



**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
UNC Greeley & Zoom
July 29, 2022**

BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Sarah Hughes called the business meeting to order at 11:13am.

I. Opening Business

A. Attendance

Commissioners attending: Chair Hughes, Vice Chair Scott, Commissioners Abramson, Gonzales, Harber, Kostenbauer, Meyer, Temu Otting, Tucker, Walmer, Wilson

Advisors attending: Rep. McCluskie, Sen. Story, Sen. Zenzinger, Steve Schwartz, Federico Chavez, Mark Cavanaugh, Donnis Hurd, Dr. Colleen O’Neil, Dr. Melinda Picket-May, Dr. Landon Pirius

B. Minutes

Commissioner Harber moved to approve the June 3, 2022, meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Meyer, the motion passed by consent.

C. Chair, Vice-Chair, Commissioners and Advisors Reports

Chair Report – Chair – With the meeting as part of the Commission’s Retreat, Chair Hughes acknowledged the work of the Retreat and the discussions on the draft strategic plan. She added that the commission looks forward to the alignment and partnership with our IHEs and outside stakeholders on our focus on student outcomes, economic mobility and keeping that student first agenda first and foremost.

Vice Chair Report – No report

Commissioner Reports – No report

Student Success & Workforce Alignment Committee – Commissioner Abramson reported the committee did not meet in this month, and looks forward to the next committee meeting. He welcomed everybody who is going to be joining the committee and encouraged them to “really dig in” and move the work forward.



Fiscal Affairs & Audit Committee – Commissioner Tucker noted that Consent Item II. E. regarding recommending spending increases and the committee’s concern when IHEs bring forward spending increase requests or authorizations. In this case, the committee had had a great conversation around inflationary factors and also a transition from state funding to federal funding which also increased some of the costs as well for the particular projects that are in discussion or in the consent today. The committee is comfortable with the background on these particular spending increases and has agreed to have them on the consent item agenda today.

Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Revision – No report

Advisor Reports – Rep. McCluskie reported that the JBC received the June forecast and there will be an additional \$1 billion dollars of the REFC cap over what was forecasted in March. These dollars will be refunded to state taxpayers by September.

D. Executive Director Report - Dr. Paccione reported that COSI held its annual symposium at Red Rocks Community College last week and it was a great success.

E. Legislative Update – No report

F. Public Comment- No public comment

I. Consent Items (5 minutes)

A. Degree Authorization – Recommendation of the Renewal of Full Authorization for University of Denver – *Heather DeLange*

B. Degree Authorization – Recommendation of Authorization as a Place of Business for Aspen University – *Heather DeLange*

C. Approve Policy on Allocation and Use of Funds for Non-Degree Credential Programs per SB22-192 – *Dr. Chris Rasmussen*

D. Approve Policy on Allocation and Use of Funds for Student Educator Stipends and Educator Test Stipends per HB22-1220 – *Dr. Brittany Lane*

E. Recommend Approval to Increase Spending and CCF Funds for Colorado Mesa University Performance Arts Expansion and Colorado State University – Pueblo Technology Building Renovation – *Mitchell Karstens*

Commissioner Harber moved to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the motion was approved. Commissioner Meyer recused himself from Item II. E.

II. Action Items (25 minutes)

A. Repeal and Replace CCHE Policy Section I Part N (Service Areas of Colorado Public Institutions of Higher Education) – *Dr. Kim Poast*

Dr. Poast presented the new policy, acknowledged the comprehensive stakeholder engagement and feedback process. Policy will go into effect immediately, with governing boards adjusting their policies accordingly over the next few months. The Community College System board policy has the most impact, and is expected to be revised by September 2022. A brief discussion by Commissioners, no substantive questions or



modifications. Commissioner Scott moved to approve action agenda item III. A. Seconded by Commissioner Abramson the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12pm.

