

# SBCCOE Meeting - May 2023 Minutes

Colorado Community College System

May 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM MDT

CCCS Administration Building Board Room (and via WebEx)

**May 10, 2023 Minutes DRAFT for Approval on June 14, 2023.**

## Attendance

### Present:

Members: Federico Chavez, Ross Dueber, Rollie Heath, Melanie Kruger, Landon Mascareñaz, Karen McNeil-Miller, Garrison Ortiz, Deidre Schoolcraft, Cathy Shull

### Absent:

Members: Pres Askew, Richard Garcia, Terrance McWilliams

#### I. Regular Session Call to Order

*The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chair, called the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at 9:56 a.m. MDT.*

##### A. Roll Call

*See attendance list above.*

##### B. Motion to Enter Executive Session

*The Board may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), 24-6-402(3)(a)(IV) to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice, to discuss the sale of property, to discuss personnel matters, and to discuss specialized details of security arrangements.*

##### Motion:

Motion to **enter** Executive Session directly following the conclusion of the business of the Regular Session.

Motion moved by Landon Mascareñaz and motion seconded by Cathy Shull.

Motion Passed.

##### C. Recess of Regular Session

*The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chair, recessed the Regular Session to enter into a Work Session.*

#### II. Regular Session Call Back to Order

The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chair, called the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education back to Order at 11:00 a.m. MST.

##### A. Pledge of Allegiance

*Board Member Garrison Ortiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

B. Land Acknowledgement

*Board Member Landon Mascareñas read the 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.*

III. General Business

A. Approval of Minutes of SBCCOE Regular Meeting on April 12, 2023

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the SBCCOE Regular Meeting on April 12, 2023.

Motion moved by Landon Mascareñas and motion seconded by Karen McNeil-Miller.

Motion Passed.

B. Approval of Agenda for SBCCOE Regular Meeting on May 10, 2023

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the Agenda for the SBCCOE Regular Meeting on May 10, 2023.

Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Cathy Shull.

Motion Passed.

C. Recognition of SBCCOE Member Garrison Ortiz

The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chair, recognized the service of Member Garrison Ortiz. Mr. Ortiz accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at Colorado State University Pueblo (CSU-Pueblo) and, regretfully, must step down as a member of the SBCCOE.

Mr. Ortiz thanked Chair Heath, all Board Members, Chancellor Garcia, the College Presidents, and system administration; he expressed his joy and appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Colorado Community College System.

Chair Heath conveyed the Boards' delight in having Garrison Ortiz as a colleague and presented Mr. Ortiz with a Resolution, honoring his SBCCOE service representing the 3rd Congressional District from March 2021 to May 2023.

Chancellor Garcia and Board Members praised Mr. Ortiz for his contributions to the Board and congratulated him.

- D. Recognition of SFAC Chair, Deidre Schoolcraft  
The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chair, presented Deidre Schoolcraft with a Certificate and expressed the Boards' appreciation for her service as the State Faculty Advisory Council Representative to the SBCCOE from August 2021 to May 2023.  
Ms. Schoolcraft thanked Chair Heath, all Board Members, and Chancellor Garcia; she reported it was a privilege.
- E. Recognition of SSAC Chair, Federico Chavez  
The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chair, presented Federico Chavez with a Certificate and conveyed the Boards' gratitude for his service as the State Student Advisory Council Representative to the SBCCOE from August 2022 to May 2023.  
Mr. Chavez thanked Chair Heath, all Board Members, and Chancellor Garcia; he reflected it was an honor to serve and he learned a great deal.

#### IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Community College of Aurora Advisory Council Nominations
1. Approval of CCA Advisory Council Nomination of Mr. Jason Batchelor for New Appointment with Term commencing June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2027.
  2. Approval of CCA Advisory Council Nomination of Mr. Noel Bernal for New Appointment with Term commencing June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2027.
- B. Northeastern Junior College Advisory Council Nominations
1. Approval of NJC Advisory Council Nomination of Ms. Karla Rosas for Reappointment with Term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027.
  2. Approval of NJC Advisory Council Nomination of Mr. Wade Tyrrell for Reappointment with Term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027.
- C. Approval of Student Fees and Tuition Technical Correction
- D. Approval of Designated Career Tech School (DCTS), Greeley 6 Application

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda for the SBCCOE Regular Meeting on May 10, 2023.

Motion moved by Landon Mascareñaz and motion seconded by Karen McNeil-Miller.

Motion Passed.

