



**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Virtual
December 7, 2023**

BUSINESS MEETING

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

I. Opening Business

A. Attendance

Commissioners attending: Chair Hughes, Commissioners Abramson, Harber, Kostenbauer, Meyer, Tucker, Walmer, and Wilson, Executive Director Paccione

Advisors attending: Mark Cavanaugh, Michael Lightner, Melinda Picket-May, Mark Superka, Colleen O'Neil, Jamie Viefhaus-Zak

B. Approval of the Minutes for the December 7, 2023 Commission Meeting

Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the December 7th minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was approved.

C. Reports

1. Chair - Chair Hughes

2. Vice Chair - Vice Chair Scott

3. Commission Standing Committees

- a. Student Success & Workforce Alignment - Commissioner Abramson
- b. Finance, Performance & Accountability - Commissioner Tucker
- c. HB22-1349 Technical Workgroup Update – Vice Chair Scott

4. Commissioners.

- a. **Commissioner Gonzales**
- b. **Commissioner Kostenbauer**
- c. **Commissioner Wilson**

5. Advisors

- a. **Advisor Cavanaugh**
- b. **Advisor Picket-May**

D. Executive Director Report



Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Tricia Johnson

E. Legislative Update –

Senator Zenzinger

F. Public Comment – No public comment

II. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Proposed CCHE 2024 Meeting Dates – *Renee Patilla, Executive Assistant*
- B. Approval of Cannabis-Related Certificate Programs at Metropolitan State University of Denver – *Dr. Chris Rasmussen, Senior Director of Academic Pathways and Innovation*
- C. Approval of Grants for SB23-005 (Forestry & Wildlife Mitigation Program Creation & Expansion) – *Dr. Kim Poast, Chief Student Success & Academic Affairs Officer*
- D. Approval of Supplemental for University of Northern Colorado Gray Hall Mechanical Systems Replacement – *Lauren Gilliland, Deputy Chief Financial Officer*
- E. Approval of FY2024-2025 Student Budget Parameters – *DeAnna Castañeda, Lead Finance Analyst*

Commissioner Harber moved to approve the consent items. Seconded by Commissioner Abramson. The motion was approved.

III. Action Items

- A. Approval of Stackable Credential Pathways Required by SB22-192 (Opportunities for Credential Attainment) – *Dr. Ruthanne Orihuela, Director of Credential Pathways & Prior Learning Initiatives*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm.

