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**Colorado Commission on
Higher Education**

Department of Higher Education

CCHE AGENDA

July 26, 2024

**LOCATION: Western Colorado University,
University Center 102
1 Western Way, Gunnison, CO 81231**

**BUSINESS MEETING
12:00pm - 12:45pm**

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DR. ANGIE PACCIONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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12:00 pm

BUSINESS MEETING

- I. **Opening Business (30 minutes)**
 - A. Attendance
 - B. Approval of the Minutes for the June 6, 2024 Commission Meeting
 - C. Reports
 1. Chair
 2. Vice Chair
 3. Commission Standing Committees
 - a. Student Success & Workforce Alignment
 - b. Finance, Performance & Accountability
 - c. HB22-1349 Technical Workgroup Update
 - d. Transfer Ad Hoc Subcommittee
 4. Commissioners
 - a. Commissioner Temu Otting - COSI
 5. Advisors
 - D. Executive Director Report
 - E. Public Comment
- II. **Consent Items (5 minutes)**



- A. Degree Authorization - Approval of Authorization Renewal for Religious Training Institutions – *Heather DeLange, Director Office of Private Postsecondary Education*

III. Action Items





Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Virtual
June 6, 2024

BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Walmer called the business meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

I. Opening Business

A. Attendance

Commissioners attending: Chair Walmer, Vice Chair Gonzales, Commissioners Abramson, Harber, Hughes, Kostenbauer, Meyer, Temu-Otting, Tucker, Executive Director Paccione

Advisors attending: Senator Zenzinger, Mark Cavanaugh, Danielle Ongart, Jamie Viefhaus-Zak, Dr. Melinda Picket-May, Leilani Domingo, Dr. Michael Lightner

B. Approval of the Minutes for the May 3, 2024 Commission Meeting

Commissioner Harber moved to approve the May 3rd minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Kostenbauer. The motion was approved.

C. Reports

1. Chair - Chair Walmer acknowledged that this is Commissioner Meyer's last CCHE meeting, and she read a Resolution of Tribute to his service. She thanked Commissioner Meyer for his work while serving on the Commission. Chair Walmer then gave other commissioners an opportunity to address Commissioner Meyer. Commissioners Harber, Tucker, Hughes, Kostenbauer and Executive Director Paccione all took a minute to thank Commissioner Meyer for his work on the Commission and wish him well in the future. Chair Walmer also acknowledged that Dr. Kim Poast is leaving and this her last CCHE meeting as well. She thanked Dr. Poast for her wonderful work with the department and the Commission.



Finally, Chair Walmer reminded everyone of the retreat in July at Western Colorado University and invited Commissioners to send any topic ideas for the retreat to her and Vice Chair Gonzales.

2. Vice Chair – Vice Chair Gonzales started by thanking her fellow commissioners for the opportunity and honor to serve as the Vice Chair of CCHE. She went on to mention that she and Chair Walmer have had discussions to identify two to three priorities from the strategic plan to align with the Commissions sphere of influence to advance over the coming year.
 - ROI (Return on Investment)
 - Affordability
 - Access Equity

Vice Chair Gonzales also shared that she is excited to work closely with the department and IHEs to ensure that we are all advancing in the same direction. Vice Chair Gonzales mentioned that she participated in the National Youth Apprenticeship Week, hosted by Career Wise Colorado. The event highlighted the value of registered apprenticeship programs, opportunities for youth ages 16 to 24 in Colorado.

Along with Chair Walmer, Vice Chair Gonzales also participated in the Colorado Workforce Convening with Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Bennett. This event was hosted by the Colorado Equitable Economic Mobility Initiative. She added that one notable theme from these discussions was the critical need for learners to also have access to navigation and guidance along their educational cradle to career journey.

Vice Chair Gonzales took a moment to express her pride, encouragement, and support for the work that COSI (Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative) does. She serves on the advisory board for COSI, and they convened on May 15th. Lastly, Vice Chair Gonzales mentioned that she is currently in Washington, DC for the national Strive Together policy convening. She had an opportunity to meet with Senator Hickenlooper and staff from Senator Bennett’s office and is happy to report that their priorities are aligned with those of this Commission.

