

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

**Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023**

Pikes Peak State College
Rampart Range Campus
2070 Interquest Pkwy., Colorado Springs, CO 80921

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I. 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 **11:25am MST** on Wednesday, February 8, 2022, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

A. Roll Call

See Attendance List Below

B. 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.

Attendance

Present:

Members: Federico Chavez, Richard Garcia (remote), Rollie Heath, Landon Mascareñaz, Karen McNeil-Miller, Terrance McWilliams, Garrison Ortiz, Deidre Schoolcraft, Cathy Shull (remote)

Absent:

Members: Pres Askew, Ross Dueber, Melanie Kruger

II. General Business

A. Approval of Minutes of SBCCOE Regular Meeting on December 14, 2022

Motion: Moved by Terrance McWilliams and seconded by Garrison Ortiz. Motion Passed.

B. Approval of Agenda for SBCCOE Regular Meeting on February 8, 2023

Motion: A motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session at the end of the February 8, 2023 meeting was made.

Moved by Landon Mascareñaz and seconded by Garrison Ortiz. Motion Passed.

III. Executive Session

The Board may convene in 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. *Executive Session will convene prior to adjournment of the Regular Meeting.*

Motion: *Moved by Landon Mascareñaz and seconded by Terrance McWilliams. Motion Passed.*

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Arapahoe Community College Advisory Council Nomination of Mr. Marcus Notheisen for Reappointment with Term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2027.

Motion: *A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. Moved by Terrance McWilliams and seconded by Karen McNeil-Miller. Motion Passed.*

V. Reports

- A. Chancellor's Report (Presenter: Joe Garcia)

- Welcomed the new President of Lamar Community College, Dr. Rosana Reyes and encouraged Board members to get acquainted with her.
- Announced the start of the search for a new Otero College (OC) President as Dr. Alvarez announced that he too will be retiring in August after 33 years in higher education and 5 years as President of Otero College. Stated that Tim has been a valued leader at OC and a strong voice for students as a first generation, Latino leader with a strong focus on students and supporting student success. Commented that he attended and delivered a keynote at the La Junta Chamber of Commerce banquet and heard from many in the community praising his leadership of OC.
- Informed the Board that he has been busy meeting with legislators since the start of the 2023 Legislative Session. CCCS is actively working on numerous bills and monitoring many more. Explained that CCCS will be working to put the system in the best possible position when the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) makes final decisions on the overall operating dollars appropriated to higher education and the amount allocated to our system as well as capital and technology investments.
- Noted that Colorado Attorney General Weiser has announced that his office is expanding its rural housing revitalization grant to support a new trades program at Pueblo Corporate College, a division of Pueblo Community College (\$400K) and expanded programs that were funded in 2020 at Trinidad State College (total to date \$2.8M) and Lamar Community College (\$1.5M.) The initial grant helped Trinidad and Lamar colleges launch their programs, and the additional grants will support them as they expand programming in their communities. Pueblo Corporate College will use its grant to launch new curriculum in construction skills training and partner with local non-profit organizations to provide students with on-the-job training at local housing construction sites.
- Stated that the Board had asked him to keep them updated on enrollment because of decline over the two years of the pandemic (FY21 and FY22). Noted that the CCCS focus and goal for this academic year is to stabilize enrollment. Reported that Spring enrollment is up over previous year and he is cautiously optimistic that we have stemmed the decline resulting from the pandemic and enrollment is recovering despite today's very tight labor market **Note: Spring 2023 term (FTE 4.5% with CE and Degree/Non-degree seeking both increasing over same day of**

previous year; Headcount 6.8% increase with CE and Degree/Non-degree seeking both increased over same day of previous year). *Source: 2/1/23 At-A-Glance Enrollment Report*

- Publicized and congratulated Fiona Lytle who has been selected from seven semi-finalists for the prestigious “Communicator of the Year Award” by the National Association of Community and Technical College Communication Professionals. Fiona will be recognized at their national conference.
 - Announced that he had just learned that Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President at Community College of Aurora (CCA), had been named to the Denver Business Journal (DBJ) "40 Under 40" class of 2023.
 - Thanked Dr. Bolton and all of his staff for everything that went into preparing and organizing the Presidents' Council and SBCCOE meetings at the PPSC Campus.
- B. State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC) Report (Presenter: Deidre Schoolcraft, SFAC Representative)
- Reported that the SFAC group is engaged in shared governance work.
 - Gave verbal congratulations to Faculty statewide for their equity work on the Colorado Online project.
- C. State Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report (Presenter: Federico Chavez, SSAC Representative)
- Reported that the SSAC is engaging in conversations with System Office staff on international students.
- D. Chairman’s Report (Presenter: Rollie Heath, Chair)
- Noted how pleased he was to be holding this meeting at Pikes Peak State College (PPSC) and how impressed he was by the tour of the Center of Healthcare Education and Simulation (CHES) Campus.
- E. Presidents’ Wishing to Address the Board
- Dr. Stephanie Fujii, President, Arapahoe Community College (ACC)
 - Announced that Jason Schrock is the new Chief Financial Officer at ACC.
 - Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA)
 - Thanked Chancellor Garcia for attending CCA's first Winter Strategic Summit.
 - Pointed out that CCA is the first "Achieving the Dream (ATD)" college. Dr. Brownlee will attend the ATD conference next week.
 - Noted accomplishments by several of the CCA staff and faculty.
 - Dr. Tanya Cook co-authored the book "Fandom Acts of Kindness."
 - Dr. Reyna Anaya is the co-author of the publication "Moving the Needle."
 - Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, President, Community College of Denver (CCD)
 - Reported that the Auraria Learning and Employer Ecosystem (ALEE) has received its first funding from an anonymous source. The Colorado Workforce

Development Council (CWDC) has also received a grant from Walmart for the same project, so they will combine forces to make ALEE a reality.

