

# SBCCOE Meeting- February 2024

## Minutes

February 14, 2024

Northeastern Junior College, Hays Student Center, 100 College Avenue Sterling, Colorado 80751

### I. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mascareñaz called the **February 14, 2024** regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at **8:15am 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, Rollie Heath, Tatiana Hernandez, Catlyn Keenan, Landon Mascareñaz, Karen McNeil-Miller, Terrance McWilliams, Yolanda Ortega, Brad Rupert, Cathy Shull, Steven Trujillo, Hector Vargas

### II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### **Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to move 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.*

*Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed and the Board moved into Executive Session.*

#### **Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to exit the Executive Session.*

*Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Cathy Shull. The motion passed and Executive Session was adjourned at **8:56am MST**.*

### III. REGULAR SESSION CALL BACK TO ORDER

Chair Mascareñaz called the **February 14, 2024** meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education back to order at **9:10am MST**.

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

*Terrance McWilliams, Vice Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

B. 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. Approve Minutes of December 13, 2023

**Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2023 meeting of the State Board.*

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

D. Approve Agenda of February 14, 2024

**Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the Agenda for the February 14, 2024 meeting of the State Board.*

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion:**

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

- 1. Colorado Online Summer 2024 Course Material Fees.*
- 2. Community College of Denver Advisory Council Nominee: Kit Hollingshead for Appointment to a Full Term from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2028.*

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

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. REPORTS

**A. Chancellor's Report, Joe Garcia**

- Welcomed new Board member, Tatiana Hernandez, to her first meeting. Announced that the Senate confirmation hearing is scheduled for Monday,*

February 26 to confirm new members Brad Rupert, Yolanda Ortega, Tatiana Hernandez, Steven Trujillo, and our reappointed member Cathy Shull.

- Mentioned that enrollment continues to recover coming out of the pandemic. He reminded the Board that community colleges and underrepresented populations were especially hit hard by the pandemic and community colleges across the country saw dramatic declines in enrollment although overall CCCS enrollment held up much better than most others. Nevertheless, CCCS enrollments were negatively impacted. He noted we experienced enrollment increases in Fall and for Spring term our weekly report continues to show an upward trend. As of the official Spring term census date, January 31, overall enrollment is up in the range of 8 percent over the previous Spring term – enrollment is going in a positive direction.
- Noted that this is the last meeting for Dr. Landon Pirius as CCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Pirius assumes the presidency at Red Rocks Community College in mid-March. Thanked President Haney for her flexibility in staying on a few extra months and working to ensure a smooth transition. Announced that the search for a new Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs is in progress. Also noted that the search for the President of Pueblo Community College is in progress as President Erjavec is set to retire at the end of the academic year.
- Congratulated Fiona Lytle, Chief Communications Officer, and her team for a successful CCCS Day at the Capitol. Noted that he appreciates the good work of Fiona and our lobbyists as well as the Presidents and Executive Team to make sure CCCS is front and center in the statehouse and positioned for any and on all opportunities for increased state appropriations and innovative capital financing for a health related capital project at TSC to legislation designed to improve transfer pathways and a myriad of other proposed legislation.

**B. State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC) – Catlyn Keenan, SFAC Representative**

- SFAC considers BP 2-50 on Shared Governance and the accompanying System Procedure to be significant improvements over the old policies. They offer clarity, objectives, and accountability. SFAC appreciates the lengthy and careful process to develop this policy and procedure.
- SFAC is in the process of reviewing BP 3-20, and SP 3-20 on Due Process. These are up for their five-year review and SFAC suggests taking this opportunity to clarify language around due process, academic freedom, and termination. SFAC convened a working group with Christina Cecil and hopes to complete recommendations in a timely fashion.
- The review of BP 3-20 and SP 3-20 highlighted the need for a system wide statement on academic freedom. SFAC also convened a working group to begin drafting some language.
- SFAC formally began a project on faculty morale and retention. Three members of SFAC joined with Dr. Rachel Harrison of ACC to develop a list of recommended actions. SFAC is also recruiting two additional faculty members to serve on the taskforce. Once we have the recommendations developed, SFAC will share with the Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, the college presidents, and the Board.

**C. State Student Advisory Council (SSAC) – Hector Vargas, SSAC Chair**

*Reported that the SSAC group had a Day at the Capitol and are working on creating an initiative for the year. SSAC also engaged in team building work.*

**D. Chair's Report, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz**

*The Chair welcomed new member, Tatiana Hernandez, and noted that he would call on her at the end of his remarks so that she could introduce herself to the group.*

*The Chair reminded the group of discussions regarding how "economic and social mobility" is a North Star for CCCS and a key guiding principle for the development of the new strategic plan. He mentioned the high school credential legislation described during the legislative update and added that there are over 300,000 Coloradans without a high school credential. He identified this legislation as a tremendous opportunity for CCCS and our Colleges to serve Coloradans that have not received the education they deserve and in doing so the economic conditions of these individuals will be vastly improved as well create economic benefit for the State of Colorado. He challenged all, as leaders, to lean into this transformative opportunity.*

*He shared his excitement for the afternoon session and the kick-off of the strategic plan listening and learning sessions and the opportunity to hear from students, employees, and partners and community members about the future of CCCS and what they need from us.*

*He mentioned the importance of this kickoff as we have been operating under a strategic plan that was developed nearly 10 years ago. The development of a new strategic plan and this strategic planning process provides us with the opportunity to begin by sitting down and opening up to the perspective of other people. Embarking on this co-creating process will build the trust of learners, employers, and communities in our colleges and CCCS. This process will allow us to be able to continue to build a system where everyone can themselves in what we are building – not just a CCCS plan but a Colorado Plan.*

*He noted appreciation for the investment received from philanthropic partners to help fund this work including the partnership with Keystone Policy Institute. that we're getting from philanthropy to build this partnership with Keystone.*

**E. Presidents' Emerging News**

- Dr. Rhonda Epper, President, Trinidad State College (TSC), reported that if the capital financing legislation passes, it will significantly benefit the TSC Valley Campus in Alamosa, CO. The main building was originally an elementary school built in 1936. The allied health building was built in 1965 and is in disrepair. Neither of these building have air conditioning and temperatures inside can range from 55-105 degrees.
- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA) announced that he was selected by the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) National Honor Society to receive a New President award which will be presented to him in Florida.
- Dr. Mike White, President, Northeastern Junior College (NJC) reported that NJC has begun a "Gateway" program similar to the one at Red Rocks Community College for formerly incarcerated individuals.

VII. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEM APPROVAL

The Board acted upon each item listed below.

- A. Approval of the FY23 Audited Financials

**Motion:**

*Motion moved by Cathy Shull and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed.*

- B. Approval of BP 2-50, Shared Governance

**Motion:**

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

- C. Approval of BP 3-61, Voluntary Retirement Incentive Plan

**Motion:**

*Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Ross Dueber.*

- D. Approval of BP 3-62, Employee Furloughs

**Motion:**

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

- E. Approval of BP 8-80 Surplus Property

**Motion:**

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

- F. Approval of BP 8-180, Post-Issuance Compliance for Tax Exempt Bonds and Tax Credit Bonds

**Motion:**

*Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Ross Dueber. The motion passed.*

- G. Approval of Information Technology Spending Authority for EAB D2L Integration

**Motion:**

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

- H. Approval of YuJa Inc. - Accessibility Tool Contract

**Motion:**

*Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Cathy Shull. The motion passed.*

VIII. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:**

*Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 14, 2024.*

*Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed and the February 14, 2024 meeting of the State Board was adjourned at 11:26am MST.*