3. Commission Standing Committee
 - a. Student Success & Workforce Alignment – Commissioner Abramson reported that this committee met but did not have a quorum so there are several items for today’s meeting that are listed as consent items but will need to be actions items so there is some discussion before voting to approve the items. This committee is also focused on making sure their work aligns with the strategic plan. They plan to dig into the



work done on the 1215 Bill and the Transfer Bill. This committee will be on hold and will reconvene after the CCHE Retreat.

- b. Finance, Performance & Accountability - Commissioner Tucker reported that this committee met on May 17th. The committee reviewed and approved the financial aid allocations. These are on the consent agenda today. Commissioner Tucker also shared that this committee spent some time providing some parameters to the finance team regarding what they are looking for from previous budgets to get a better understanding of how the budget cycle works from what the executive cycle produces and what emerges at the end. This committee also had an opportunity to listen to presentations on HB 24-1340 and HB 24-1403 and gain insights on them. He mentioned that a lot of those insights were presented during the work session this morning. Finally, Commissioner Tucker shared that they had a chance to hear some of the capital review process recommendations from the team and those will be moving forward to the CFOs.
- c. HB22-1349 Technical Workgroup Update – Dr. Sophia Laderman read an update from Michael Vente; he had a conflicting meeting today. Dr. Laderman shared that the work related to 1349 continues, especially the work of calculating Colorado’s minimum value threshold. This committee plans to meet again on June 20th, and the CDHE staff will update this group on the details of calculating the threshold and provide responses to technical questions from folks at the IHEs. The CDHE staff will also update this group on proposed timelines for this work. They also want to discuss this more at the CCHE Retreat in July. The report went on to mention that the staff is also working to validate and bring together the various data elements that are needed to calculate the threshold. They have been doing outreach to IR and CFO representatives from the IHEs and that will continue through the summer. Commissioner Hughes thanked Dr. Laderman for the update and added that she, Emily House, and Josh Scott (no longer with CCHE) are all thrilled that the staff has been working on a timeline to present. They are eager to see the implications of the all the conversations and to see some initial data and details.
- d. Transfer Ad Hoc Subcommittee- Commissioner Abramson – This Committee is on hiatus until after the legislative session.

4. Commissioners.

- a. **Commissioner Temu-Otting – COSI Update** Commissioner Temu-Otting shared that the most recent COSI meeting was mostly focused on funding scenarios, funding formulas and forecasts of funding amounts. They also



had a vote for the Second Chance Scholarship and some program updates. At the July Board meeting, they plan to review a presentation of what came out of all the Listening Sessions hosted.

- b. Cynthia added to Commissioner Temu-Otting's report that the COSI program review and redesign is ongoing, they are in phase 2. This phase is all about allocations and the last step in this phase will happen during the COSI Symposium where they will solicit additional feedback. The COSI board plans to vote on this at the July meeting.
- c. **Commissioner Hughes** shared that there are many accolades in the chat for Dr. Poast. She also acknowledged the amazing work Dr. Poast has done over the years for the students of Colorado. Commissioner Hughes thanked Dr. Poast for her passion, commitment, leadership, and integrity evident in her work for education across Colorado.
- d. **Commissioner Kostenbauer** shared that she attended the CTM meeting last week. She believes that some of the trends in Higher Education are profound. She suggested that the Commission meet with the IHEs to discuss and share these trends. She said that with these trends and in this time the institutions may be asked to do more with less.

5. Advisors

- (i) **Advisor Lightner** shared a 1-pager with the Commission that included links to news articles and books related to Higher Ed that he thinks may interest this group. He asked for their feedback and if they value this information, he will continue to provide it at the CCHS monthly meetings.
- (ii) **Advisor Domingo** shared that she has recently been elected Student Body President at Colorado Mesa University. She also shared that she intends to discuss the agenda with her peers so when she attends the meeting, she can bring feedback that has a broader perspective. Advisor Domingo invited the Commission back to the CMU (Colorado Mesa University) Campus for a meeting.

D. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Paccione – Executive Director Paccione began by thanking Commissioner Meyer for his work with the Commission and wishing him well in the future. She then went on to say that we had a successful legislative session for Higher Education. Executive Director Paccione expressed her appreciation for Senator Zenzinger, the JBC (Joint Budget Committee), and their value for higher education.



Executive Director Paccione also mentioned the 1340 Bill and how it could be interesting to see some data on who takes advantage of this opportunity. Many are happy to provide an affordability measure that is geared towards middle income families.

The department is searching for a replacement for Dr. Kim Poast. The posting for that position closes on June 16th.

Dr. Paccione shared that she is looking forward to the retreat in Gunnison next month and seeing everyone in person. She also plans to attend the SHEEO Executive Meeting in Washington DC in July and is looking forward to that too. Finally, she thanked Senator Zenzinger for her work as a Colorado Legislature and a member of the JBC and as an advocate for the students of Colorado.

E. Public Comment – No public comment

II. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Dual Enrollment Authorization for Baylor University – *Heather DeLange, Director Office of Private Postsecondary Education*
- B. Approval of Provisional Authorization for Vermont College of Fine Arts – *Heather DeLange, Director Office of Private Postsecondary Education*
- C. Approval of Authorization Renewal for Religious Training Institutions – *Heather DeLange, Director Office of Private Postsecondary Education*
- D. Approval of Stackable Credential Pathways Required by SB22-192 – *Dr. Ruthanne Orihuela, Director of Credential Pathways and Prior Learning Initiatives*
- E. Approval of Revisions to CCHE Policy Section I, Part L: Statewide Transfer and gtPathways Policy – *Christina Carrillo, Academic Policy Officer & Advocate*
- F. Approval of Annual COF Eligibility and Student FTE for Extended Studies Programs for FY25 – *Dr. Chris Rasmussen, Senior Director of Academic Pathways and Innovation*
- G. Approval of FY 24- 25 Institutional Financial Aid Allocations – *Corey Evans, Budget Director & DeAnna Castaneda, Lead Finance Analyst*

Commissioner Abramson made a motion to move the consent items A-F to Action Items on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harber. This motion was approved. Consent Items A-F were moved to Action Items.



Commissioner Harber moved to approve the consent item G. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tucker. The motion was approved.

III. Action Items –

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Commissioner Abramson made a motion to approve and open discussion on Action items A-F. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harber. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion that MSU Denver be granted \$15 million in cash spending authority that was originally approved for FY25-26 to FY24-25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. This motion was approved.

Crystal Collins, CFO began the discussion by letting the Commission know that this involves the building of a health institute tower. She explained that this project was brought to the Commission for approval as part of the 24-25 capital projects list. MSU has done fund raising for this project and recently met their goal of \$15 million. Unfortunately, the spending authority was inappropriately identified for FY25-26 instead of FY24-25. Today they are seeking approval to start using those funds for FY24-25. The group discussed this with Jim Carpenter, the CFO for MSU. With all questions answered and no objections to the motion it was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.



TOPIC: AUTHORIZATION RENEWAL FOR RELIGIOUS TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

PREPARED BY: HEATHER DELANGE, OFFICE OF PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

I. SUMMARY

This agenda item recommends renewal of authorization for several institutions currently authorized as Religious Training Institutions/Seminaries under the Degree Authorization Act.

II. BACKGROUND

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) has statutory responsibility for administration of Title 23, Article 2 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, commonly referred to as the Degree Authorization Act (DAA). The Act sets out the terms by which the Commission may authorize accredited private colleges and universities, out-of-state public colleges and universities, and seminaries and bible colleges to operate in Colorado.

Pursuant to statute and policy, all authorized institutions under the DAA must renew authorization periodically. The renewal period varies by the type of authorization that the institution holds from the CCHE. Seminaries and religious training institutions are required to apply for renewal of authorization every three years. To be considered for renewal of authorization, an institution must demonstrate that it continues to meet the minimum operating standards specified in statute and CCHE policy, Section I, Part J. Those minimum operating standards are demonstrated by the following documentation:

- An updated list of program offerings;
- Confirmation of non-profit status;
- Confirmation of property exemption pursuant to Colorado State Law; and
- Updated contact information.

