



COLORADO COMMUNITY
COLLEGE SYSTEM

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to CRS 23-60-101, et seq., the Colorado State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (Board) shall consist of a Board of eleven members: nine appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the senate, one elected representative of the faculty of state system community colleges, and one elected representative of the students of state system community colleges. The terms of appointed members are designated by the Governor in accordance with the statute. The student and faculty representative each shall have terms of one year. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive full four-year terms. The Board at no time shall have more than five appointed members of any political party. The Board at all times shall have one appointed member from each congressional district. The student and faculty representatives shall be without the right to vote or attend executive sessions.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS

Section 2.1 Chair.

The chair shall preside over all meetings; appoint members to committees; carry out assignments and instructions given by vote of the Board; and perform such other duties as customarily pertain to the office of chair.

Section 2.2 Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall act as Chair in the absence or incapacity of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall perform such other duties and functions as may be delegated to the offices by the Board.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS

Section 3.1 Annual

Annually, in March, the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee, comprised of the Chair and two other Board members, responsible for submitting a slate of candidates to the Board for the position of Chair and Vice Chair. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates to the full Board each May. Elections shall be by a majority of the voting members present.

Section 3.2 Term

Terms of the officers shall be for one year or until successors are elected.

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SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

Section 4.1 Body Corporate

Pursuant to CRS 23-60-101, et seq., the Board is a body corporate and as such shall receive, demand, and hold for all occupational education purposes and for any educational institution under its jurisdiction, such money, lands, or other property as may be donated, bequeathed, appropriated, or otherwise made available to the Board, and may use such in the interests of community and technical colleges and vocational education in this State.

Section 4.2 Governing Board

The Board has the authority, responsibility, rights, privileges, powers, and duties provided to governing boards of institutions of higher education in CRS 23-5-106 and 23-60-201, et seq., as they exist now or as they may later be amended.

Section 4.3 Administration of Occupational Education

The Board shall receive and administer all state and federal funds appropriated for vocational education in the State of Colorado. The Board shall establish procedures and guidelines for the review and approval of vocational education programs, allocation of monies, and other regulatory responsibilities as may be defined by state or federal statute.

Section 4.4 Approving Authority for Veterans Education

The Board is the designated Colorado approving agency which reviews and approves education and training programs for veterans and persons eligible for veterans educational benefits in accordance with federal law.

ARTICLE II – THE SYSTEM

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

The Board shall exercise its responsibilities through the Colorado Community College System, which shall encompass all of the entities governed, administered, or regulated by the Board.

SECTION 2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Section 2.1 President

The Board shall appoint a chief executive officer with the title of President of the System (President), who shall also be the director of community colleges, the director of occupational education, and the Secretary to the Board, at such salary as may be mutually agreed.

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Section 2.2 Redefinition of Board Policy

All references in Board Policy or other written directives to the Director of Community Colleges or the Director of Occupational Education are hereby defined as referring to the President.

Section 2.3 Responsibilities of the President

- (a) Implementation of Board actions.

The President shall administer Board policy and the System as provided by law, bylaws, and Board policy. Further, the President shall carry out all rules, regulations, and decisions which the Board may adopt and which are within the provisions of the law.

- (b) Procedure authority.

The President shall have the authority to promulgate procedures needed to implement policies of the Board, directives, or other procedures not in conflict with law, bylaws, or Board policy.

- (c) Personnel.

The President is hereby delegated all of the Board's powers over personnel matters relating to the central staff of the System, including the power to hire and fire employees. This authority includes the power to appoint or terminate with the approval of the Board the presidents of the State System Community Colleges governed by the Board.

(d) Signature authority

The President is authorized to sign on behalf of the Board personnel contracts, additional contracts required in the operation of the System, and any other necessary documents unless otherwise provided in Board Policy.

(e) Attendance at Meetings

The President shall attend all meetings of the Board and take part in its deliberations, but shall not vote. The President or designee shall provide advice and support to committees.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. REGULAR MEETINGS

At the beginning of each fiscal year the Board shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings for the coming year. The Board at its discretion may modify the schedule if the need arises during the year.

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SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the chair at any time, and shall be called by the chair upon request by three or more members of the Board.

SECTION 3. OPEN MEETINGS

All meetings of two or more members of the Board or of Board committees will be open to the public. All official actions, including adoption of rules and regulations, policies, and such other related matters, as well as decisions to go into Executive Sessions, will be taken in open session at regular or special meetings.

SECTION 4. NOTICE

The President in his capacity as Secretary to the Board shall give proper notice to the public of all regular and special meetings in accordance with Art. 6 of Title 24, C.R.S.

SECTION 5. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Pursuant to Art. 6 of Title 24, C.R.S., and upon the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the voting membership, the Board may go into an executive session to consider any items legally permissible to discuss in executive session.

The topic of an executive session shall be announced by the Chair and the minutes shall reflect the general subject matter of discussion. No formal action will be taken on any question or issue in an executive session.

SECTION 6. AGENDA

Section 6.1 Preparation

The agenda for each meeting of the Board will be prepared by the President acting as Secretary to the Board.

Section 6.2 Amendments to Agendas

With the permission of the chair, the Board may proceed out of order to any order of business, reconsider an item already passed, add items to the agenda, or delete items from the agenda. The addition of action items to the agenda will require a majority vote of those voting members present.

Section 6.3 Requests to Appear

Interested parties may address the Board at any meeting as deemed appropriate by the chair.

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SECTION 7. QUORUM

A majority of the entire membership of the Board but no less than a majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Vacancies in the Board membership shall not be counted when determining a quorum.

SECTION 8. VOTING

All voting at any meeting shall be by voice vote. Upon the request of a Board member, voting shall be by roll call. No motion or question shall be decided except upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting members present.

SECTION 9. RULES OF ORDER

The Board may set its own rules of order and to do so may draw upon Robert's Rules of Order, as amended, or other similar parliamentary procedures.

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT

All committees shall be appointed by the chair and approved by the Board, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

SECTION 2. MEETINGS

Committee meetings are open to the public. Notice of any meeting at which a quorum of the Board is expected to attend must be given to the public.

ARTICLE V – COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

SECTION 1. PER DIEM AND EXPENSES

Board members shall serve without compensation except that they shall receive fifty dollars (\$50) per diem for attendance at official meetings, plus reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in conduct of official business. [See CRS 23-60-104 (2) (B).] In no case will an individual member of the Board receive per diem payment for more than five days in a single month.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Official meetings shall include all regular or special meetings of the Board and any other meetings which one or more Board members are requested to attend by the Board, the Board chair, or the President.

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SECTION 3. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Because it is important for members of the Board to be knowledgeable regarding current issues and developments concerning community colleges and occupational education, the Board will pay expenses for attendance at one national professional conference per Board member per year.

Attendance at such meetings should be approved in advance by a majority vote of the voting Board members at a regularly scheduled meeting. Since attendance at such conferences is voluntary, members will not receive per diem payment for participation in such, but will be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with State Fiscal Rules.

ARTICLE VI – POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board may adopt written policies, rules and regulations consistent with statutes for the efficient organization and operation of the System.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

At any regular meeting of the Board a new Bylaw of the Board may be enacted, or any existing Bylaw may be amended or repealed, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present, provided that notice of the proposed action shall have been given at the preceding regular meeting.