- Announced that the Equivalency of Credit in Transfer Taskforce spearheaded by CCD and bringing Metropolitan State University (MSU) and University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) to the table has made headway around credits that will be allowed to transfer. MSU has agreed to accept Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credits from all 13 CCCS colleges beginning in August 2023.
 - CCD received \$40K from the Rose Community Foundation for emergency housing needs for their students. They will be able to assist 100 students with \$4K each when an emergency housing issue arises.
 - Announced that through her participation in the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, she was able to collaborate with many university colleagues and they published a framework to support undergraduate faculty in the STEM disciplines in Change Journal.
- Dr. Lisa Jones, President, Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC)
 - Thanked Chancellor Garcia, Chair Heath, and Board Member Pres Askew for their assistance during the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) CNCC accreditation visit. CNCC met all criteria with no interim reporting required.
 - Announced the completion of the CNCC Strategic Plan for 2023-2028.
 - Reported that they are currently working on the Strategic Enrollment Plan and the Campus Master Plan.
 - Dr. Colleen Simpson, President, Front Range Community College (FRCC)
 - Announced that FRCC partnered with La Familia in Fort Collins, CO and has launched the Early Childhood Education Certificate in Spanish. They have plans to launch several more certificate programs in Spanish.
 - Stated that FRCC has also partnered with the University of California and Colorado State University to focus on women in Computer Science. FRCC will be recruiting women interested in a computer transfer pathway.
 - Noted that FRCC Career and Technical Education (CTE) has received a grant to support their American Welding Society and help build out the CTE program.
 - Reported that the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Nursing program saw an 80% increase in enrollment for the Spring 2023 semester.
 - Dr. Mike White, President, Northeastern Community College (NJC)
 - Thanked Board Member Richard Garcia for his assistance in connecting to the Yuma community. NJC has started their first Spanish-only Business course, has a Spanish translator in the Learning Center, and has completed its first Commercial Driving License (CDL) program for Agriculture drivers.
 - Dr. Tim Alvarez, President, Otero College (OC)
 - Thanked Chancellor Garcia for attending and providing the keynote for the La Junta Chamber of Commerce.
 - Dr. Patricia Erjavec, President, Pueblo Community College (PCC)

- Announced that PCC has received both the "Healthy Minds" designation and the "Hunger Free" designation from the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE). Both were student-driven.
 - Thanked Chancellor Garcia and Board Member Garrison Ortiz for attending the ribbon-cutting celebration for the opening of the Nursing and Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center at St. Mary-Corwin Hospital.
- Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Pikes Peak State College (PPSC)
 - Thanked Fran Velasquez, PPSC Assistant to the President, Carl Ellis, PPSC Manager of Audiovisual Services, and Mary Reeves, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor's Office for the work that was put into organizing the two days of meetings.
- Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College (RRCC)
 - Thanked the System Office for hosting their Employee Recognition Event at RRCC.
- Dr. Rhonda Epper, President, Trinidad State College (TSC)
 - Spoke about the additional \$1.8 million grant from the Colorado Attorney General's office to expand the Construction Trades program at TSC.
 - Reported that the TSC Men's Basketball is currently 10-0.

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.

There were no Public Comments.

VII. Discussion and Action Items

A. Approval of the FY22 Audited Financials

Motion: Moved by Terrance McWilliams and seconded by Landon Mascareñaz.
Motion Passed.

B. Approval of Board Policy 2-25, College Advisory Council

Motion: Moved by Terrance McWilliams and seconded by Landon Mascareñaz.
Motion Passed.

C. Approval of Board Policy 2-40, CCCS Role and Mission

Motion: Moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and seconded by Terrance McWilliams.
Motion Passed.

D. Approval of Board Policy 6-20, PII Security Program

Motion: Moved by Terrance McWilliams and seconded by Landon Mascareñaz.
Motion Passed.

E. Approval of Board Policy 7-01, Audit Committee Charter

Motion: Moved by Terrance McWilliams and seconded by Cathy Shull.

F. Approval of the Community Collage of Aurora (CCA) Additional Spending Authority for the Educational Advisory Board (EAB) Contract

Motion: Moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and seconded by Landon Mascareñaz. Motion Passed.

VIII. Exit Executive Session

The Board convened the Executive Session at the conclusion of the Regular meeting.

Motion: A motion was made to exit the Executive Session.

Moved by Terrance McWilliams and seconded by Landon Mascareñaz. Motion Passed.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at at 4:23pm on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and seconded by Terrance McWilliams. Motion Passed.

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