III Staff Analysis

Staff received the required documentation and based on review of the institutions' materials for renewal, recommends the following seminaries or religious training institutions for renewal of authorization until 2027:

- Asbury Theological Seminary
- Augustine Institute
- Chambers Bible College
- Nazarene Bible College

- St. John Vianney Theological Seminary
- Wagner University

The materials submitted by each institution include an updated list of program offerings to ensure only religious programs are offered, a review of the institution's property tax exemption, a review of the institution's tax status, and renewal fee. Institutions that continue to meet the provisions of the Religious Training Institution/Seminary authorization are recommended for renewal.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval for the Religious Training Institutions/Seminaries listed above in Section III of this consent agenda item.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

§23-2-103.3 C.R.S.

(II) A seminary or religious training institution that continues to meet the minimum operating standards specified in this section is presumed qualified for renewal of authorization, and the department shall recommend that the commission renew the institution's authorization for three additional years.

COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION - BYLAWS

Section 1. Organization and Meetings

- 1.1 **Organization:** Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-102, the Commission shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. The members of the Commission are selected on the basis of their knowledge of and interest in higher education and shall serve for four-year terms. No member of the Commission may serve more than two consecutive full four-year terms.
- 1.2 **Officers:** Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-110, the officers of the Commission shall be the Chair and Vice Chair. The Secretary shall be the Executive Director of the Commission and the Department and is a non-voting member of the Commission. The Governor appoints, with the consent of the Senate, the Executive Director to serve as the executive officer of the Commission and the Department.
- 1.3 All officers shall be elected at the May meeting of the Commission to serve a term of one year, except the Secretary whose term shall be coterminous with his or her term as Executive Director. Any member may nominate themselves or another member to be chair or vice-chair. Members will vote on each position; if there is more than one nomination the vote will be conducted by private ballot to be counted by the Secretary. Officers shall be limited to two consecutive terms, unless an exception is approved by a vote of more than 60 percent of the Commission. When possible, a Commissioner is encouraged to serve as vice-chair prior to becoming chair.
- 1.4 **Regular Meetings of the Commission:** The Commission shall adopt at the October Commission meeting a schedule of regular meetings of the Commission for the following calendar year.
- 1.3 **Notice of Meetings:** Any meetings at which the adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance, shall be held only after full and timely notice to the public. In addition to any other means selected by the Commission for giving notice to the public, the Commission shall post notice of its meetings at the office of the Colorado Department of Higher Education located at 1560 Broadway, Suite 1600, Denver, Colorado 80202 and on the Colorado Department of Higher Education website. Notices shall be posted no less than two days prior to the holding of the meeting. The posting shall include specific agenda information where possible.
- 1.4 **Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the Commission may be held at the call of the Chair on two days' notice, or at the request of five members of the Commission who may petition the Chair to call such a meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be made electronically or by telephone and posted at the office and on the website of the Colorado

Department of Higher Education no less than two days prior to the meeting date.

- 1.5 **Conduct of Meetings:** The Chair shall preside at all meetings at which he or she is present. In the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair shall preside, and in the event both are absent, those present shall elect a presiding officer. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with all State laws and regulations. The parliamentary rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision, shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable, except as modified herein.
- 1.6 **Attendance at Meetings:** The term of any member of the Commission who misses more than two consecutive regular Commission meetings without good cause, as determined by the Chair, shall be terminated and his successor appointed in the manner provided for appointments under C.R.S. §23-1-102.
- 1.7 **Preparation of Agenda:** Meeting agendas shall be prepared by the Executive Director of the Department. A monthly agenda call will be scheduled with the Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Director, or his or her designee, to discuss and approve the proposed agenda. At a regular or special meeting, an item of business may be considered for addition to the agenda by a majority vote of the Commissioners present.
- 1.8 **Minutes of the Commission:** The Secretary shall maintain an accurate set of minutes of Commission meetings, which shall include a complete record of all actions taken by the Commission. Such minutes shall constitute a permanent record. After the minutes of each meeting are completed they shall be reviewed by the Commission and, after approval, posted on the CCHE website and made available to the public for inspection upon written request.
- 1.9 **Standing Committees:** The Commission may create standing or ad hoc committees comprised of Commissioners to research and make recommendations on specific issues for the full Commission to consider and act on.

