

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

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

Meeting held 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 **8:33 a.m. MDT** on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

A. Roll Call

Members Present:

Pres Askew
Richard Garcia
Rollie Heath (Chair)
Terrance McWilliams
Garrison Ortiz
Cathy Shull
Daniel Villanueva
Deidre Schoolcraft (SFAC)

Members Absent:

Giugi Carminati
Dr. Landon Mascareñaz

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Danny Villanueva made a motion to enter into 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. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*There being no further business to discuss in Executive Session, Danny Villanueva made a motion to exit Executive Session at **9:31am MDT**. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

A Work Session ensued prior to being called back to order in Regular 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 **10:10 a.m. MDT** on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the June 9, 2021 regular session meeting minutes. Cathy Shull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

*Danny Villanueva made a motion to **amend** the agenda for August 11, 2021 to include two Discussion and Action items:*

- *Approval of System Chancellor's Salary, 2021-2022*
- *Approval of Spending Authority for Hy-Flex Technology Purchase for Pikes Peak Community College*

Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Danny Villanueva made a motion to approve the amended agenda for August 11, 2021. Pres Askew 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. Approval of Red Rocks Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Senator Andy Kerr for Appointment to Full Term from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025.

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Pres Askew 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 and introduced the three newest Presidents to join the Colorado Community College System (CCCS).
 - Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, new President at Community College of Aurora (CCA)
 - Dr. Stephanie Fujii, new President at Arapahoe Community College (ACC)
 - Dr. Lisa Jones, new President at Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC)
- Announced a new Associates of Engineering Sciences along with a new agreement with the Colorado School of Mines that will smooth the way for transfer from our community colleges to a four-year degree program at Mines. Red Rocks Community College has had a long-

standing agreement with Mines. This agreement builds on that work and will apply to all 13 CCCS colleges. The new agreement will streamline the process and ensure that all credits will transfer. Thanked Andy Dorsey and Front Range Community College for hosting the signing ceremony with the Colorado School of Mines. Good media coverage was received, including the Associated Press (AP) and Forbes.

- Stated that legislation was passed during the last session that charged Colorado Commission on Higher Education with reviewing the Role and Mission of our Colorado public higher education institutions. Dr. Pirius will be representing us on this task force. The Board will keep be advised on any recommendations that come from this group.
- Announced that following today's Board meeting, a statement regarding COVID 19 and the CCCS our approach to the Fall term will be distributed system-wide.
- Spoke about the *Get Your Shot at a Scholarship* program through Amazon which will award 67 scholarships to vaccinated community college students across the state.
- Shared that after a record breaking year having raised \$5.5 million in FY21, the Foundation is off to a strong start again in FY22.
 - We have received a \$975,000 two-year grant from the Lumina Foundation to join the Innovative Credential to Associate's Network (ICAN). This grant specifically focuses on increasing the completion rate for Black/African American, Hispanic, and Native American adult students, and will help to advance our work with adult students.
 - We received \$263,000 from a donor who prefers to give anonymously to help address students who are food insecure. This funding will support the state-wide fee for Single Stop – an online tool that connects students to resources – and also support a student navigator at PPCC who will focus on working with students experiencing food insecurity.
 - Finally, we received a bequest intention from a recently retired employee who has included us in her estate plans. This will result in an unrestricted gift that is estimated to be valued at \$250,000. Planned giving is a growing area of focus not only for the System Foundation, but all of our foundations.
- Shared the video that Adam Cermak, Foundation Executive Director, Fiona Lytle, Chief Communications Officer and the communications team produced in partnership with Mary Spillane, CCCS Foundation Board Chair and Comcast Director of Community Impact promoting our community colleges. In addition to donating the cost of production, they will be broadcasting it as a Public Service Announcement (PSA) across at least 24 channels throughout Comcast's service area for the next four months.

B. Audit Committee, Danny Villanueva, Chair

- Stated that there are currently no items that have come to the attention of the Audit Committee that need to be brought before the Board.

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

- Revealed that she has been a part of CCCS at Pikes Peak Community College since 1997, having spent one year as an instructor, then being hired as faculty.
- Spoke about the work that SFAC is doing with Dr. Pirius and Tammy Vercauteren on the design for Colorado Online.
- Stated that the SFAC is working on a report to the Chancellor on issues they see with Concurrent Enrollment.
- Shared that SFAC members all have various concerns about Covid and they are each speaking to the Presidents at their individual colleges.

