

COLORADO HIGHER EDUCATION COMPETITIVE RESEARCH AUTHORITY

Minutes of the September 23, 2009 Board Meeting

David Skaggs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

In attendance by telephone were Board members David Skaggs, Bill Farland, John Poate and Robbyn Wacker. Also in attendance were John Karakoulakis, Michael Evans and Inta Morris.

Approval of May 6, 2009 minutes. David Skaggs made a motion to approve the August 26, 2008 minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Election of Officers. David Skaggs explained that while his resignation from the Department of Higher Education was effective September 11, 2009, he would continue to serve on the Board and as Chair of CHECRA until the Governor nominates someone to succeed him.

David Skaggs said that Michael Poliakoff, who had served on the CHECRA Board and as Vice Chair since August 2008, had left the University of Colorado. President Benson had recently appointed Stein Sture to serve as his designee on the Board. John Poate made a motion for Bill Farland to serve as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer. David Skaggs noted that former Board member Michael Poliakoff's executive assistant Rae Ann Armijo had served as Secretary/Treasurer, and that she was no longer at the University of Colorado. Board members agreed to have Inta Morris serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

Legislative Update. John Karakoulakis (Department of Higher Education, Director of Legislative Affairs) updated Board members on anticipated legislation in the 2010 session that would redirect the 10 cents per tire that the CHECRA receives to efforts to mitigate the waste tire problem in Colorado. Mr. Karakoulakis noted that the sponsor of the legislation (Rep. Marsha Looper) had indicated willingness to allow the CHECRA to continue receiving funds from the waste tire recycling fee until current grant obligations are fulfilled in 2013. Board members discussed sending a letter to Representative Looper expressing their opposition to reducing CHECRA's allocation of the waste tire fee.

Other. Michael Evans (Department of Higher Education Controller) informed the Board members that Hiratsuka & Schmitt has completed an audit of CHECRA's financial statements and found all in compliance.

A motion to adjourn was made and unanimously passed.