

**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

**August 13, 2008 Special Session
8:30 a.m. Executive Session with
Regular Session to follow**

**Colorado Community College System
Lowry Campus, Board Room**

I. CALL TO ORDER (5 min) Executive Session 8:50 AM

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Members Present: Barbara McKellar, Patty Erjavec, Jennifer Hopkins, Tamra Ward, John Trefny, Jerry Nickell, Wanda Cousar, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Michael Milhausen

Members Absent: Bernadette Marquez, Shawn Olsen

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to CRS 24-6-402 (3) (b) (I) to discuss personnel issues.

III. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (10 min)

A. Web Presentation, Rhonda Bentz

Rhonda Bentz presented to the board a demonstration of the new [Student Website](#). Ms. Bentz reported that the site receives an average of 170 hits daily. She also stated that the site is logical and user-friendly with easy access to information. The site offers virtual tours of each college and will eventually become interactive. She also recognized project team members, Tracy Hughes and Joe Marquez for their valuable expertise to the project. Barbara McKellar suggested adding the Google Earth link as a search tool and a customer service help number for questions and problems with the website.

Ms. McKellar officially welcomed Dr. Kerry Hart, new president at Morgan Community College.

B. Student Housing, Cliff Richardson

The housing item was tabled for the next board meeting, September 10, 2008. Mr. Richardson will coordinate a presentation and discussion with the board about student housing. A representative from each college with student housing will participate in the discussion with the board about concerns or opportunities with student housing.

C. FY 09-10 Capital Construction Requests and Prioritization, Cliff Richardson & Mark Superka

Cliff Richardson provided an introduction of the five-year FY 09-10 Capital Construction Requests. Mr. Richardson added that the presentation will be in the order of recommended prioritizations and at the end of the presentation, the board will be asked to approve the staff recommendations.

RRCC- Request to fund a 2- year project for \$41,869,714 on the Lakewood campus. - 1st year project cost will be \$15,270,000. Michele Haney reported the request would renovate 30,000

sq. ft. The six temporary buildings are currently at capacity. The additional space could increase student enrollment.

Nancy McCallin stated that priorities are based on system-wide FTE production and areas of programmatic growth, as well as an evaluation of the viability of getting the project funded in the current legislative environment.

Jennifer Hopkins noted the list of campus projects and asked if the projects are prioritized across campuses. Dr. McCallin stated that each campus submits their priority as illustrated in Table 2 and the system priority is on Table 4 inside the board packet .

NJC – Requesting ES French renovation for \$13.1 million for the 2 year project with the 1st year request being \$1,145,000 for architectural work. The building is also on the COP list but is below the funding line. The school is asking for renovation of existing space. It has approximately 56,000 assignable square footage. The renovation will improve fire safety (including emergency exits, alarms, and sprinklers), assure ADA compliance, provide new HVAC systems, update classroom and office configurations, update the 560 seat theatre that is housed in the building, and enclose the open courtyard to turn it into student study and gathering areas.

OJC – Requesting funds for Nursing/Science Building upgrade. This is a one year project costing \$1,961,750. This project is to renovate 5,973 square feet of existing space and construct a 5,000 square foot addition to the Life Science Building. In addition to general classroom/lab space, this addition would add nursing simulation labs. The one rural hospital in the service area cannot provide the clinical labs needed for the expanded program size, which is the reason for dedicating a portion of the new addition space to a simulation lab.

TSJC- Requesting 6,000 gross sq. ft. addition to the Alamosa Campus to construct two 30-station classrooms, two 24-station science laboratories, and a laboratory preparation space for **\$1.8 million**. The Valley Campus does not currently have any science laboratories and space in the main academic building is limited.

FRCC – Requesting \$5,467,218 for renovation of Westminster campus. This request would create a new One-Stop Student Services Center on the Westminster campus that would occupy existing space that is currently underused. Currently, student services are housed in multiple locations and students are frequently sent from office to office to get questions answered.

PPCC – Request for Breckenridge & Physical Plant Bldg Centennial Campus for \$16,720,104 for the 3 year project. The first year request is for \$1,225,255. This project would renovate and reconfigure approximately 70,000 square feet of space to modernize classrooms and labs with industry standard equipment and technology, respond to space deficiencies, and meet instructional program requirements. This project would also construct a 20,000 square foot building to move physical plant and support service operations currently housed in the Breckenridge facility, as well as construct a 3,000 square foot addition for Career and Technical Education faculty offices and resource areas. Construction of a physical plant building is required to free up classroom space to accommodate an expected influx of 40,000 soldiers and their families to Ft. Carson.

PCC – Requesting \$1,662,870 for the first year project to install voice over IP technology in all classrooms, implement wireless computing across the main campus, and retrofit electronic classrooms for ADA requirements. To assure ADA compliance, classroom modifications

would also include necessary ramps, support rails, and the re-arrangement of furniture and associated fixtures.

Cliff Richardson commented that CCD has submitted a request to the Auraria Higher Education Center Board for the South Classroom renovation. This is AHEC's number one priority project that would significantly benefit the Community College of Denver. Mr. Richardson added that the staff is not asking the board to rank CCD's request in these priorities, but to strongly endorse CCD's request with the other AHEC requests.

The staff is asking the board to approve the modified program plan for the ES French Renovation project at NJC and program plan waivers for the OJC Nursing/Science Upgrade and Alamosa Campus Expansion projects. Staff is also asking the board to give authority to submit these recommendations to CDHE and to submit the board's support of AHEC's number one project, the CCD South Classroom.

Jerry Nickell moved to approve the staff recommendations based on the prioritizations. The board also endorsed CCD's request. John Trefny seconded the motion which passes unanimously.

D. CNCC Energy Retrofit

Cliff Richardson stated that John Boyd has an aggressive energy retrofit and performance plan. He explained that the State of Colorado allows all state agencies, particularly Higher Education to participate in a performance plan. An energy audit firm visits campuses and makes recommendations for necessary improvements. The state uses the energy savings to fund the improvements. The governor's energy plan allows financing the project out of the savings available.

Mr. John Boyd introduced Matt Rush of Chevron Energy Solutions who has been working with him on this project for the past 2 years. Mr. Boyd also reported that the improvements at the Rangely campus range from lighting upgrades to replacing the heating system with new boilers. The original plan included central heating units, but because of timing, they decided to go with individual units, which is cost neutral. Once approved, they will begin placing heaters in the students' classrooms first. The total cost of construction is \$6,718,589. CNCC plans to contribute \$2,500,000 to the project and finance the remaining with energy savings and general fund and auxiliary fund commitments of \$1.8 million.

Barbara McKellar asked for the name of the lender. Mr. Boyd stated that the lender is Bank of America. The loan is 5.3% for 19 years at a fixed rate. He added there is a possibility to reduce to 5.1% if the loan is strictly in CNCC's name. Mr. Richardson stated that CNCC is still currently negotiating with the bank. Cliff Richardson asked the board to approve the recommendations of the energy audit and CNCC's \$6.4 million dollar spending for the construction project.

John Trefny moved to approve the energy audit recommendations and the energy performance contract and financing arrangement for CNCC. Jerry Nickell seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

E. Colorado Promise Scholarship Ballot Initiative, Ray Baker Co-Chair of A Smarter Colorado and George Merrit, also a supporter for A Smarter Colorado presented merits of the Colorado Promise Scholarship Ballot Initiative to the board. At the June board meeting opponents of the Scholarship Ballot initiative presented their views to the board.

V. ADJOURNMENT

John Trefny moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.