## V. Reports

### A. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor, Joe Garcia:

- Noted that the Presidents were attending virtually due to commencement season.
- Attend Otero College's ceremony, alongside President Alvarez who was presiding over his final commencement before retiring. Thanked Board Members who have and will attend commencements at our colleges.
- Extended his personal appreciation to Board Member Garrison Ortiz.
- Recognized Fiona Lytle's leadership, and commended the efforts of the system's legislative crew, including our lobbyists, Moria Cullen, Jason Hopfer, and Mary Alice Mandarich. Acknowledged there were many highlights from the 2023 legislative session, including:
  - An 11.3% increase in the Operating General Fund, plus a 5% tuition rate cap; both will allow CCCS to cover increasing costs and our colleges will be able to start addressing salary challenges.
- Sent an email on May 8, 2023, with the news about hiring Dr. Kim Zant as Otero's new President. During the interview process, she was well received by the La Junta community. Dr. Zant will start on August 1st.
- Congratulated Dr. Fujii and ACC on the grand opening of the Health Innovation Center, which will add critical programming to address shortages in the healthcare industry workforce, and was pleased to participate in the ceremony.
- Thanked Dr. Jones for hosting his visit to CNCC where he met with faculty, staff, and community members at both the Rangely and Craig campuses.
- Will travel to Durango at the end of the week to learn about the Southwest Education Collaboration.
- Invited Landon Pirius to discuss the positive outlook for enrollment.
  - He noted that summer and fall enrollment numbers look positive and mentioned that this fall will be the first time all CCCS colleges will have the same registration dates.

### B. Nominating Committee – Presentation of FY24 SBCCOE Officers Slate

Board Member and Committee Representative, Cathy Shull:

The Nominating Committee met on April 12th to discuss the slate of candidates for Chair and Vice Chair for fiscal year 2024, beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The committee presented and recommended the Board vote to approve Landon Mascareñaz, Chair, and Terrance McWilliams, Vice Chair.

### C. State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC) Report

Deidre Schoolcraft, SFAC Representative:

- Introduced Dr. Catlyn Keenan, Professor, Front Range Community College as the new SFAC Representative.
  - Dr. Keenan expressed her excitement on becoming the SFAC Representative to the Board.
- Met with Presidents' Council yesterday and gave a quick update regarding the work on the Shared Governance Board Policy. The Committee will continue to work with Landon Pirius over the summer and plan to bring a final recommendation to the Board for consideration in the fall.

- Brought up a concern regarding rural colleges possibly losing their Degree with Designation (DWD) in Geology.
  - Landon Pirius addressed Ms. Schoolcraft's concern and stated he had not heard of this possibility but would follow up.

D. State Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report

Federico Chavez, SSAC Representative:

- Shared Board notes at their meeting last month; each College Representative will distribute the information to their student bodies.
- Will meet on Friday, May 12th and have their final fiscal year 2023 meeting in June.
- Stated that student body elections are being held which will hopefully fill State Student Advisory Council positions at the colleges for fiscal year 2024.

E. Chairman's Report

The Honorable S.R. Heath, Jr., Chair:

Mentioned the May 9th PBS NewsHour episode which highlighted the importance of community colleges and showed how they impact the economic mobility of students, dramatically increased earnings, and recognized that most community colleges are open admission. It presented the positive outcomes of providing free education and had several students share how community college changed their lives. Chair Heath noted that CCCS is doing much more than most community colleges, filling the skills needed across the state. He expressed his pride in being involved with CCCS.

F. Presidents' Wishing to Address the Board

- Dr. Patricia Erjavec, President, Pueblo Community College (PCC):
  - Received praise from a parent who was skeptical about her daughter attending community college. The parent shared that it turned out to be the best decision for her daughter who had a wonderful experience and gained an outstanding education.
- Dr. Mike White, President, Northeastern Junior College (NJC):
  - Hosting Boys and Girls State this summer. Will bring potential students to campus along with legislators and others invited to speak.
- Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, President, Community College of Denver (CCD):
  - Gave an update on migrants being housed on Auraria campus. Since mid-February, the city and county of Denver used the 5th Street garage office to process about twenty (20) migrants a day. This weekend, that number ballooned to four hundred (400), reaching a critical point Sunday night at closing when two hundred (200) migrants had not been processed and needed a place to stay along with food and water, which Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) provided.
  - Noted that graduation is traditionally celebrated outside, with the backup, indoor facility being St. Cajetan's church, which is now housing migrants. Since the weather prediction calls for rain, they will move graduation to the Tivoli.

- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA):
  - Held their largest commencement in the past five years; had a total of 1100 graduates earning degrees or certificates and presented awards to 400 on-site graduates at Aurora City Hall on Saturday.
  - Received a proclamation from the city of Aurora, celebrating CCA's 40 years in the community. May 20th will be "Community College of Aurora" day. Staff will hand out CCA swag throughout the city, letting everyone know about the College. Served over 176,000 people and awarded over 23,000 degrees or certificates over the past 40 years.
  - Chancellor Garcia interjected and shared that Dr. Mordecai Brownlee was recently recognized as the Community Leader of the Year by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.
- Dr. Rhonda Epper, President, Trinidad State College (TSC):
  - Signed a transfer agreement with CSU-Pueblo, in three new pathways: Exercise Science, Pre-Athletic Training, and Outdoor Recreation.
  - Expressed admiration for TSC's Robotics team, which was judged as "best overall" at the Colorado Robotics Challenge, sponsored by the Colorado Space Grant Consortium, on April 15th. The TSC team had two robots that were the only ones, from all the colleges and universities, to complete all five courses.
- Dr. Colleen Simpson, President, Front Range Community College (FRCC):
  - Shared that two Gateway to College students earned scholarships to study overseas for four weeks this summer; one student will go to Cambodia, one student will go to Senegal.
  - Announced that all Nursing students from the Westminster campus earned 100% pass rates.
  - Completed accreditation of the Nursing program, which is now accredited through fall of 2030.
- Dr. Lisa Jones, President, Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC):
  - Reported that their Dental Hygiene students all earned 100% pass rates on their exams.
  - Highlighted two women basketball players; one received an athletic and academic scholarship, and one coordinated a camp, working with men and women basketball players.
- Dr. Rosana Reyes, President, Lamar Community College (LCC):
  - Honored approximately 200 graduates on Saturday.
  - Shared that construction students successfully completed a remodel of a run-down home in the community, which was very well received.

## 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.*

No public comments were requested.

VII. Discussion and Action Items

A. Approval of the Amendment to the SBCCOE By-Laws

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the Amendment to the SBCCOE By-Laws.

Motion moved by Landon Mascareñaz and motion seconded by Garrison Ortiz.  
Motion Passed.

B. Approval of the FY24 SBCCOE Officers

1. Chair

Landon Mascareñaz expressed his gratitude and honor in being considered and nominated as Chair. He remembered volunteering on Chair Heath's campaign in 2002 and now they are working together on the Board, which feels like life coming full circle. Dr. Mascareñaz is looking forward to the work and continued progression with the Board.

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve Landon Mascareñaz as the SBCCOE Chair for FY 2024.

Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Garrison Ortiz.  
Motion Passed.

2. Vice Chair

Chair Heath noted that Terrance McWilliams was not able to attend this meeting but prior to the meeting, had expressed his enthusiasm to be the Vice Chair.

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve Terrance McWilliams as the SBCCOE Vice Chair for FY 2024.

Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Garrison Ortiz.  
Motion Passed.

C. Approval of State Base Budget and Amendment 50 Allocations FY24

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the State Budget and Amendment 50 Allocations FY24.

Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Karen McNeil-Miller.  
Motion Passed.

D. Approval of BP 8-100, System-Wide Revenue Bonds

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve BP 8-100, System-Wide Revenue Bonds.

Motion moved by Landon Mascareñaz and motion seconded by Ross Dueber.  
Motion Passed.

E. Approval of the SBCCOE Tuition Pledge

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the SBCCOE Tuition Pledge.

Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Landon Mascareñaz.  
Motion Passed.

F. Approval of the YuJa Corporation Contract Spending Authority

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the YuJa Corporation Contract Spending Authority.

Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Landon Mascareñaz.  
Motion Passed.

G. Approval of the PCC Request for Ratification of Purchases

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the PCC Request for Ratification of Purchases.

Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Garrison Ortiz.  
Motion Passed.

H. Approval of the ACC Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grant (Round 3) Spending Authority

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the ACC Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grant (Round 3) Spending Authority

Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Karen McNeil-Miller.  
Motion Passed.



I. Approval of the FY 2024 SBCCOE Schedule

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to approve the FY 2024 SBCCOE Schedule.

Motion moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and motion seconded by Cathy Shull.

Motion Passed.

VIII. Executive Session

Board convened in Executive Session after a break following the Regular Session.

**Motion:**

Motion to **exit** Executive Session.

Motion moved by Landon Mascareñaz and motion seconded by Cathy Shull.

The Board exited Executive Session at **1:48 p.m. MDT.**

IX. Adjournment

**Motion:**

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education.

Motion moved by Landon Mascareñaz and motion seconded by Cathy Shull.

The May 10, 2023 SBCCOE meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

5/10/23 Minutes for Approval on 6/14/23