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| **Meeting** | **CCHE Standing Committee on Student Success & Workforce Alignment****Monday, December 2, 2024****1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** |
| Location | Remote only |
| Zoom Information | [Join Zoom Meeting](https://highered-colorado-gov.zoom.us/j/85672227891?pwd=ivzE9SoDk2zlBAAfzNe7H7YUOEOegi.1)Meeting ID: 856 7222 7891Passcode: 708913 |
| Meeting Participants | CCHE SS&AA Standing Committee |
| Meeting Objectives | Discuss student success and academic affairs topics in Colorado to advance practices and policies |

**A = in attendance, E = excused absence, N = not in attendance (Bolded Commissioners are official committee members)**

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| **ATTENDANCE** |
| **Commissioners & Advisors** |
| **Chair Berrick Abramson** | A | Eric Tucker | N | **Lisandra Gonzales** | A | Sarah Hughes | E |
| Danielle Ongart | N | Mark Cavanaugh | N | **Jim Wilson** | A | Leilani Domingo | N |
| Michael Lightner | A | **Ana Cristina Temu** | A | Melinda Piket-May | E | **Jennifer Walmer** | A |
| **CDHE Staff** |
| Carl Einhaus | A | Chris Rasmussen |  | Christina Carrillo | A | Heather DeLange | A |
| Beverly Jones | A | Sam Fogleman |  | Cynthia Armendariz |  | Angie Paccione |  |
| Peter Fritz | A | Renee Welch | A | Chealsye Bowley | A | Sophia Laderman |  |
| Gillian McKnight-Tutein | A | Allana Farley | A | Jack Wolflink |  | Michael Vente |  |
| Corey Evans | A | DeAnna Castaneda | A |  |  |  |  |
| **Guests** |
| Britney Kyle – UNC | A | Claude d’Estree – DU | A | Greg Kinney – CU Anschutz | A | Dan St. John | A |
| Jennifer Martin | A | Matt Aronson – Western | A | JC Norling | A |  |  |

**AGENDA**

1:00 p.m. Greetings and Introductions

 *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Abramson and Carl Einhaus, Chief Student Success and Academic Affairs Officer, announced that Dr. Chris Rasmussen, Senior Director of Academic Pathways and Innovation, will be leaving the Department of Higher Education (DHE). He recently accepted a position as Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer for the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and the Community & Technical College System of West Virginia, located in Charleston, WV – his final day with DHE will be Friday, January 3, 2025. We congratulate Dr. Rasmussen and wish him well on this new journey!

1:05 p.m. Approve notes from October meeting

 *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Harber motioned to approve the October meeting notes. Commissioner Walmer seconded the motion. No objections were made – notes approved.

1:10 p.m. Strategy discussion/[1330 recommendations](https://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/Legislative/1330/2021_SSWR_Task_Force_Report.pdf)

* Presentation: Inaugural Career Connected Designation

*Dr. Gillian McKnight-Tutein*

Dr. G. provided an overview of the newly released Career Connected Campus Designation, which recognizes campuses that excel in the integration of academic curriculum with work-based learning experiences. Additional information about the designation can be found on the [Department’s website](https://cdhe.colorado.gov/workforce-determinants-of-student-success).

* SS&WA Priorities for AY 24/25 – continued conversation on what should we prioritize as a committee for next 6-8 months (Governor’s [Let’s Get Ready Initiative](https://www.nga.org/letsgetready/)) – and how will we measure our success – and request for pathways map in Colorado

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Abramson continued the conversation regarding committee priorities for the year – ultimately, a decision was made to bring in a panel of content experts for a discussion about the various degree pathways that currently exist after the new year to help Commissioners understand the opportunities that are available for students. Commissioner Abramson will work with Department staff to identify speakers to invite to the next meeting.

1:35 p.m. Compelling discussion on informational items

* Proposal to terminate participation in the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) in Optometry

*Corey Evans, Budget Director and DeAnna Castaneda, Lead Finance Analyst*

DeAnna Castaneda provided an overview of a discussion item that will appear before the Commission at its December meeting – as part of the discussion that will occur around the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Governor’s Budget and the Higher Education budget requests, the Department will be requesting to terminate its participation in PSEP. DeAnna shared details of the request with Committee members, including findings of the cost-benefits analysis. Committee members engaged in a brief discussion, noting their full support for this legislative proposal.

Commissioner Harber motioned to move this agenda item to Discussion. Commissioner Walmer seconded the motion. No objections were made – motion approved, with full support from the Committee.

* Approval of Institutional Grants for the 2024-25 OER Grant Program (Attachment: Agenda Item II A; Agenda Item II A: Attachment A; Agenda Item II A: Attachment B; Agenda Item II A: Attachment C)

*Chealsye Bowley, Director of Open Education & Learning Innovation*

Chealsye provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission at its December meeting – staff is recommending the approval of institutional grants for the 2024-2025 OER Grant Program Year 7.

Commissioner Harber motioned to move this agenda item to Consent. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. No objections were made – motion approved.

* Proposed revisions to CCHE Policy I, Section L: Statewide Transfer and GT Pathways

*Chris Rasmussen, Senior Director of Academic Pathways and Innovation*

In Dr. Rasmussen’s absence, Christina Carrillo, Academic Policy Officer and Advocate, provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission at its January meeting – staff will be recommending approval of the proposed revisions to the Statewide Transfer and GT Pathways policy. These technical revisions reflect updated language, driven by statutory change as required by SB24-164 as well as adding the new provisions to the Student Bill of Rights.

* Degree Authorization Act –
	+ Approval of Full Authorization for Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science (Attachment: Agenda Item II D)
	+ Renewal for Harvest Bible College (Attachment: Agenda Item II E)

*Heather DeLange, Office of Private Postsecondary Education*

Heather provided an overview of two agenda items that will appear before the Commission at its December meeting – staff is recommending approval of the full authorization for Rosalind Franklin University to offer its nursing program and the approval of the renewal for Harvest Bible College as a religious training institution.

Commissioner Wilson motioned to move both agenda items to Consent. Commissioner Harber seconded the motion. No objections were made – motion approved.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Britney Kyle, Faculty Senate Chair, University of Northern Colorado Faculty Senate, requested time for public comment. Commissioner Abramson informed Dr. Kyle that public comments do not typically occur during standing committee meetings; however, he would allow time for public comment at the end of the meeting agenda. Three faculty members – Dr. Britney Kyle, University of Northern Colorado; Dr. Claude d’Estree, University of Denver; and Dr. Greg Kinney, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus – provided comments regarding reduced-credit bachelor's degrees, a discussion agenda item from the Commission’s October meeting. Commissioner Abramson thanked the faculty members for their comments and encouraged them to continue engaging with the Commission on this topic.

Next meeting date: Monday, January 27, 2025

**ACTION ITEMS**

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