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

- 2.1 **Chair of the Commission:** The Chair of the Commission shall preside at meetings of the Commission at which he or she is in attendance.
- 2.2 **Vice Chair of the Commission:** The Vice Chair shall perform all duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence.
- 2.3 **The Secretary/Executive Director of the Commission:** In addition to performing those duties established by law, the Executive Director of the Commission and Department shall: (a) serve as the Secretary of the Commission, (b) meet with the officers and staff of institutions of higher learning as the needs dictate for a mutual discussion of the matters affecting the responsibilities of the Commission, (c) meet with appropriate state and federal groups and/or officials on matters pertaining to the Commission, (d) meet with appropriate committees of the General Assembly on matters pertaining to the

Commission's responsibilities, (e) appoint such professional staff as in his or her judgment are required and are within the budget approved by the Commission and for which funds are available, (f) prepare an annual operating budget and work program for approval by the Commission, (g) implement the policies of the Commission and communicate those policies to interested parties as appropriate.

Section 3. The Advisory Committee

3.1 There is hereby established an advisory committee pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1- 103).

Advisory Committee Members: The advisory committee shall consist of not less than thirteen members, to be designated as follows:

(a) Six members shall be appointed from the General Assembly, including three senators, two of whom shall be from the majority party, appointed by the President of the Senate and one of who shall be from the minority party appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and three representatives, two of whom shall be from the majority party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one of who shall be from the minority party appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Said six members shall be appointed for terms of two years or for the same terms to which they were elected to the general assembly, whichever is the lesser. Successors shall be appointed in the same manner as the original members;

(b) One member shall be selected and designated by the Commission, as recommended by the Colorado Faculty Advisory Council, to represent the faculty in the state;

(c) One member shall be selected and designated by the Commission, as recommended by the Student Affairs Council, to represent the students in the state for a term of one year, commencing on July 1 of the year appointed;

(d) One member shall be selected and designated by the Commission who is a parent of a student enrolled in a state supported institution of higher education in Colorado to represent the parents of students for a term of two years, commencing on July 1 of the year appointed.

(e) Not more than four additional members representing educational or other groups may be selected and designated by the Commission to serve on the advisory committee.

The Commission has designated the four additional advisory committee members to represent:

- Chief Academic Officers of Colorado's state supported institutions of higher education, as recommended by the Colorado Academic Council;
- Chief Financial Officers of Colorado's state supported institutions of higher education, as recommended by the, as recommended by the Chief Financial Officers group;

- Independent Higher Education Institutions in Colorado (Colorado College, Regis, and Denver University), as recommended by the Independent Higher Education Council; and,
- The K-12 system, as recommended by the Colorado Department of Education.

All such appointments shall be for a term of two years, commencing on July 1 of the year appointed.

- 3.2 Notice and Agendas: All members of the advisory committee shall receive agendas and background material and be notified of all public meetings of the Commission and shall be invited to attend for the purpose of suggesting solutions for the problems and needs of higher education and maintaining liaison with the general assembly.
- 3.3 Recommendations of the Advisory Committee: The members of the advisory committee shall have full opportunity to present their views on any matter before the Commission.

Section 4. Change in Bylaws

- 4.1 Bylaws shall be subject to amendment at any meeting of the Commission provided any such proposed change is listed on the agenda in accordance with the procedure outlined in Section 1.5 Notice of Meetings. Bylaw changes must be approved by a majority of the Commission.

