

# SBCCOE Meeting- June 2023 Minutes

June 14, 2023

CCCS Administration Building - 2nd Floor Board Room

## Attendance

### Present:

Members: Federico Chavez, Rollie Heath, Catlyn Keenan, Melanie Kruger, Landon Mascareñaz, Karen McNeil-Miller, Terrance McWilliams

### Absent:

Members: Ross Dueber, Richard Garcia, Cathy Shull

## I. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable SR Heath Jr., Chair, called the regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at **3:08pm MDT**.

### A. Pledge of Allegiance

*Melanie Kruger led the Pledge of Allegiance*

### B. Roll Call

*Mary Reeves, Coordinator for the State Board, called the roll. See the attendance list above.*

### C. Land Acknowledgement

*Terrance McWilliams read the 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. Recognition of Dr. Tim Alvarez, President, Otero College

*Chair Heath read the official SBCCOE Resolution for Dr. Tim Alvarez in recognition of his upcoming retirement. Dr. Alvarez was presented with a framed copy of the Resolution, a Colorado State Flag which had been flown above the Capitol on March 16, 2023, and a certificate from Governor Polis. Dr. Alvarez was thanked for his service to Otero College by the Chair and the Chancellor. Dr. Alvarez then thanked the Board, the Chancellor, and his fellow Presidents.*

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting of May 12, 2023

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Melanie Kruger. The motion passed.

B. Approval of Agenda, Regular Meeting of June 14, 2023

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion:**

Chair Heath asked if there were any comments or discussion on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the list below.

- Approval Area Technical College Allocations for FY 2023-24
- Approval of Local District College Allocations for FY 2023-24
- Approval of Community College of Aurora (CCA) Student Fees Clarification
- Approval of Morgan Community College Advisory Council Nomination of Linda Roan for Reappointment to a full term commencing on September 1, 2023, and ending on August 31, 2027.
- Approval of Northeastern Junior College Advisory Council Nomination of Kevin Blankenship for Appointment to a full term commencing on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2027.

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Landon Mascareñaz. The motion passed.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Report, Joe Garcia

- Shared that there are currently two vacancies on the Board: Congressional District (CD) 7 formerly held by Pres Askew whose term expired in December 2023 and CD 3 formerly held by Garrison Ortiz. Stated that he is working with the staff from the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions on potential applicants.
- Attended a signing ceremony at CSU Fort Collins with President Amy Parsons for a transfer agreement between CSU Civil Engineering and CCCS Associates of Engineering programs. In addition to the signing event, the Chancellor had a separate meeting with President Parsons to discuss opportunities as she is eager to expand transfer partnerships.
- Shared a couple of leadership changes at other Colorado institutions of higher education. Timothy Mottet, President of Colorado State University (CSU-Pueblo), announced his retirement for the end of the calendar year. Also,

Venkat Reddy, Chancellor, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS), is stepping back and Jennifer Sobanet was named interim.

- Hosted the Chancellor's Summit on Adult Learners. There is tremendous opportunity with adult learners. The all-day summit focused on how best to serve them.
- Completed the Executive Team annual evaluations and will turn attention to completing the Presidents' evaluations in July.
- Held a meeting of the Law Enforcement Academy (LEA) Steering Committee and reported progress on the curriculum and improving how we train law enforcement officers in increasingly diverse communities.
- Asked to join Governor Polis' cabinet meetings because he wants to make workforce development a priority of his second term and believes our colleges are critical cornerstone to the work.
- Received an early alert that Vice President Kamala Harris would be coming to Denver on Friday, June 16 to speak on climate change and solutions. The Chancellor was invited and CCCS was allotted 75 invitations including students for two separate events.
- Extended appreciation and personal thanks to President Alvarez for his service to Otero College.
- Provided a brief summary of enrollments for spring, summer and fall terms.
- Expressed his personal thanks to Chairman Heath Rollie for his service as Board Chair.

**B. Faculty Representative Report, Catlyn Keenan, FY24 SFAC Representative**

- Dr. Keenan introduced herself to the Board. She started as an instructor at Front Range Community College (FRCC) in 2001 teaching philosophy and religious studies and received her full-time faculty appointment in 2006. She has also been a department chair, Faculty Senate President, and served in a variety of instructional roles. She is currently the co-director of the FRCC Teaching Excellence Center that will launch in the fall of 2023.
- Stated that the State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC) will begin meeting in August for FY24.

**C. Student Representative Report, Federico Chavez, SSAC Chair**

- Reported that the State Student Advisory Council (SSAC) met on the Friday, June 9, 2023. As it was the last meeting of the term, and fell before the board meeting this month, the main topic of discussion was the future involvement of next year's SSAC with the Colorado Student Government Coalition (CSGC).
- Shared that CSGC is a voluntary association of student governments across Colorado's colleges and universities with the goal to advocate for local and state policy that is in the best interests of students. CSGC was recently re-established at the beginning of this academic year and held short monthly meetings as well as a handful of tours and events with the Attorney General's office at the state capitol. The attendance for the May capitol engagement was insufficient to elect the slate of next year's officers, so SSAC has charged the returning members with recruitment on their behalf at the beginning of next term.

- Noted that the SSAC member from Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) issued a short reminder about the Aerospace Associations Policy Summit at CU Boulder, in which student leaders from across Colorado have been invited to participate.
- Reported that staff advisor, Veronica Soto, invited feedback from students for changes that may benefit next year's SSAC group. She reiterated that the hope is to hold the first meeting of next year's term in-person. I, Federico Chavez, as well as our vice chair, Kyle Gabriel Cruz, will attend, if possible, and answer questions about our SSAC experience.
- Announced that the meeting ended with wishing our graduating and transitioning members well and with wishing the system a good next year.

D. Chairman's Report, Rollie Heath

Presented a snapshot into the "culture" of the State Board. He gave examples of his time on the Board and how "culture" has played into the majority of everything he has done. It has been his pleasure to serve as the Chair of the Board and he looks forward to serving as Immediate Past Chair.

V. 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 at this meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Chair Heath requested a motion to approve each of the items below.

A. Approval of Bond Financing on Behalf of CCA

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Landon Mascareñaz. Motion passed.

B. Approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 System Office and College Budgets

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. Motion passed.

C. Approval of the Five-Year Capital Construction/IT Plans and Request Priorities for FY 2024-25

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Landon Mascareñaz. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Otero College Spending Authority Request for Construction Program Simulators

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Karen McNeil-Miller and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. Motion passed.

- E. Approval of Pueblo Community College Spending Authority Request for Lease of Computer Equipment

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Melanie Kruger and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. Motion passed.

- F. Approval of Board Policy 8-61, Accounting and Internal Controls

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Karen McNeil-Miller. Motion passed.

- G. Approval of Board Policy 8-70, Competition with Private Business

**Motion:**

Motion moved by Melanie Kruger and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. Motion passed.

VII. WRITTEN REPORTS

*Written Reports are provided for informational purposes. No discussion required.*

The Written Reports for June 14, 2023:

- A. Procurements over \$200,000
- B. College Reports
- C. System Office Reports

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:**

Chair Heath requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Melanie Kruger. The regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education was adjourned on June 14, 2023 at **3:56pm MDT**.