

Colorado Mountain College

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES



 Student Success  Teaching & Learning  Access  Community & Economic Development  Organizational Effectiveness

March 4, 2016
3:30 pm – 4:50 pm

Location: Rifle Campus, Rifle, CO

Introductory Items

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Board President Davis called the meeting to order at 3:38 pm and roll was taken:

Ken Brenner
Pat Chlouber
Charles Cunniffe
Glenn Davis
Mary Ellen Denomy
Kathy Goudy
Patty Theobald

Charles Cunniffe was not present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. Approve Minutes

ACTION: Trustee Goudy Moved to defer Approval of the Minutes to later in the meeting; Trustee Denomy Seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment

5. Meeting agenda overview; brief updates

President Besnette Hauser gave an overview of the meeting agenda

Action: Trustee Brenner Moved to change the Executive Session to be the next agenda item followed by the Charge to External Auditors, FY2016-17 Board Meeting Schedule, Trustee Comments and then Approval of the Minutes; Trustee Goudy Seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Action: Trustee Denomy Moved to enter executive session for a conference with the College attorney, for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); the mere presence or participation of any attorney at an executive session is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

For Legal Advice on Potential Litigation

Trustee Goudy Seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

After exiting the executive session, Board President Glenn Davis recited the following:

The time is now 3:56 pm, and the executive session has been concluded. No formal action was taken in executive session. The participants in executive session were: myself, Glenn Davis as the presiding officer, Pat Chlouber, Kathy Goudy, Ken Brenner, Patty Theobald, Mary Ellen Denomy, Carrie Besnette Hauser, Matt Gianneschi, Richard Gonzales and Debbie Novak.

For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record.

Consent Agenda

6. Charge to External Auditors

Trustee Brenner requested pulling the charge to external auditors from the consent agenda.

He also recommended a change to the charter stating that the audit committee will conduct an RFP for audit services not less than once every 5 years. He Proposed this be added to the May consent agenda.

Discussion ensued about how land is posted in our books and how it has been conveyed. Suggestions were made that part of the charge would be to have auditors make recommendations on what to require when accepting land from the foundation, making sure policies are coordinated. Management recommended that the College use one of our 2 annual internal exercises.

Action: Trustee Brenner Moved to approve the charge to the external auditors requiring them to do a thorough review of long-lived assets, which will include studying the balances the method of determining the balances, the ownership and any other areas that may be uncovered during the review; Trustee Goudy seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

7. FY2016-17 Board Meeting Schedule

Action: Trustee Denomy Moved to Approve the FY2016-17 Board Meeting Schedule; Trustee Chlouber Seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued about having votes during the time scheduled on the agenda. The Trustees agreed that they could convene on the phone for some of the more simple action items. They also agreed to take some of the follow-up items off the meeting agenda and have them sent separately.

8. Approve Minutes

ACTION: Trustee Chlouber Moved to Approve the Minutes as written, Trustee Theobald Seconded the Motion. Trustee Goudy Amended the Motion asking to remove a sentence about appreciating management's rationale when recommending fees. Trustee Chlouber agreed to the amendment; Trustee seconded the amendment.

Discussion ensued about adding more information in the minutes about contentious votes and to reflect why a trustee opposed the motion.

ACTION: Trustee Brenner Moved to Table the Approval of the Minutes, asking to add a sentence to reflect a longer discussion about tuition; Trustee Goudy Seconded the Motion and it carried 4-1. Trustee Chlouber was the 1 vote opposing the motion, stating it was belaboring and divisive.

Information/Discussion

There was a quick overview of the informational items on the agenda:

Leg. & Govt. Relations Committee Report

In-District Tuition Classification History

May Joint Boards Meeting Objectives – provide input to Kristin

ACCT National Legislative Summit Report

9. Trustee Comments

Trustee Brenner would like to revisit tuition rates and program costs for ESL and GED. Matt Gianneschi, Chief Operating Officer is meeting with a working group of ESL/GED faculty and will bring updates to the Board as the internal taskforce makes progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pat Chlouber
Board of Trustees Secretary



Debbie Novak
Recording Secretary