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| **Meeting** | **CCHE Standing Committee on Student Success & Workforce Alignment**  **Monday, August 26, 2024**  **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** |
| Location | Remote only |
| Zoom Information | [Join Zoom Meeting](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhighered-colorado-gov.zoom.us%2Fj%2F87927718611%3Fpwd%3D4QawT7vaumbMok9ibSN8MxdI4cg0ip.1&data=05%7C02%7CCarl.Einhaus%40dhe.state.co.us%7C6c4dcaaf09e14b58bc9a08dcbbe488f8%7C472b2de6094648849c95a8326b5e99f5%7C0%7C0%7C638591837486139284%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=L9BgxNrD7IV6qulKsRmOEela5DuPBm9DPAf%2BAo7WHw4%3D&reserved=0)  Meeting ID: 879 2771 8611  Passcode: 153000 |
| Meeting Participants | CCHE SS&AA Standing Committee |
| Meeting Objectives | Discuss student success and academic affairs topics in Colorado to advance practices and policies |

**A = in attendance, E = excused absence, N = not in attendance (Bolded Commissioners are official committee members)**

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| **ATTENDANCE** | | | | | | | |
| **Commissioners & Advisors** | | | | | | | |
| **Chair Berrick Abramson** | A | Eric Tucker | N | **Lisandra Gonzales** | A | Sarah Hughes | E |
| Danielle Ongart | E | Mark Cavanaugh | N | **Jim Wilson** | E | Leilani Domingo | N |
| Michael Lightner | A | **Ana Cristina Temu** | A | Melinda Piket-May | A | **Jennifer Walmer** | A |
| **CDHE Staff** | | | | | | | |
| Carl Einhaus | E | Chris Rasmussen | A | Christina Carrillo | A | Heather DeLange | A |
| Beverly Jones | A | Sam Fogleman |  | Cynthia Armendariz |  | Angie Paccione |  |
| Peter Fritz | A | Renee Welch | A | Chealsye Bowley |  | Sophia Laderman |  |
| Gillian McKnight-Tutein |  | Allana Farley | A | Jack Wolflink |  | Michael Vente |  |
| **Guests** | | | | | | | |
| Erin Silver | A | Katie Zaback | A |  |  |  |  |

**AGENDA**

1:00 p.m. Greetings and Introductions

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

1:05 p.m. Approve notes from June and April meeting

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Harber motioned to approve both the April and June meeting notes. Commissioner Walmer seconded the motion. No objections were made – notes approved.

1:10 p.m. Strategy discussion/[1330 recommendations](https://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/Legislative/1330/2021_SSWR_Task_Force_Report.pdf)

* Presentation:
  + SS&WA Priorities for AY 24/25 – reflections on retreat (take aways) – what should we prioritize as a committee for next 6-8 months (Governor’s [Let’s Get Ready Initiative](https://www.nga.org/letsgetready/)) – and how will we measure our success

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Abramson asked his fellow Commissioners and committee members to reflect on their takeaways from the July retreat and to consider which areas this committee should prioritize over the next 6-8 months, and which areas are in alignment with the Governor’s Let’s Get Ready (LGR) Initiative and the Commission’s own Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Walmer talked about how the LGR initiative encourages other governors to prioritize education, as the state has a role and responsibility to be focused on learners and earners. Commissioner Harber discussed asset mapping – how can we stay connected to others who are doing this work in other states? Commissioner Gonzales echoed Commissioner Harber’s sentiment, and considered if other states are having success in certain areas, could we potentially recreate similar processes so that we are not “reinventing the wheel”?

Advisor Lightner identified three areas of consideration: 1) can we identify the “low-hanging fruit”; 2) what are the key barriers; and 3) how can we advance postsecondary success programs.

Commissioner Abramson concluded the robust discussion by stating one of the tasks the Committee could focus on over the next 6-8 months is by identifying a full spectrum (i.e., a “heat map”) of all the pathways that are available to students from K-12 through postsecondary and identify gaps. What is and isn’t there? Commissioner Abramson noted that he did not want to lose momentum on the things that have already been identified (e.g., transfer and ROI).

1:35 p.m. Compelling discussion on informational items

* Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Reduced-Credit Bachelor’s Programs

*Chris Rasmussen, Senior Director of Academic Pathways and Innovation*

Dr. Rasmussen provided a brief overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission at its October meeting as a discussion item – HLC will be authorizing institutions of higher education to award reduced-credit bachelor's degrees, degrees that are less than 120-credit hours. These degrees can be comprised of work-based learning credits, professional services credits, have less general education credits, or any combination of factors. HLC will be releasing additional details in the coming weeks.

* Degree Authorization Act –
  + Renewal for Religious Training Institutions (Attachment: Agenda Item II A)
  + Renewal for Rocky Vista University (Attachment: Agenda Item II B)
  + Renewal Columbia College (Attachment: Agenda Item II C)

*Heather DeLange, Office of Private Postsecondary Education*

Heather provided an overview of three agenda items that will appear before the Commission at its September meeting – staff is recommending approval of the renewal of authorization for several religious training institutions as well as the renewal of full authorization for Rocky Vista University (a private, for-profit medical postsecondary institution that awards mostly osteopathic degrees) and Colombia College (a private, not-for-profit university headquartered in Columbia, MO and has a branch campus in Aurora).

Commissioner Harber motioned to move these three agenda items to Consent. Commissioner Gonzales sectioned the motion. No objections – motion approved.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 14, 2024

**ACTION ITEMS**

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