

SBCCOE Meeting- June 2024 Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM MDT

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

I. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mascareñaz called the **June 12, 2024**, regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at **3:56pm MDT**.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Terrance McWilliams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. 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, Rollie Heath, Tatiana Hernandez, Catlyn Keenan, Landon Mascareñaz, Terrance McWilliams, Yolanda Ortega, Brad Rupert, Cathy Shull, Steven Trujillo

Absent:

Members: Karen McNeil-Miller

C. Land Acknowledgement

Board member Tatiana Hernandez read the 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.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Recognition of Dr. Patricia Erjavec, President, Pueblo Community College

Chair Mascareñaz read the official SBCCOE Resolution for Dr. Patricia Erjavec in recognition of her upcoming retirement. Dr. Erjavec was presented with a framed copy of the Resolution and a certificate from Governor Polis in recognition for her years of service. Dr. Erjavec was thanked for her leadership as President of Pueblo Community College and other roles within the System by the Chair, members of the Board, the Chancellor, and her fellow Presidents.

B. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting of May 8, 2024

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2024 State Board meeting.

Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

C. Approval of Agenda, Regular Meeting of June 12, 2024

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to approve the agenda for the June 12, 2024 State Board meeting.

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

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion:

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

1. Approval of Area Technical College Allocations for FY 2024-25
2. Approval of Local District College Allocations for FY 2024-25
3. Approval of Adjustments to Previously Approved Tuition and Student Fees Schedule
4. Approval to Expand the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Business Administration to Lamar Community College, Pikes Peak State College, and Red Rocks Community College.
5. Approval of Community College of Aurora Advisory Council Nomination of Matt Sturgeon for Appointment to a full term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2028.
6. Approval of Morgan Community College Advisory Council Nomination of Robert Sanders for Appointment to a full term commencing on June 1, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2028.

Motion moved by Steven Trujillo and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

IV. REPORTS

Chair Mascareñas requested that the following individuals provide their reports to the Board.

A. Chancellor's Report – Chancellor Garcia

- Recognized and extended his appreciation and personal thanks to President Erjavec for her service as the President of Pueblo Community College and as a member and Chair of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. Stated that Patty also served as a member of the Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges Board for many years. and he

knows she will continue to be a tremendous contributor to her community, region, and the State of Colorado.

- Reported on the successful Chancellor's Summit on Adult Learners. There is tremendous opportunity with adult learners. We have been fortunate to be the recipient of Lumina grant funding to support our subject matter lead, Dr. Aylet Zur-Nayberg and many efforts across our colleges. The all-day summit showcased the tremendous innovative work going on at our colleges focused on how best to serve adult learners.
- Stated that he completed the annual performance evaluation of the members of the System Office Executive Team and will now turn his attention to completing the Presidents' annual evaluations in June and July.
- Reported that for this academic year (Summer 2023, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024) the overall FTE students grew by more than 7.5 percent. One of our top priorities has been to stabilize and increase enrollment coming out of the pandemic. As we came out the pandemic, we anticipated that we would face strong enrollment headwinds especially because we had a Colorado economy in need of workers. Typically, community college enrollment is counter-cyclical. In other words, when there is a dearth of well-paying jobs in the local economy, students attend community colleges to learn new skills and to improve their job prospects. But when there are jobs with decent wages available, those paychecks are hard to pass up. Despite our current environment, our teams have worked hard on enrollment
- Noted that last November, the Board made a mid-year investment from our system's reserves totaling about \$3.3 million for a package of investments we called *Strengthening our Foundation: Investments for High Impact Initiatives*. I identified a set of targeted areas that would benefit from the utilization of one-time funding from reserves to make some short-term (no more than three years) investments necessary to successfully complete some of our major projects and minimize delays due to the lack of staffing and to mitigate risk of CCCS underperforming. The Board concurred and approved investments in the Rural College Consortium; Colorado Skills Institute and Campus CE (software to support non-credit programming at the colleges and system office); Operations Support to Deliver on Federal and State Investments and Expectations; Support for Program and Curriculum Operations; and Additional Information Technology Resources. I held our second quarterly briefing with the system office leads with each of these areas and I am pleased to report to the Board that plans are in place and work is progressing. I will plan to provide a quarterly update on this limited term investment during my Chancellor's report and an annual progress report in December of each year.
- Announced CCCS has received several significant gifts over the course of the year that continue to propel our work forward. These gifts and commitments bring our system foundations total raised for the year to well over \$4 million against a fundraising goal of \$2,225,000.
- Noted the incredible fundraising work being done across the System. Each of the colleges have their own respective Foundations. The current 10-year plan set a collective goal across all 14 foundations, and the Foundations met that goal back in FY 21 and they continue a pace to far exceed expectations.

Reminded the Board members that it is a great time to consider a gift to the foundation.

- B. Faculty Representative (SFAC) Report, Dr. Catlyn Keenan, FY24 SFAC Chair
 - Reported that there will be an SFAC retreat in August in Colorado Springs to prepare for the upcoming academic year.
- C. Student Representative (SSAC) Report
 - There was no SSAC Report at this meeting.
- D. Chair's Report – Chair Mascareñaz
 - Thanked the Presidents for the energy they brought to the room during the long day of budget presentations. He heard many talk about alignment with the draft principles guiding the development of the new System Strategic Plan.
 - Reported that he attended the Governor's signing of the new "Promise Program" legislation.
 - Stated his view that shared governance is critical to building a future-ready system as a supplement to the discussion about Board Policy 3-20 – Due Process for Faculty.
 - Announced the formation of an ad hoc committee to review current practices for nominating and selecting leadership as well as how other assignments to committees, board, and other opportunities are made; and to make any suggestions to improve current practices and to bring those suggestions forward to the full Board for consideration by December 11, 2024.
- E. Presidents' Emerging News – Presidents' wishing to address the Board.
 - No additional reports were made as each of the Presidents made a budget presentation.

V. 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.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

The Board acted upon each item listed below.

- A. Approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 System Office and College Budgets
 - Motion:**
Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Ross Dueber.
The motion passed.
- B. Approval of the Five-Year Capital Construction/IT Plans and Request Priorities for FY 2025-26
 - Motion:**
Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Steven Trujillo. The motion passed.

- C. Approval of BP 3-20, Due Process for Faculty
Motion:
Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Cathy Shull. The motion passed.
- D. Approval of the BAS in Integrated Building Design for Front Range Community College
Motion:
Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Cathy Shull. The motion passed.
- E. Approval of the CCCS Spending Authority for the Edify Contract
Motion:
Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Steven Trujillo. The motion passed.
- F. Approval of the CCCS Spending Authority for the Lobbyist Contract
Motion:
Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.
- G. Approval of the ACC Spending Authority Request for the Church Avenue Building Third Floor Renovation
Motion:
Motion moved by Steven Trujillo and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.
- H. Approval of the FRCC Spending Authority Request for Custodial Contract
Motion:
Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Steven Trujillo. The motion passed.
- I. Approval of PPSC Spending Authority for Restroom Project Phase II
Motion:
Motion moved by Yolanda Ortega and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 12, 2024.

Motion moved by Steven Trujillo and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed and the June 12, 2024 regular meeting of the State Board was adjourned at 4:21pm MDT.