

**TOPIC: RESOLUTION REGARDING SPECIAL COMMISSION
MEETING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING**

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I. BACKGROUND

The previous agenda item for discussion is the current draft of a framework for undertaking a strategic planning for Colorado public higher education. As indicated there, the Commission on Higher Education has the statutory authority and responsibility for formulating a master, or strategic, plan for higher education. The Governor has set aside time for his participation in the launch of the proposed planning initiative on Monday, September 21, 2009.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

In order to give appropriate and adequate advance notice to the higher education community and the interested public, the Commission may wish to take formal action to schedule a special meeting for September 21, 2009, and to authorize department staff to proceed with necessary arrangements.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission consider and adopt the attached Resolution.

IV. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Section 23-1-108 C.R.S.

RESOLUTION OF THE
COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Whereas, Colorado statutes assign the authority and responsibility for formulating a master, or strategic, plan for higher education to the Commission; and

Whereas, circumstances warrant that the Commission exercise its authority and responsibility to undertake formulation of a new strategic plan; and

Whereas, the success of such a planning effort will depend on the participation of the higher education community and a broad range of stakeholders; and

Whereas, it is fitting for the planning process to begin by convening interested persons from the higher education community and from key stakeholder groups; and

Whereas, the leadership and endorsement of Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., will be essential to the credibility of the planning process and the implementation of any new strategic plan.

Now, therefore, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education resolves:

That it will hold a special meeting of the Commission on Monday, September 21, 2009, to initiate the strategic planning process by convening a conference of interested persons from the higher education community and from key stakeholder groups; and

That department staff take necessary and appropriate action to make arrangements for the conference, proceeding in consultation with the leadership of the state's public institutions of post-secondary education and with other stakeholder groups, including the legislature, business, philanthropy, P-12 education, private institutions, faculty, and students.