

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

Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021

Meeting held in person and 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, September 8, 2021, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

A. Roll Call

Members Present:

Pres Askew
Giugi Carminati
Richard Garcia
Rollie Heath (Chair)
Dr. Landon Mascareñaz
Terrance McWilliams
Garrison Ortiz
Cathy Shull
Daniel Villanueva
Deidre Schoolcraft (SFAC)

Members Absent: None

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, Pres Askew made a motion to exit Executive Session at **9:31am MDT**. Garrison Ortiz 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 **10:58 a.m. MDT** on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Minutes

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the August 11, 2021 regular session meeting minutes. Dr. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to approve the agenda for September 8, 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 Otero College Advisory Council Nominee: C.J. Montoya for Appointment to Full Term from September 20, 2021 through September 19, 2025.

B. Approval of Red Rocks Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Heather Callender-Potters for Re-Appointment to Full Term from February 28, 2021 through February 28, 2025.

C. Approval of Red Rocks Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Marjorie Sloan for Re-Appointment to Full Term from November 30, 2020 through November 30, 2024.

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Terrance McWilliams 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

- Announced the recipients of the 2021 CCCS Legislator Star Award. This award is given annually to legislators who make an extra effort to understand and champion our issues. The awards will be given to each recipient at events this fall that are in the planning process.
 - Representative Julie McCluskie - In recognition of her leadership on the Joint Budget Committee and a record year for state funding of community colleges, as well as her sponsorship of

landmark legislation, HB 21-1330, that supports students' success in obtaining postsecondary credentials, Furthermore, she always ensures the community colleges' voice is heard throughout the legislative process.

- Senator Jeff Bridges - In recognition of his leadership on the Joint Technology Committee and a record year of \$4.5 million in state funding for critically important technology projects at our community colleges, including a classroom technology project at the Community College of Denver; and network, technology, and IT security upgrades at three rural colleges, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Otero College, and Lamar Community Colleges.
- Senator Rhonda Fields - In recognition of her role on the Capital Development Committee and a record year of \$75 million for state funding of critical capital construction projects and controlled maintenance at our community colleges, including the new Diesel and Support Services Building at the Community College of Aurora
- Senator Cleave Simpson - In recognition of his leadership on HB21-008 regarding allowing two of our colleges, Trinidad State College and Otero College to drop the word "Junior" from their official titles. Changing the name supports our long-standing effort to increase the perception of value among students and potential employers and foster enrollment growth, build partnerships, and convey a sense of pride among students.
- Commented on the enrollment handout titled FTE and Headcount At-A-Glance, as of today, September 8. It is a weekly report that shows a year over year comparison of enrollment for the same day of the previous year.
- Explained that the numbers will continue to change up through our official colleges' census dates and disclosed that there will even be slight changes until the Fall enrollment is officially certified in late February.
- Spoke about the System's response to COVID -19
 - A statement regarding COVID 19 and our system approach to the Fall term was widely distributed.
 - Our position then was no general system-wide vaccine mandate, although individual colleges were authorized to implement vaccination requirements for students in resident halls and athletics and for selective programs.
 - In addition, College Presidents were authorized to implement mitigation strategies, in recognition of the fact that each of our colleges is in a different community with different vaccination and positivity rates, and each is under the direction and control of differing health authorities. Our Presidents and their teams have

been doing an am amazing job under difficult and ever changing circumstances.

