

SBCCOE Meeting - November, 2023

MINUTES

November 8, 2023

Colorado Community College System (CCCS) Administration Bldg., 9101 E. Lowry Blvd., Denver, CO
80230

November 8, 2023 Minutes to be approved by the Board on December 13, 2023

I. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mascareñaz called the **November 8, 2023 meeting** of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) to order at **12:18pm MST**.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Steven Trujillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Mary Reeves, State Board Coordinator, called the roll. With the attendance noted below, a quorum was achieved, and the meeting proceeded.

Present:

Landon Mascareñaz, Chair; Terrance McWilliams, Vice Chair; Rollie Heath, Immediate Past Chair; Ross Dueber; Richard Garcia; Karen McNeil-Miller; Yolanda Ortega; Brad Rupert; Cathy Shull; Steven Trujillo; and Catlyn Keenan

C. 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.

D. Approve Minutes of September 13, 2023

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the SBCCOE meeting on September 13, 2023

*Motion moved by Richard Garcia and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams.
The motion passed.*

E. Approve Agenda of November 8, 2023

The Agenda for November 8, 2023 was **amended** to remove three Board Policy approvals and place them on the agenda for December 13, 2023.

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the amended agenda for the SBCCOE meeting of November 8, 2023.

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

F. Recognition of President Dr. Michele Haney

Chair Mascareñaz read the official SBCCOE Resolution for Dr. Michele Haney in recognition of her upcoming retirement. Dr. Haney was presented with a framed copy of the Resolution and a certificate from Governor Polis in recognition for her 31 years of service. Dr. Haney was thanked for her leadership as President of Red Rocks Community College, Morgan Community College, and other roles within the System by the Chair and the Chancellor. Dr. Haney thanked the Board, the Chancellor, and her fellow Presidents.

II. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

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

- SB 21-185 Educator Pathway
- Pueblo Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Ms. La Titia Taylor for Appointment to a Full Term from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2027.

Motion:

Motion moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed.

III. 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.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Report, Joe Garcia

Chancellor Garcia

- Expressed his sincere appreciation to Dr. Haney for her service and stated that she is truly one-of-a-kind.
- Reported that the Red Rocks Community College President search is ongoing, and the search committee has selected three individuals to move to the next stage of the process. Expressed his thanks to Board member Brad Rupert for serving on the committee.

- Welcomed new Board members Yolanda Ortega and Steven Trujillo and thanked them for serving.
- Congratulated President Rhonda Epper and Trinidad State College (TSC) for being named a top 150 college by the Aspen Institute Prize for Community College Excellence with an invitation to submit materials for the next round of competition for the 2025 prize. TSC is the only college in Colorado to make the top 150 list. The competition is held every two years and TSC was also in the top 150 in 2021 for the 2023 prize.
- Informed the Board about the ongoing Reisher Scholarship activities. This scholarship is a partnership with the Denver Foundation and the Reisher Scholars Program.
 - CCCS will receive \$5 million over five years to support students in the Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program that are transferring to Reisher partner institutions.
 - Last month, the Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges awarded 261 scholarships to students across the System for the program.
 - The Colorado Community College System Office has hired two Navigators to support these 261 students as well as future potential scholarship recipients.
 - Thanked the Board Chair for his involvement in securing this gift.
- Announced that the United States Department of Education invited him to participate as a panelist in a convening dedicated to improving transfer on Thursday, November 9, 2023.
- Thanked the panelists who presented on Clean Tech and Climate Resilient Technologies earlier today. *"As Dr. Schwartz, author of "America's Hidden Economic Engines: How Community Colleges Can Drive Shared Prosperity" said to us at our September meeting, we have tremendous opportunity to increase our **dual-client success** – students' need for higher incomes and career advancement and simultaneously strengthening our state and regional economies."* *"I'm confident CCCS with our 13 colleges will be a key collaborator and driver in creating opportunities for economic mobility for all and providing the education and training needed to fill current labor market needs while preparing the next generation talent pipeline for the future."*
- Reported on Fall enrollment. Overall total headcount increased by 8 percent over previous Fall term. Noted that Concurrent Enrollment was up nearly 20 percent over the previous fall with roughly 37,000 student headcounts across the 13 colleges. All other enrollments with total headcounts of 48,000 are up nearly 2 percent over the previous Fall term.

B. Audit Committee Report, Terrance McWilliams, Audit Committee Chair

Terrane McWilliams, Audit Committee Chair, reported on the progress of the Audit Plan as follows:

- Pueblo Community College External and Internal Audits
- Procurement Audits
- Requested Process Audit for Pikes Peak State College
- Quarterly Compliance Audits

- Career & Technical Act (CTA) Audits
- Perkins Monitoring Reviews, and
- Office for Civil Rights Monitoring

Stated that other projects for the Internal Audit Team include Risk Assessment, the Financial Statement Audit, the Cybersecurity Audit follow-up, a review of Board Policy 3-71-Whistleblower Protection Policy, an internal quality review, and the 2025 Audit Plan survey.

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

Dr. Catlyn Keenan, SFAC Representative to the SBCCOE

- Reported that the SFAC group engaged in a continuation of their discussions surrounding faculty workload and burnout. Dr. Keenan noted that stress and burnout is one of the highest reasons for attrition and that teaching is one of the most stressful vocations. The group will continue to work on ways to assist their colleagues.
- Reported that the group discussion on the implementation the new CO Online were mixed with some faculty members being ready to walk away from teaching and others being excited by the possibilities. They are working on communication strategies for CO Online.
- Noted that the SFAC group is hearing reports of increasing concern from their colleagues on federal rules and deadlines related to accessibility.

D. Chair’s Report, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz

Chair Mascareñaz

- Commented on the panel earlier in the day and noted that he was struck by the thought of how all of Colorado's communities can get the benefit from these emerging technologies and how CCCS can ensure the benefits of the prosperity are spread.
- Mentioned the intention around creating a visionary and actionable strategic plan for the System. He looks forward to the opportunity to listen and learn from the colleges and their communities.
- Observed how exciting it is to have a full Board and noted that the new members will be incredible assets in sharing their diversity of perspectives.

V. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEM APPROVAL

The Board acted upon each item listed below:

A. Approval of the Strengthening Our Foundation: Investments for High Impact Initiatives

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the System Office request for Strengthening Our Foundation: Investments for High Impact Initiatives

- B. *Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.* Approval of ACC Spending Authority Request for Lease of IT Equipment

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the ACC Spending Authority Request for Lease of IT Equipment

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

- C. Approval of FRCC Request for Spending Authority for Wireless Network Infrastructure (WIFI) Upgrades

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the FRCC Request for Spending Authority for Wireless Network Infrastructure (WIFI) Upgrades.

Motion moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

- D. Approval of PCC Spending Authority Request for the Expenditure of Funds on Elevator Improvements at the PCC St. Mary Corwin Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to approve the PCC Spending Authority Request for the Expenditure of Funds on Elevator Improvements at the PCC St. Mary Corwin Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center

Motion moved by Steven Trujillo and motion seconded by Ross Dueber. The motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mascareñaz announced the Fall Luncheon taking place at the end of the meeting and made note of the Written Reports included in OnBoard.

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to adjourn the meeting on November, 8, 2023.

Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed and the November, 8, 2023 meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm MST.