the First Lady.
  - Mentioned the Inside Higher Ed feature article about the CCD Leadership Team being made up of eight women.
  - Noted that CCD is celebrating the first year of the Cannabis programs.
- Andy Dorsey, President, Front Range Community College (FRCC)
  - Reported that FRCC held the first graduation of the Tree Care Program. It requires 6,000 hours of on-the-job training. FRCC has two more cohorts of this program in the pipeline.
- Mike White, President, Northeastern Community College (NJC)
  - Announced that it is Day 71 of his Presidency at NJC and so far things are going well.
  - Reported that six students signed up at the kick-off event for the teacher training program and six more have signed up since.
- Dr. Patricia Erjavec, President, Pueblo Community College (PCC)
  - Recognized board member and Pueblo County Commissioner Ortiz for the \$1 million in scholarships awarded to PCC from the local excise tax.
  - Reported that the PCC Welding program just won gold at the Skills USA competition.
- Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College (RRCC)
  - Announced that former SSAC Chair, Chelsea Sandoval has been elected as the Vice Chair for the Student Government Association at the Colorado State University.
  - Reported that RRCC received \$300,000 in federal funding spearheaded by Representative Ed Perlmutter to do wrap-around services for STEM students.
- Dr. Rhonda Epper, President, Trinidad State College (TSC)
  - Announced that the TSC Men's Basketball Team won the Region 9 Championship game for the first time since 1986. The score was 95-94 and it was won in the last seconds of play with a half-court shot. They attended the national championship, but were defeated in the first round.

## VII. 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

## VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approval of Board Bylaws Amendment

*Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Board Bylaws Amendment. Dr. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### B. Approval of Interim Vice Chair Appointment of Dr. Landon Mascareñaz

*Richard Garcia made a motion to approve the Interim Vice Chair Appointment of Dr. Landon Mascareñaz. Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### C. Approval of the Audit Committee Chair Appointment of Terrance McWilliams

*Dr. Ross Dueber made a motion to approve the Audit Committee Chair Appointment of Terrance McWilliams. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### D. Approval of the Audit Committee Member Appointments of Garrison Ortiz and Cathy Shull

*Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to approve the Audit Committee Member Appointments of Garrison Ortiz and Cathy Shull. Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### E. Approval of the FY23 Nominating Committee Member Appointments of Rollie Heath, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz, and Pres Askew

*Dr. Ross Dueber made a motion to approve the FY23 Nominating Committee Member Appointments of Rollie Heath, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz, and Pres Askew. Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### F. Approval of SB 21-185 Educator Pathway

*Richard Garcia made a motion to approve the SB 21-185 Educator Pathway. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### G. Approval of FY22-23 Tuition and Fees

*Dr. Ross Dueber made a motion to approve the FY22-23 Tuition and Fees. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### H. Approval of Trinidad State College (TSC) Sale of Property

*Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to approve Trinidad State College (TSC) Sale of Property. Dr. Ross Dueber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

I. Approval of Board Policy 16-70, Animals on Campus

*Pres Askew made a motion to approve Board Policy 16-70, Animals on Campus. Dr. Ross Dueber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

J. Approval of Board Policy 19-30, Drug-Free Schools

*Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller made a motion to approve Board Policy 19-30, Drug-Free Schools. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

K. Approval of the ACC Health Program Integration and Annex Renovation.

*Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller made a motion to approve the ACC Health Program Integration and Annex Renovation. Dr. Ross Dueber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

L. Approval of the CNCC IT Infrastructure Upgrade Project

*Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller made a motion to approve the CNCC IT Infrastructure Upgrade Project. Dr. Ross Dueber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

M. Approval of the CCA Roof Top Unit (RTU) and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Upgrades Project

*Dr. Ross Dueber made a motion to approve the CCA Roof Top Unit (RTU) and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Upgrades Project. 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. Karen McNeil-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **2:50 p.m. MDT** on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.*