HISTORY: Adopted on September 10, 1965. Amended January 14, 1966; February 25, 1972; June 1, 1978; July 1, 1993; October 7, 2004; May 6, 2011; CCHE Agenda March 3, 2017 Item V; April 5, 2019



INSTITUTION AND SYSTEM LEADERS

Institution	CEO	Location
Adams State University	David Tandberg, President	Alamosa
Aims Community College	Dr. Leah Bornstein, President	Greeley
Community College System	Joe Garcia, Chancellor	Denver
Arapahoe CC	President Dr. Stephanie Fujii	Littleton
Colorado Northwestern CC	President Dr. Llisa Jones	Rangely
CC of Aurora	President Mordecai Brownlee	Aurora
CC of Denver	President Marielena DeSanctis	Denver
Front Range CC	President Colleen Simpson	Westminster
Lamar CC	President Dr. Linda Lujan	Lamar
Morgan CC	President Dr. Curt Freed	Ft. Morgan
Northeastern JC	President Michael White	Sterling
Otero JC	President Dr. Timothy Alvarez	La Junta
Pikes Peak CC	President Dr. Lance Bolton	Colorado Springs
Pueblo CC	President Dr. Patty Erjavec	Pueblo
Red Rocks CC	President Dr. Landon Pirius	Lakewood
Trinidad State JC	President Dr. Rhonda Epper	Trinidad
Colorado Mesa University	President John Marshall	Grand Junction



Colorado Mountain College	President Dr. Matt Gianneschi	Glenwood Springs
Colorado School of Mines	President Paul Johnson	Golden
Colorado State System	Dr. Tony Frank, Chancellor	Denver
CSU-Fort Collins	President Amy Parsons	Fort Collins
CSU-Pueblo	President Armando Valdez	Pueblo
CSU-Global Campus	President Becky Takeda-Tinker	Aurora
CU Systems	President Todd Saliman	Denver
CU-Boulder	Chancellor Dr. Phillip DiStefano	Boulder
UCCS	Chancellor Jennifer Sobanet	Colorado Springs
UCD	Chancellor Michelle Marks	Denver
UC-Anschutz	Chancellor Don Elliman	Aurora
Emily Griffith Technical College	Randy Johnson, Executive Director	Denver
Ft. Lewis College	President Steven Schwartz	Durango
Metropolitan State University of Denver	President Janine Davidson	Denver
Pickens Technical College	Dr. Teina McConnell, Executive Director	Aurora
Technical College of the Rockies	Randall Palmer, Director	Delta
University of Northern Colorado	Dr. Andy Feinstein, President	Greeley
Western Colorado University	Brad Baca, President	Gunnison



Higher Education Glossary

529 Savings Plan - 529 plans are more than just savings accounts. These state-sponsored college savings plans were established by the federal government in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code to encourage families to save more for college. They offer unique state and federal tax benefits you can't get from other ways to save, making them one of the best ways to save for college.

Accuplacer - A suite of computer-adaptive placement tests that are used as assessment tools at institutions to evaluate the level of course work for a student. Students measured as needing additional course work will be assigned to remediation.

Admission Standard - includes both Freshman and Transfer standard. The freshman standard applies to all in-state and out-of-state new freshmen applicants and to transfer applicants with 12 or fewer college credit hours, except freshmen and transfer applicants who meet one of the admissions standards index exemptions. The transfer standard applies to all degree-seeking undergraduate transfer applicants with more than 12 college credit hours who do not meet one of the exemptions

Admission Window - Defined in Admission policy, "The maximum allowable percentage of admitted students who are not required to meet the CCHE admission standards within a specific fiscal year is referred to as the admissions window. Separate windows exist for the freshmen and transfer standards. The allowable percentage is determined by the Commission." The percentages vary by institution.

CAP4K - SB08-212, Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment Act; Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids.

CHEA - Council for Higher Education Accreditation. As described on their website, CHEA is "A national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation, CHEA is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities and recognizes 60 institutional and programmatic accrediting organizations."

CIP - Classification of Instructional Program; The purpose of which is to provide a taxonomic scheme that will support the accurate tracking, assessment, and reporting of fields of study and program completions activity. (Relevant in Role & Mission)

CLEP - College Level Examination Program; Earn college credit for passing a subject specific examination.

COA - Cost of Attendance; in the context of financial aid, it is an estimate of what it will reasonably cost the student to attend a given institution for a given period of time.

Concurrent Enrollment – A high school student enrolled for one or more classes at a college or university in addition to high school courses.

Dually Enrolled - A student enrolled at two institutions at the same time. This may affect enrollment reports when both institutions count that student as enrolled.

EFC - Expected Family Contribution; in the context of financial aid, it is calculated by a federally-approved formula that accounts for income, assets, number of family members attending college, and other information.

