

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

9:00AM

Teleconference

I. CALL TO ORDER 9:05AM

A. Roll Call

Members Present: Bernadette Marquez – Chair, Tamra Ward – Vice Chair, Wanda Cousar, Maury Dobbie, Rich Martinez, Meg Porfido, and Ruth Ann Woods

Members Absent: Ledy Garcia-Eckstein and Dr. John Trefny

The Board held an executive session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice; and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters; and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) for the purpose of discussing the sale of property at competitive bidding.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:08AM

Tamra Ward made a motion that the Board hold an executive session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice; and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I) to discuss personnel matters; and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) to discuss the sale of property at competitive bidding. Maury Dobbie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tamra Ward made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Maury Dobbie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR SESSION 9:40AM

Bernie Marquez brought to the attention of the members of the board the article in this morning's Denver Post entitled *A Gamble on College Aid - State may seek voter approval of keno to help ease cuts in higher ed.* Discussion ensued relative to SCR10-004, which proposes funding a college scholarship program by requiring the Colorado Lottery to establish a "monitor lottery game" (aka video keno).

Over the years, Colorado voters have rejected eight different ballot measures that would have expanded gaming beyond the current mountain towns. In order to generate the revenues proponents are predicting, thousands of video keno terminals would have to be located throughout Colorado – such as in restaurants, bars, etc. All of these new forms of gambling would be regulated by the Lottery Commission, not the Gaming Commission.

Reflecting on all the hard work behind the passing of Amendment 50, it was noted that this new measure would not provide a lasting solution to higher education's funding concerns. If SCR10-004 were successful, it could hinder the quest for a long-term solution by leaving Colorado voters with the impression that the funding problem had been solved. The creation of thousands of new "gambling establishments" with keno would hurt Colorado's existing casino industry and the important programs the gaming tax funds – community colleges, historic preservation, tourism promotion, promotion of the bioscience industry – to name just a few.

Dr. McCallin concluded the discussion, noting that this measure will continue to be monitored and updates provided.

IV. ADJOURNMENT 9:53AM

Wanda Cousar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rich Martinez, which passed unanimously.