D. State Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) Representative

- The new SSAC representative has not yet been elected. No report given.

E. Chairman Heath

- Spoke about the upcoming SBCCOE Retreat.
- Shared the activities of the Policy Committee on which he serves for the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).
- Offered his admiration for the Chancellor and the CCCS Team.

F. Presidents' Reports

Presidents wishing to address the Board reported the following items.

- Dr. Marie DeSanctis, President, Community College of Denver (CCD)
 - Announced that the new AAS in Cannabis Business has received a lot of good press and enrollment. The BAS in Cannabis Science was just approved by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
 - Spoke about a partnership with Verizon and Jobs for the Future which will result in a free Junior Stack Developers Certificate for 100 people due to that partnership. CCD will have the opportunity to ladder these certificates into courses for credit.
- Andy Dorsey, President, Front Range Community College (FRCC)
 - Spoke about visiting the Diesel Technology Program that FRCC does with RTD and getting to see some students in the program.
 - Announced that FRCC has received a continuation of a grant for a program called Geo Launchpad. It is a geospatial science research internship that allows students at FRCC and across the system to do work with PhD level scientists.

- Dr. Linda Lujan, President, Lamar Community College (LCC)
 - Expressed appreciation for our new Presidents' and stated that the system should be proud of being able to attract such talented leaders.
 - Announced that LCC was just notified that it is one of 62 institutions nationally to receive a two-year institutional resilience grant in the amount of \$1.57 million for their project within and beyond the pandemic to ensure access to remote instruction and distance learning.
- Dr. Curt Freed, President, Morgan Community College (MCC)
 - Announced his excitement to have an Instrumentation and Controls Technician program launch with a fall start.
- Dr. Patricia Erjavec, President, Pueblo Community College (PCC)
 - Announced that in conjunction with Train Technologies, PCC launched a chapter of the Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME). It is the only chapter west of the Mississippi. PCC partnered with 15 or their industry partners to bring on the apprenticeship in Industrial Maintenance.
- Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC)
 - Announced that renovations to the medical campus on the North side of Colorado Springs which was approved by the Board in March, 2020 is now restarting after being put on hold due to Covid-19. It should be complete in 12 months and fully operational by the Fall semester of 2022.
- Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College (RRCC)
 - Voiced the excitement that RRCC has in partnering with the Colorado School of Mines on the Associates of Engineering Science degree.
 - Revealed that RRCC will offer the first and second year of the Mind Academy program for Mines. With the appropriate grade point average, this will result in automatic acceptance to Mines for the third and fourth year of the program.
 - Noted that a former international student at RRCC who is now an American citizen and on the staff at RRCC has been nominated for an Emmy Award.

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 Fourth Amendment to the System Chancellor's Employment Contract

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Fourth Amendment to the System Chancellor's Employment Contract. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Appointment of Garrison Ortiz to the Employee Benefits Trust Board

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the Appointment of Garrison Ortiz to the Employee Benefits Trust Board. Cathy Shull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approval of BP 3-65 Sabbatical Policy

Pres Askew made a motion to approve BP 3-65 Sabbatical Policy. Danny Villanueva seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Approval of BP 9-72 Transfer of Credit from Area Technical Colleges

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the Transfer of Credit from Area Technical Colleges. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approval of Spending Authority for Student Food Services for the Colorado Northwest Community College

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Spending Authority for Student Food Services for the Colorado Northwest Community College. Cathy Shull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Approval of Spending Authority Approval for Building Access Controls, Front Range Community College Westminster Campus

Cathy Shull made a motion to approve the Spending Authority Approval for Building Access Controls, Front Range Community College Westminster Campus. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Approval of Spending Authority Request for Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Plan Continuation

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Spending Authority Request for Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Plan Continuation. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Approval of Dell Hardware Lease for Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Dell Hardware Lease for Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Approval of System Chancellor's Salary, 2021-2022

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J. Approval of Spending Authority for Hy-Flex Technology Purchase for Pikes Peak Community College

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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 **11:20 a.m. MDT.***