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CCHE Begins Review of Performance Contracts

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) will hold its April meeting today at 1:00 P.M. at Pickens Technical Institute in Aurora, marking the first time the Commission has ever held a meeting at Pickens. At the meeting, the CCHE will begin its review of Performance Contracts signed with institutions of higher education that are set to expire in 2011.

As the final year of the contracts approaches, the CCHE is conducting a review to look into the process followed in implementing them and to make recommendations that might be useful in writing new contracts. The review will also serve as an important educational function to the strategic planning process that is currently underway

The CCHE will seek to understand what has worked; what needs improvement; and, ultimately, whether the contracts are a useful tool to ensure accountability and improve performance toward stated goals.

“The Commission’s review of Performance Contracts is timely and important. As with any accountability system, a chance to pause and reflect on its processes, both intended and unintended, is critical, said Executive Director Rico Munn. “The pending contract expiration and the current strategic planning process provide a perfect opportunity for such a review.”

The Commission will review the contracts from Adams State College and Ft. Lewis College today and will review other institutions’ contracts according to the time frame below. Specific institutional information from the reviews can be accessed at:

<http://highered.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/2010/apr/apr10index.html>

Time Frame for the Review

Month/Commission Meeting

April	Adams State College; Fort Lewis College
May	Mesa State College; Western State College
June	Metropolitan State College of Denver; University of Northern Colorado
July	Colorado Community College System
August	Colorado State University System
September	University of Colorado System
October	Colorado School of Mines

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