



COLORADO HIGHER EDUCATION COMPETITIVE RESEARCH AUTHORITY

University of Colorado: Colorado State University: University of Northern Colorado: Colorado Schools of Mines: State of Colorado

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 6, 2020

2:30 pm – 4:30pm

1600 Broadway, Suite 2200

Meeting Minutes

Agenda

Call in Option:

1-877-820-7831

Participant Code: 368215#

I. Attendance and Approval of Notes from Jan. 23, 2019 meeting – Vice Chair Rudolph

- Attending
 - Terri Fiez (CU), Alan Rudolph (CSU), Stefanie Tomkins (Mines), Inta Morris (DHE), Angie Paccione (DHE), Trisha Esquibel (DHE), Spencer Ellis (DHE)
- Minutes: Attachment 1: draft minutes (handout 1)
 - Vice Chair Rudolph motion to approve with no amendments. Dr. Tomkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Discussion about Appointed Board Member and Chair

- Dr. Paccione reported that she had been confirmed as the appointed member (Governor's appointee)
 - Board voted Dr. Paccione unanimously as chair, keeping with the precedent of having the Department executive director as chair
- Dr. Fiez nominated Dr. Rudolph to continue as vice chair for a term of one year, Dr. Tompkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously
 - DHE staff will continue outreach with UNC to confirm designation of their board member.

III. Annual Financial Update – Inta Morris, Secretary and Treasurer

- Attachment 2: Board financial summary 2019 final (handout 2)
 - DHE staff covered the financial summary from the past year.
- Attachment 3: Financial forecast February 2020 (handout 3)
 - DHE staff led a discussion of the overall outlook for funding
 - Board members question whether the amount of funds in the account will raise flags and whether the funds are accessible for other state uses. DHE staff

confirmed the status of this account as segregated, and that a statutory change would be needed to change access to the fund.

- DHE staff had recently been asked by the JBC about the funds and explained that large research grants are awarded in several year cycles, so having a several-million dollar account is necessary.

IV. Discussion -- All

- NAWI

- The Board voted to support projects under the National Alliance for Water Innovation (NAWI), of which the School of Mines, CU and CSU are all members. The cost share amount would be determined at future meetings after institutions' proposals are accepted by NAWI.

- MRIs

- The Board discussed MRI grants made in 2019, for which a cost share would be provided in 2020. The total cost share requested is \$950K; the board voted to award \$500K total and allocate it proportionately.
- Board approved this action, and DHE staff agreed to make payments during the month of February, as follows:
 - CU #1: Development of Cyber-Optic Simulated Emission Depletion Spec.
 - CU #2: Acquisition of a High-Sensitivity Low-Energy Ion Scattering (HS-LEIS) Spectrometer with Multiple Reactive Environment Transfer for Interrogating Surfaces and Interfaces
 - Total of \$330,000
 - Mines: Acquisition of an Automated Variable Temperature and Magnetic Field Multi-property measurement system
 - Total cost share: \$170,000

- By-laws discussion and revisions (handout 4?)

- DHE staff shard suggested revisions to by-laws

- 2020 Expectation

- DHE staff and Board discussed expectations of the coming year and noted the benefit of getting UNC included in order to maximize CHECRA.

V. Other Updates

- Annual Audit

- DHE staff informed board members that CHECRA would undergo its annual audit in the coming months..

- Annual legislative report due to legislature March 1, 2020

- DHE staff reminded Board members of the annual report due to the legislature on March 1. The Board suggested DHE staff create templates or reporting forms, which staff agreed to.

- The meeting adjourned at 3:47pm