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is a free service provided by the Federal government under the Department of Education and students are not charged to complete/file the FAFSA.

FAP – Financial Aid Plan (HESP specific)

FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, view federal website. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FFS – Fee-For-Service Contracts; A portion of the College Opportunity Fund program in addition to COF stipends, this contract provides funding to certain higher education institutions to supplement high cost programs and purchase additional services (such as graduate programs).

Floor - In reference to the admission window, the floor is the minimum requirements for admission without requiring an exception of some kind. This usually coincides with the Index score.

FTE - Full-time Equivalent; a way to measure a student's academic enrollment activity at an educational institution. An FTE of 1.0 means that the student is equivalent to full-time enrollment, or 30 credit hours per academic year for an undergraduate student.

GEARUP - Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs; A Federal discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Guaranteed Transfer, GT Pathways - gtPATHWAYS applies to all Colorado public institutions of higher education, and there are more than 900 lower-division general education courses in 20 subject areas approved for guaranteed transfer. Courses are approved at least twice per academic and calendar year and apply the next semester immediately following their approval.

HB 1023 - In most cases, refers to HB 06S-1023, which declares "It is the public policy of the state of Colorado that all persons eighteen years of age or older shall provide proof that they are lawfully present in the United States prior to receipt of certain public benefits."

HB 1024 - In most cases, refers to HB 06-1024, which declares "On or before September 1, 2006, each governing board of a state institution of higher education shall submit to the Colorado commission on higher education and the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, a report regarding underserved students".

HB 1057 - In most cases, refers to HB 05-1057, which declares "a college preparation program operating within the school district that the college preparation program shall provide to the Colorado commission on higher education, on or before December 31 of each school year, a report specifying each student, by unique identifying number."

HEAR - Higher Education Admission Requirements, 2008-2010.

Index, Index Score - This index score is a quantitative evaluation that is part of a larger student application evaluation. The score is generated from academic achievement (GPA or High School Rank) and college placement tests (ACT or SAT). You can calculate your index score online. Index varies by institution depending on that institutions selection criteria.

IPEDS - Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System; Run by NCES, this system collects statistical data and information on postsecondary institutions. The Colorado Department of Higher Education submits aggregated data on public institutions to IPEDS.

Need - In the context of student financial aid, Need is calculated by the difference between the COA (Cost of Attendance) and the EFC (Expected Family Contribution)

NCATE - National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; NCATE is the profession's mechanism to help establish high quality teacher preparation.

NCLB - No Child Left Behind; The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) -- the main federal law affecting education from kindergarten through high school.

PSEO - Post Secondary Enrollment Option; A program that offers concurrent enrollment in college courses while in high school.

PWR - Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness; Definition was created during the SB08-212 CAP4K meetings.

QIS - Quality Indicator System; Implemented in HB96-1219, the specific quality indicators involved in QIS are similar to those used in the variety of quality indicator systems found in other states: graduation rates, freshmen retention and persistence rates, passing scores or rates on tests and licensure examinations, undergraduate class size, faculty teaching workload rates, and institutional support/administrative expenditures.

REP - Regional Education Provider; Colorado Statute authorizes Adams State College, Fort Lewis College, Mesa State College and Western State College to function as regional

educational providers and “have as their primary goal the assessment of regional educational needs...”
Regional education providers focus their attention on a certain geographical area.

SB 3 – In most cases refers to SB10-003, the Higher Education Flexibility Bill.

SB 212 - In most cases, refers to HB 08-212, the CAP4K legislation.

SBE - State Board of Education; As described on their website, "Members of the Colorado State Board of Education are charged by the Colorado Constitution with the general supervision of the public schools. They have numerous powers and duties specified in state law. Individuals are elected on a partisan basis to serve six-year terms without pay."

SFSF – State Fiscal Stabilization Fund; A component of the ARRA legislation and funding.

SURDS - Student Unit Record Data System

WICHE - Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education; A regional research and policy organization that assists students, policymakers, educators, and institutional, business and community leaders. WICHE states include: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

WUE - Western Undergraduate Exchange Program, managed by WICHE