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| **Meeting** | **CCHE Standing Committee on Student Success & Workforce Alignment**  **Monday, February 24, 2025**  **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** |
| Location | Remote only |
| Zoom Information | [Join Zoom Meeting](https://highered-colorado-gov.zoom.us/j/84724753514?pwd=8ZVDXxxQtICrEVDKxnY9eApkClDJxa.1)  Meeting ID: 847 2475 3514  Passcode: 103109 |
| 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 | A |
| Danielle Ongart | N | Mark Cavanaugh | N | **Jim Wilson** | A | Leilani Domingo | N |
| Michael Lightner | A | **Ana Cristina Temu** | A | Melinda Piket-May | A | **Jennifer Walmer** | A |
| Aaron Harber | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CDHE Staff** | | | | | | | |
| Carl Einhaus | A | Liliana Diaz Solodukhin | A | Christina Carrillo | A | Heather DeLange |  |
| Beverly Jones | A | Sam Fogleman |  | Cynthia Armendariz |  | Angie Paccione |  |
| Peter Fritz |  | Renée Welch | A | Chealsye Bowley |  | Sophia Laderman |  |
| Gillian McKnight-Tutein | A | Allana Farley |  | Jack Wolflink |  | Michael Vente |  |
| **Guests** | | | | | | | |
| Whitney Herring | A | C. Staberg | A | Erin Silver | A | Michelle Camacho Liu | A |

**AGENDA**

1:00 p.m. Greetings and Introductions

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

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

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Harber motioned to approve the January meeting notes. Commissioner Gonzales 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)

* Discussion regarding the Postsecondary pathways for student success panel from last meeting – your take-aways and what other questions do you have?

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Abramson led committee members in a robust discussion regarding last month’s panel discussion. The consensus from committee members was that they would like to learn more from students who have engaged in these programs/pathways – particularly from those who have switched between traditional and non-traditional programs and pathways. Commissioner Abramson will work with Department staff to identify potential guests for a panel discussion next month or the month after.

Commissioners are also interested in learning more about how these programs and pathways are serving students’ and employers’ needs. There is an interest in understanding more about the dynamic between the learner/earner, industry, and postsecondary education and how the needs of all are being met. Commissioner Abramson suggested inviting guests from the following state agencies for a panel discussion in the next few months: the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE); the Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC); and the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). He suggested the guests from these agencies should be those who can assist with streamlining employer needs (i.e., front-line, “tactical” folks) and articulate what assistance is required of the Commission.

There is also interest amongst committee members in learning about ways to standardize workforce-aligned pathways and ensuring consistent employer engagement. It was noted that there is a disconnect between state leaders and policymakers about the work that is occurring locally between industry partners and local education partners (secondary and postsecondary). Industry partners are being oversaturated with requests to participate in educational initiatives – are there ways to streamline this process? Commissioner Abramson will coordinate with Commissioners Walmer and Gonzales to begin organizing and brainstorming ideas to help streamline this process.

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

* Proposed Revisions to CCHE Policy I, Part L: Statewide Transfer and GT Pathways Policy (Notification of Transfer Credit - attachment)

*Carl Einhaus, Chief Student Success and Academic Affairs Officer, Christina Carrillo, Academic Policy Officer and Advocate, and Liliana Diaz, Senior Director of Student Success & P20 Alignment*

Carl provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission at its meeting next month – staff is recommending approval of the proposed revisions to the Statewide Transfer and GT Pathways policy. These changes to policy reflect the modifications that were made to statute as a result of Senate Bill 24-164. The policy will now require institutions of higher education to provide students (both graduate and undergraduate) with a determination of transfer credit within 30 calendar days. Carl informed committee members that the policy revisions have been reviewed by members of various councils (e.g., General Education Council, Academic Council, Admissions Council, Registrar Council, Data Advisory Group) and the SB24-164 cross-functional working group before being brought forward to this group for final review.

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

* Updates on the following bills:
  + [HB25-1186](https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb25-1186): Work-Based Learning Experiences in Higher Education

Commissioner Abramson informed committee members that there was a request from the Department to have the SS&WA Committee provide a legislative declaration for this bill. Before doing so, he explained he wanted the committee to have a more robust discussion about the bill. Commissioner Abramson then invited Dr. Gillian McKnight-Tutein (Dr. G), Beverly Jones, and Renée Welch to provide additional information regarding the bill.

Dr. G noted that there may be some misconception about what the intent behind this bill is. She made it clear that the intent was not to try and change institutional curriculum but simply to try and enhance what already exists. Committee members engaged in a robust discussion regarding the bill language as introduced. The committee noted industry partners should be a part of these valuable conversations. Beverly and Renée provided additional context about the bill and its intent.

Committee members noted they are not comfortable taking a position on this bill as it has been introduced and would prefer to wait until an amendment has been made. This bill will have its first hearing in the House Education Committee on Wednesday, March 5.

* + [HB25-1038](https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb25-1038): Postsecondary Credit Transfer Website

Carl informed committee members that the bill was heard before the House Education Committee on Thursday, February 13. Commissioner Abramson disclosed that he testified in support of the bill; however, he noted that while the website was an important, foundational, first step in improving transfer transparency, he believed work should continue in this area for various reasons – mainly to ensure all institutions support the mission, vision, and purpose of the website, but also to ensure that the website is built out to its full potential and functionality for student success.

The bill passed unanimously out of committee and onto Appropriations. However, the Department was informed late last week that the Appropriations Committee will not be scheduling hearings until at least April, and this bill will still need to continue onto the Senate Education Committee. Carl reported that he would provide additional information as he learned of it.

Next meeting date: Monday, March 24, 2025

**ACTION ITEMS**

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