

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

Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2021

Meeting held 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 **8:16 a.m. MDT** on Wednesday, December 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)
Forrest Weimer (SSAC)

Members Absent: None

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Danny Villanueva made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and 24-6-402(3)(b)(I) to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property, to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice and to discuss personnel matters. Giugi Carminati 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 **9:14 a.m. MDT**. Danny Villanueva seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

A Work Session ensued prior to calling the Regular Session back to order.

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 **11:45 a.m. MDT** on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at which time a quorum of the board members were present.

IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Minutes

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the September 8, 2021 regular session meeting minutes. Cathy Shull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to amend the agenda for December 8, 2021 to include the creation of the Ad hoc SBCCOE Rural Housing Committee. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the amended agenda for December 8, 2021. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Recognition of Jay Lee, President, Northeastern Junior College

The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education recognized Jay Lee and expressed its sincere gratitude for his years of service to the Colorado Community College System as the President of Northeastern Junior College. A signed copy of the resolution was presented to Mr. Lee with the respect and gratitude of the members of the Board and the Chancellor of the Colorado Community College System.

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. Front Range Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Darrin Atteberry for Re-Appointment to a Full Term from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025.

B. Front Range Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Jacob Castillo for Re-Appointment to a Full Term from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2025.

C. Front Range Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Nancy Hamilton for Appointment to a Full Term from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025.

- D. Front Range Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Ryan Rohman for Appointment to a Full Term from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025.
- E. Front Range Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Wayne Anderson for Re-Appointment to a Full Term from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025.
- F. Pikes Peak Community College Advisory Council Nominee: L. Carlos Jimenez for Appointment to a Full Term from November 4, 2021 through November 3, 2025.
- G. Red Rocks Community College Advisory Council Nominee: Tracy Dorland for Appointment to Full Term from November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2025.
- H. Community College of Denver Advisory Council Nominee: Brianna Borin-Lygizos for Re-Appointment to a Full Term from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025.
- I. Career and Technical Act Distribution for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
- Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Danny Villanueva 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

- Expressed his sincerest appreciation to President Lee for his service as President of Northeastern Junior College. Looks forward to attending his recognition event in Sterling on December 15 and will be personally delivering the Board's resolution and the flag that flew over the Colorado Capitol.
- Reported on the System Covid-19 Response
 - Stated that the emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, testing, face coverings, social distancing and other prevention strategies.
 - CCCS continues to monitor data including positive cases across the system, positivity rates within counties, vaccination rates within counties, vaccination rates among employees and students within each of the colleges and the System Office.
 - A statement from the Chancellor was issued on October 7, 2021 regarding the COVID-19 protocols for the Spring semester 2022. In order to continue to provide face-to-face teaching safely, the colleges and system office will implement COVID-19 testing protocols for faculty, staff, and students. Employees and students who work on campus, attend in-person classes, access support services, or participate in other activities at our colleges

or system office will have the choice to provide results from regular COVID-19 testing or, alternatively, provide evidence that they are fully vaccinated. Each of our 13 colleges is in a different community with different vaccination and positivity rates and each is under the direction and control of a different local health authority. Therefore, the 13 Presidents each have the authority to implement additional or differing COVID-19 mitigation protocols in order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and its variants in their respective communities.

- Introduced Dr. Sarah Heath, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Career and Technical Education to speak about the Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) and the upcoming state conferences that will take place in early 2022.
- Introduced Fiona Lytle, Chief Communications Officer, to share some good news regarding awards earned by the colleges' and system office from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations with the Board. She reported the System Office and our colleges took home 19 awards for their outstanding efforts in public relations, communications, and/or marketing. Among the awardees was Chancellor Garcia who was recognized with the Pacesetter of the Year award, which recognizes a CEO who has demonstrated special leadership and support in the marketing and public relations.
- Announced that he is excited that we will be welcoming Rear Admiral Mike White as the next President of Northeastern Junior College on January 31, 2022. Acknowledged and noted his appreciation of Steve Smith, VP of Student Services at NJC, who will serve in an interim capacity in the month between President Lee's retirement date and President White's start date.
- Provided an update on the Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges and announced that we have received a number of significant gifts over the past few months that continue to propel our work forward.
 - PepsiCo Foundation made a \$600,000 gift over two years to award scholarships to Black, African American, and Hispanic students in select programs at Community College of Denver (CCD), Community College of Aurora (CCA), and Front Range Community College (FRCC). This program will annually award 90 \$2,000 PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarships. Thanked the Board chair for his help in bringing the opportunity to us.
 - COSI funded three grants totaling \$690,000 to support student scholarships. This full amount requires matching funds to be raised.
 - Received a \$50,000 gift from Rose Community Foundation to support mental telehealth counseling at our metro colleges.
 - Received a \$25,000 gift to establish the Eagle Feather Endowed Scholarship, which will award scholarships to Native American students. The donor has further challenged us to raise an

additional \$75,000 for this scholarship fund, which they will match.

