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| **Meeting** | **CCHE Standing Committee on Student Success & Workforce Alignment**  **Monday, March 24, 2025**  **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** |
| Location | Remote only |
| Zoom Information | [Join Zoom Meeting](https://highered-colorado-gov.zoom.us/j/81873103855?pwd=Phlh587XXbEUGnYaQs9j4fObPvR0Ab.1)  Meeting ID: 818 7310 3855  Passcode: 055871 |
| 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 | A | **Lisandra Gonzales** | A | Sarah Hughes | A |
| Danielle Ongart | N | Mark Cavanaugh | N | **Jim Wilson** | A | Leilani Domingo | N |
| Michael Lightner | A | **Ana Cristina Temu** | N | Melinda Piket-May | N | **Jennifer Walmer** | A |
| **CDHE Staff** | | | | | | | |
| Carl Einhaus | A | Liliana Diaz Solodukhin |  | Christina Carrillo | A | Heather Delange | A |
| Beverly Jones | A | Sam Fogleman |  | Cynthia Armendariz |  | Angie Paccione |  |
| Peter Fritz | A | Renée Welch | A | Chealsye Bowley |  | Sophia Laderman |  |
| Gillian McKnight-Tutein | A | Allana Farley |  | Jack Wolflink | A | Michael Vente |  |
| DeAnna Castaneda | A | Brad Griffith | A |  |  |  |  |
| **Guests** | | | | | | | |
| Justin Dirkes | A | Sergio De La Rosa | A | Alaine Reiter | A | Kim Poast | A |
| Linda Van Doren | A | Liz Qualman | A | Michelle Camacho Liu | A | Whitney Herring | A |
| Erin Silver | A | Christine Staberg | A |  |  |  |  |

# AGENDA

1:00 p.m. Greetings and Introductions

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Chair Abramson and Carl Einhaus, Chief Student Success and Academic Affairs Officer, introduced and welcomed Brad Griffith, new Senior Director of Academic Pathways and Innovation at CDHE. Brad most recently served as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Innovation at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He has direct experience working with micro-credentialing, degree completion initiatives, online education, workforce partnerships, open education resources, and much more. Welcome Brad!

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

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

No quorum was present – notes will need to be approved at the next meeting.

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

* Postsecondary pathways for student success: l/earner panel discussion
  + *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair, Facilitator*
  + *Sergio De la Rosa, Fort Morgan School District, Colorado Mountain College Teacher Apprenticeship Program*
  + *Alaine Reiter, Harrison D2 School District, Colorado Mountain College Teacher Apprenticeship Program*
  + *Justin Dirkes, EGTC Apprenticeship into MSU Denver Pathway*

Commissioner Abramson facilitated a l/earner panel discussion with three students who have completed one of the non-traditional pathways that was highlighted in January. The l/earners were asked to reflect on their experiences; discuss what they wished they had known and when; what they would like more people to know about these non-traditional pathways; and what surprised them the most about their chosen paths. The l/earners highlighted the importance of starting early, awareness of various opportunities, and stackability.

* Continued discussion of postsecondary pathways with focus on Commissioner areas of interest and intended outcome of discussions

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Abramson led a debrief of the l/earner panel discussion with committee members. Members agreed that the committee should move forward into an “action” phase after months of learning about the different pathways available to students. Committee members reflected on a reoccurring theme of limited awareness for students regarding options and opportunities. Commissioner Abramson committed next month’s discussion to “turning ideas into action” and encouraged committee members to come prepared to discuss actionable ways to move forward, including thinking about who else needs to be involved in the process.

2:10 p.m. Compelling discussion on informational items

* Updates on the following bills:
  + SB24-143: Credential Quality Apprenticeship Classification

*Peter Fritz, Director of Student Transitions & Degree Completion Initiatives*

Peter provided an update on implementation efforts for legislation that passed in 2024 (SB24-143) and 2022 (SB22-192). He reviewed SB22-192 and the continued work CCCS has done to expand the Behavioral Health stackable credential pathway. He also reviewed the charge, the deliverables, and the timeline, and progress to date for the work related to SB24-143. He also engaged in a brief discussion with committee members about ISCED (International Standard Classification of Education) levels and the benefits of having a standardized classification system across education, training, and industry.

* + HB25-1186: Work-Based Learning Experience in Higher Education,

*Dr. Gillian McKnight-Tutein, Senior Education Equity Officer*

Dr. G provided an overview and update on this bill. HB25-1186, if passed, will create a WBL consortium pilot program within CDHE. The purpose of the pilot program is to further develop and expand the integration of WBL experiences enrolled in IHEs. This bill had its first hearing in the House Education Committee earlier this month on March 5, passed 12-1 and was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Dr. G reported that she and other Department colleagues are currently meeting with interested donors to help fund the pilot program.

* Degree Authorization Act –
  + Renewal of Provisional Authorization for Arizona College of Nursing – Denver
  + Renewal of Authorization for Taft University System
  + Renewal of Field Placement Authorization (with no instruction) for Reach University
  + Renewal of Field Placement Authorization (with no instruction) for Liberty University

*Heather Delange, Office of Private Postsecondary Education*

Heather provided an overview of four agenda items that will appear before the Commission at its April meeting – staff is recommending the approval of the renewal of the provisional authorization for Arizona College of Nursing; the approval of the renewal of full authorization for Taft University; the approval of the renewal of field placement authorization (with no instruction) for Reach University; and the approval of the renewal of field placement authorization (with no instruction) for Liberty University.

No quorum was available – unable to move to Consent, will move to Discussion with the support of this committee.

Next meeting date: Monday, April 21, 2025

# ACTION ITEMS

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