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<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Academic Council</b> <b>May 12, 2026</b> <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	Remote ONLY
Call-In Information	<a href="#">Join Zoom Meeting</a> Meeting ID: 896 3723 3760 Passcode: 273338
<b>Meeting Participants</b>	Provosts and Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) of the public institutions of higher education
<b>Meeting Objectives</b>	Members advise the Department on policy development and implementation, as well as other matters affecting higher education.

## AGENDA

1. Greetings and Introductions
2. Approval of April Meeting Notes  
[see handout: 2026-04-14 NOTES-AC.pdf]
3. Announcements and Discussion Items
  - a. Introduction of JB Holston as new Executive Director of CDHE
  - b. Presentation and Q&A on Colorado Department of Education's [The Big Three](#) initiative (Danielle Ongart, Assistant Commissioner of Student Pathways & Engagement and Michelle Romero, Director, Office of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness, CDE)
  - c. Colorado's Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) (Heather MacGillivray, Manager, SLDS)
  - d. [Basic Needs Campus Designation](#), [Career-Connected Campus Designation](#), and [CO-WIL](#) updates (Renee Welch, Director of Career Connected Learning & Workforce Development, CDHE)
  - e. Updates from CCHE Advisor Michael Lightner
  - f. Transfer initiatives update (Carl Einhaus)
    - Higher Education Transfer Audit

- CCHE Transfer Subcommittee
  - g. New academic forms available
    - [See handouts: Request Form for GT Pathways Waiver.docx, Request Form for Credit Cap Exception.docx]
  - h. Institutional check-in – what is happening on your campuses?
4. New, modified, and closed programs
- a. New
    - Adams State University
      - Undergraduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence
      - Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity
    - Colorado School of Mines
      - Bachelor of Science in Quantum Systems Engineering
    - Colorado State University
      - Bachelor of Science in Environmental Public Health
      - Bachelor of Science in Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
    - Colorado State University – Global Campus
      - Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
  - b. Modified
    - Colorado School of Mines
      - Graduate Certificate in Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage changed to Graduate Certificate in Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage
      - Graduate Certificate in Natural Resources & Energy Policy changed to Graduate Certificate in Environment, Resources & Energy Policy
      - Master of Science in Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage changed to Master of Science in Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage
    - Colorado State University – Global Campus
      - Undergraduate Certificate in Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality changed to Undergraduate Certificate in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety
  - c. Closed Programs
    - Colorado School of Mines
      - Graduate Certificate in Energy Geophysics
      - Graduate Certificate in Environmental Modeling
    - University of Colorado Boulder
      - Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
      - Master of Engineering in Electrical and Computer Engineering
      - Master of Science in Technology, Cybersecurity and Policy
      - PhD in Technology, Cybersecurity and Policy

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## ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned

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