- Although we were hopeful that the worst days of the pandemic would be over by now, that is not the present reality. We continue to closely monitor data including weekly positives from the campuses. We worked with CDPHE to get vaccination rates for by college and the system office for both employees and students, not at an individual student/employee level but rather a percentage of the total employees and a percentage of the total students.
- Supplied additional Information about federal COVID Funding.
 - \$355 million is the total federal number that was shared with the Board in June. We are competing for several grants so this number will adjust upward some.
 - These are big picture, approximate, one-time, and projected figures:
 - \$115 million (about 1/3 of the total) for student emergency aid, which goes directly to qualifying students.
 - \$100 million from Governor's Cares Act Funds in FY 2020. CCCS was cut \$110 million in state funds during the same time frame, so no net new funds.
 - \$45 million in projected revenue recovery for lost tuition/fee/room and board/state revenue due to pandemic impacts, so no net new funds.
 - Over 40% of the federal COVID funding offsets losses and cuts in state funds.
 - \$95 million institutional funds to be used for COVID impacts, ranging from PPE procurement to on-line conversion/technology upgrades to temporary staff/student advisors working to help impacted students get back in college to facility upgrades for HVAC filtration.
 - The federal funds are not ongoing dollars. A funding cliff lies ahead if enrollment does not turn around. There are strings attached to all of them with considerable compliance requirements.
- Participated in a group with a White House official on President Biden's "Build Back Better" Free College.

B. Deidre Schoolcraft, State Faculty Advisory Committee (SFAC) Chair and SBCCOE Representative

- Announced that SFAC had met on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 and while there were many topics to be discussed, Covid-19 was the main topic throughout the meeting.

- Explained that the letter the Board members received in a handout has recommendations from SFAC about shared governance between the college administration and the faculty. Some colleges are more successful with shared governance than others.
- Advised the Board that SFAC is continuing their work on the Colorado Online model.

C. State Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) Representative

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

D. Chairman Heath

- Commented that he appreciates how the System has been handling everything and how much he truly enjoys reading the college reports to the Board each month.
- Informed the group that at this time, the retreat for the Board, Presidents, and System Office staff at the end of October is still planned to be in person in Keystone.

E. Presidents' Reports

Presidents wishing to address the Board reported the following items.

- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA)
 - Announced that enrollment efforts are going well and that he and his staff continue to look for new opportunities to serve students.
- Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College (RRCC)
 - Reported that as a result of its partnership with the Colorado School of Mines, RRCC was able to accept 400 students to ACC that Mines was not able to admit because of class size limitations at Mines.

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 Policy 3-15, Employment for College Presidents

Pres Askew made a motion to approve Board Policy 3-15, Employment for College Presidents. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Board Policy (BP) 3-120, Affirmative Action/Anti-Discrimination and BP 19-60, Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment or Retaliation

Pres Askew made a motion to approve Board Policy (BP) 3-120, Affirmative Action/Anti-Discrimination and BP 19-60, Prohibition of Discrimination,

Harassment or Retaliation. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approval of Board Policy 2-40, State System Community Colleges Role and Mission

Pres Askew made a motion to approve Board Policy 2-40, State System Community Colleges Role and Mission. Garrison Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Approval of Board Policy 4-25, State Student Advisory Council

Pres Askew made a motion to approve Board Policy 4-25, State Student Advisory Council. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approval of Board Policy 4-50, Student Government

Pres Askew made a motion to approve Board Policy 4-50, Student Government. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Approval of Board Policy 9-20, Comprehensive Academic Plan

Pres Askew made a motion to approve Board Policy 9-20, Comprehensive Academic Plan. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Approval of Spending Authority Approval for Media Planning and Buying Contract at Front Range Community College

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Spending Authority Approval for Media Planning and Buying Contract at Front Range Community College. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Approval of Spending Authority for Improvements at Front Range Community College's Boulder County Campus

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the Spending Authority for Improvements at Front Range Community College's Boulder County Campus. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- I. Approval of Spending Authority for Trinidad State College Phase I Residence Hall Complex Improvements, Trinidad Campus

Landon Mascareñaz made a motion to approve the Spending Authority for Trinidad State College Phase I Residence Hall Complex Improvements, Trinidad Campus. Cathy Shull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- J. Approval of General Fund Allocation/Amendment 50 True Up

Pres Askew made a motion to approve the General Fund Allocation/Amendment 50 True Up. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- K. Approval of the Name Change of Building at Northeastern Junior College

Cathy Shull made a motion to approve the Name Change of Building at NJC. 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. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **11:58 a.m. MDT.***

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