- The Stratosphere Group, Mistler Family Foundation, and IMA Foundation all made scholarship commitments, each in the range of \$10,000.
 - The Credit Union of Colorado again provided unrestricted support to sponsor our CCCS Student Excellence Awards (formally Phi Theta Kappa (PTK))
 - Colorado PERA agreed to sponsor the Faculty and Staff Commitment to Excellence Awards.
 - These gifts bring our total funds raised for the year to just shy of \$3 million against a goal of \$1.5 million.
- Noted the incredible fundraising work done across the System and reported that in FY21, we met our 10-year private support fundraising goal for our strategic plan surpassing \$96.6 million on a goal of \$93 million. Reported that this is particularly astonishing when put in perspective. In FY15, collectively we only raised \$7.1 million and now, six years later, we are averaging \$20 million annually, which is nearly a 300% increase.

B. Audit Committee Report, Danny Villanueva, Chair

- Reported that the Audit Committee met in September and December for their quarterly meetings. Nothing has risen to the level of needing attention by the Board.
- Stated that the System Audit is complete with no significant items found.

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

- Reported that the SFAC Online Committee made their first recommendations to the Online Project Team.
- Stated that Covid-19 continues to affect everyone and that the SFAC members would like to express their thanks to their Presidents for listening to their concerns.
- Announced that the SFAC group will be working with Dr. Ryan Ross, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Director of Equity & Inclusion on revisions to SP 4-30, Student Behavioral Responsibilities and Expectations

D. Forrest Weimer, State Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) Representative

- Reported that work will continue on the D2L Mental Health Hub to give students a place to go for multiple mental health resources.
- Stated that SSAC will also focus on reviewing inconsistencies in advising for CCCOnline and basic academic advising.

E. Chairman Heath

- Requested a motion to appoint Board members Danny Villanueva, Landon Mascareñaz, and Garrison Ortiz to serve with him on an Ad hoc Strategic Plan Committee. This Committee has the task of working out the process and timeline for the next CCCS comprehensive Strategic Plan.

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to appoint Rollie Heath, Danny Villanueva, Landon Mascareñaz, and Garrison Ortiz to the Ad hoc Strategic Plan Committee. Cathy Shull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Requested a motion to appoint Patti Arroyo, VP of Finance and Administration at Front Range Community College to serve on the Benefit Trust Advisory Committee upon the retirement of Susan Clough.

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to appoint Patti Arroyo to the Benefit Trust Advisory Committee. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Requested a motion to establish the SBCCOE Ad hoc Rural Housing Committee with the members of the committee to be named later.

Danny Villanueva made a motion to form the SBCCOE Ad hoc Rural Housing Committee. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Commented on the outstanding qualifications of the people that are brought forward to be appointed to the Advisory Councils at the various colleges.
- Acknowledged the nation-wide enrollment issues and concerns, and emphasized the critical role that the Colorado Community College System plays in providing education and training to Coloradans

F. Presidents' Reports

Presidents wishing to address the Board reported the following items.

- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora (CCA)
 - Announced that CCA will once again participate in the Model United Nations competition.
- Dr. Lisa Jones, President, Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC)
 - Announced that CNCC will do skills mapping for employees at Tri State Plant in Craig to assist people who will lose jobs when the coal mines close in Moffat and Routt Counties.
- Andy Dorsey, President, Front Range Community College (FRCC)
 - Participated in a meeting with the Superintendent of the Boulder Valley School District to discuss Concurrent Enrollment.

- Jay Lee, President, Northeastern Junior College (NJC)
 - Celebrated that the NJC Volleyball teams won the regional title and played in the national tournament for the fourth year in a row.
- Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC)
 - Announced that PPCC participated and won first place among 19 teams in the Mountain West Cyber Challenge. Many of the teams are from four-year colleges including the Air Force Academy and the University of Colorado,
- Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College (RRCC)
 - Thanked Chairman Heath and Chancellor Garcia for attending the signing event at RRCC for the Mines Academy. Students enrolled in the Academy will pay RRCC tuition for the program and will have automatic acceptance into the Colorado School of Mines to complete the degree.

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 4-32, Student Electronic Communication

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve Board Policy 4-32, Student Electronic Communication. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Board Policy 4-31, Student Complaints

Cathy Shull made a motion to approve Board Policy 4-31, Student Complaints. Dr. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Request for Lamar Community College to Enter into a Ten Year Lease Purchase Agreement

Pres Askew made a motion to approve Request for Lamar Community College to Enter into a Ten Year Lease Purchase Agreement. Terrance McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Spending Authority Request for College Hill Library HVAC Renovation at Front Range Community College's Westminster Campus

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve Spending Authority Request for College Hill Library HVAC Renovation at FRCC Westminster Campus. Cathy Shull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Spending Authority Request for Café Renovations at Front Range Community College's Larimer County and Westminster Campus Cafés

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve Spending Authority Request for Café Renovations at FRCC Larimer County and Westminster Campus Cafés. Pres Askew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Approval of Spending Authority Request for HVAC System Upgrade of Front Range Community College's Larimer Campus' Little Bear Peak Building

Pres Askew made a motion to approve Spending Authority Request for HVAC System Upgrade of FRCC Larimer Campus' Little Bear Peak Building. Dr. Landon Mascareñaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Approval of Spending Authority Request for Simulation Capture System at Front Range Community College's Westminster Campus

Terrance McWilliams made a motion to approve the Spending Authority Request for Simulation Capture System at FRCC Westminster Campus. Cathy Shull 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 **12:54 p.m. MDT** on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.*