

**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Colorado Mesa University
August 8, 2017**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

Chairman Luis Colon called the business meeting to order at 1:20pm.

A. Attendance

Chairman Luis Colon, Vice Chairman Renny Fagan, Commissioners John Anderson, Maia Babbs, Cassie Gannett, Jeanette Garcia, Vanecia Kerr, Tom McGimpsey, Monte Moses and Paula Sandoval attended the meeting. Commissioner Mary Beth Buescher attended the meeting via conference call.

Also in attendance were CCHE Advisory Committee members Rep. Jeff Bridges, Rep. Jeni Arndt, Wayne Artis, Keri Lee, Audy Leggere-Hickey and Misti Ruthven.

B. Minutes

Commissioner McGimpsey moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2017 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously.

C. Executive Director Report

- Dr. Reed informed the Commission a representative from the Higher Learning Commission will be attending a future CCHE meeting to discuss the role of accreditors. She also told the Commission the official Master Plan rollout will be on September 12th. The September CCHE business meeting will be moved to coincide with the rollout. Following the business meeting, Commissioners will meet with the Governor, CEOs and Board Chairs to discuss the Master Plan. There will also be a reception at the Governor's Mansion.

II. Consent Items

A. Degree Authorization Act: Liberty University – Request for Field Experience Authorization – Heather DeLange

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve consent item A. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moses and unanimously passed.

III. Action Items

A. Degree Authorization Act – Update on Accreditation Status for William Loveland College – Inta Morris, Chief Advocacy and Outreach Officer, presented the discussion item on behalf of Heather DeLange. Ms. Morris provided an update to the Commission regarding the accreditation progress of

American Pathways University. The institution has been on probationary authorization since 2013 while it worked toward accreditation from a U.S. Department of Education recognized accreditor. Ms. Morris explained to the Commission that the institution is in the final stages of the accreditation process with the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). However, at its May meeting, the accrediting agency's board deferred action until it meets in November.

Based on the length of time the institution has operated with probationary authorization, staff recommended the Commission direct staff to notify the institution of the Commission's intent to take action to revoke authorization at the September meeting.

Commissioner McGimpsey moved to approve staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fagan and unanimously passed.

B. Degree Authorization Act – Update On American Pathways University

Ina Morris, Chief Advocacy and Outreach Officer, presented the discussion item on behalf of Heather DeLange, Academic Policy Officer, regarding William Loveland College's accreditation status. Ms. Morris informed the Commission of the institution's recent decision not to apply for reaccreditation through the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC). Accreditation from a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting agency is required for continued authorization under the Degree Authorization Act. Staff is working closely with the institution to develop and implement a teach-out plan.

Staff recommended the Commission direct staff to notify the institution of the Commission's intent to take action to revoke authorization at the September meeting.

Commissioner McGimpsey moved to approve staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fagan and unanimously passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm