

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Conducted Remotely  
October 8-9, 2020**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020**

**EVALUATION COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER**

Evaluation Committee Chair Kim Jordan called the meeting of the Evaluation Committee of the Board of Governors to order at 9:01 a.m. Three members of the Evaluation Committee were present at the CSU System Denver office and the remainder participated in the meeting remotely. Chancellor Tony Frank and General Counsel Jason Johnson were also present.

Following a motion by Governor Valdez, which was seconded by Governor Tuor, and after a unanimous affirmative vote, the Evaluation Committee moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing and evaluating public officials and professional staff employees of the Board, which is confidential under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3) (b) (I), and to receive legal advice on specific personnel questions from the committee, which is confidential pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II). General Counsel Johnson read the Evaluation Committee into executive session at 9:02 a.m.

After a motion, second and vote, the Evaluation Committee came out of executive session at 2:51 p.m. and adjourned the meeting of that committee.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020**

**BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tuor called the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System to order at 9:01 a.m. and reminded the Board members the meeting was being livestreamed. The meeting was conducted remotely with live video and audio of the meeting livestreamed publicly through YouTube, as described in the public notice.

**ROLL**

**Governors present:** Nancy Tuor, Chair; Kim Jordan, Vice Chair; Jane Robbe Rhodes, Treasurer; Dean Singleton, Secretary; Polly Baca, Russell DeSalvo; Nate Easley; Armando Valdez; Harriet Austin, Faculty Representative, CSU Global; Stephanie Clemons, CSU Faculty Representative; Hannah Douglas, Student Representative, CSU Pueblo; Nicole Hulet, CSU Global Student Representative; Neb Jaksic, Faculty Representative, CSU Pueblo; Hannah Taylor, Student Representative, CSU.

**Administrators present:** Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Joyce McConnell, President, CSU; Timothy Mottet, President, CSU Pueblo; Pamela Toney, President, CSU Global; Jason Johnson, General Counsel/Secretary to the BOG, CSU System; Lynn Johnson, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, CSU System, and Vice President of Operations, CSU; Becky Takeda Tinker, Chief Education Innovation Officer, CSU System; Rick Miranda, Chief Academic Officer, CSU System; Susy Serrano, Director of Internal Auditing, CSU System; Henry Sobanet, Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration and Government Relations/Chief Financial Officer, CSU System.

**CSU System Staff present:** Melanie Geary, Board Liaison; Adam Fedrid, IT Manager; Allen Sneesby, IT Technician, Jason Rogan, IT Professional; and Wayne Hall, CSU IT Professional.

**Staff and Guests present:** Mohamed Abdelrahman, Provost, CSU Pueblo; Johnna Doyle, Deputy General Counsel, CSU Pueblo; Margaret Henry, Treasurer, CSU System; CSU Global; Jannine Mohr, Deputy General Counsel, CSU; Alejandro Rojas-Sosa; VP Administration and Finance, CSU Pueblo; Karen Ferguson, Provost, CSU Global; Mary Pedersen, Provost and Executive Vice President, CSU; Yolanda Bevill, VP University Communications, CSU; Jessica Salazar, Office of the General Counsel; Craig Chesson, Associate Dean of Students, CSU; Mike Katz, Associate Director of Student Conduct, CSU; Chris LaBelle, Assistant VP for Engagement and Extension; Yvonne Harris-Lot, CSU Global; Blake Naughton, VP for Engagement and Extension, CSU; Cara Neth, Director of Executive Communications, CSU System; Donna Souder Hodge, Chief Strategy Officer, CSU Pueblo; James Pritchett, Dean of College of Ag Sciences, CSU; Chrissy Holliday, VP of Enrollment Management, Communication and Student Affairs; Laura Jensen, Vice Provost for Planning and Effectiveness; Leslie Taylor, VP of Enrollment and Access; Ajay Menon, President and CEO, CSURF;

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Tuor called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. She noted that due to current public health guidance, the Board meeting was being conducted remotely and the Board was unable to accommodate public comment in person and had requested all public comment be submitted via e-mail. She went on to say there were five public comment messages received all urging the defunding of CSUPD in favor of investing in other programs. These comments also included specific questions about budget amounts and where to find data, and these inquiries have been referred to the CSU Fort Collins campus for a reply. Chair Tuor also pointed out that CSU President Joyce McConnell has established the President's Task Force on Campus, Community and Personal Safety, which is chaired by Rico Munn, who is a former Chair of the Board of Governors. The Task Force report is due at the end of December. These comments will be submitted to members of the Task Force and to the Board members.

## **BOARD CHAIR'S AGENDA**

Chair Tuor introduced the incoming Board member, Hanna Taylor, CSU Student Representative, and asked General Counsel Johnson to administer the oath of office. Ms. Taylor took her oath of office and acknowledged her commitment to perform the duties as a member of the Board of Governors. Chair Tuor then introduced Dr. Karan Venayagamoorthy, recipient of the CSU Excellence in Teaching Award. Provost Mary Pederson provided background on Dr. Venayagamoorthy and highlighted some of the reasons he was selected for the Award. Dr. Venayagamoorthy thanked the Board for the recognition and noted his passion for students.

Chair Tuor provided an overview of the agenda.

## **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Governor Robbe Rhodes, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, convened the committee at 9:13 a.m. and asked Internal Audit Director Susy Serrano to begin with audit items.

### **Audit**

*Status of FY 2020 Audit Plan*

Auditor Susy Serrano provided an update on the status of the fiscal year 2021 audit plan referencing the Audit Dash Board and noting the key performance metrics.

*Review of Audit Reports Issued*

Ms. Serrano updated the Board on the following audits:

Engagement and Extension at CSU - Transition Audit, noting new leadership had a strong tone at the top focused on excellence.

Decentral Data Security Control Audit.

*Status of Past Due Audit Recommendations*

Ms. Serrano reviewed the past due recommendations and noted that target dates are current and that new dates are pandemic related delay due to competing priorities.

**Finance**

*Covid-19 and State Budget Update*

CFO Sobanet reported on interactions with the State Department of Higher Education around forthcoming budget scenarios and on updated peer funding comparisons. He discussed the allocation of \$90 million of CARES Act funding distributed by the Governor's Office to the campuses. The CSU System used its fund to support instruction wages, academic support wages, student services wages, and scholarships, along with other COVID-19 expenses. The System's focus has been on supporting students and ensuring they can make progress toward completing their degrees.

*Campus Budget Updates and Tuition Discussion*

CSU VPUO Lynn Johnson provided four potential budget scenarios for CSU Fort Collins, the first two (-10%, -20%) assuming no tuition increase, and the second two (-10%, -20%) assuming a 3% increase. She discussed how projections could potentially be impacted by enrollment shifts and persistence to spring semester.

CSU Pueblo VPFA Alejandro Rojas-Sosa provided four scenarios for CSU Pueblo with varying reductions in state funding and a 3% increase in tuition. He also discussed proposed new expenses of \$2.5 million which included increased compensation for faculty and staff, faculty promotions, fringe benefits and mandatory costs noting its early in the budget cycle and they would continue to make adjustments. Yvonne Harris-Lot provided the CSU Global update noting they are targeting 10% growth and 85% retention, and their tuition rate will continue to remain flat. She also noted they are anticipating increases in cost and working on strategies to scale expenses.

*Approval of Allocation of Stadium Revenues*

Lynn Johnson discussed the Canvas Stadium proforma presented to the Board at their August meeting noting that Canvas Stadium operations are outperforming projections and as a result the action item would reallocate resources to Athletics operations and the Stadium reserve.

**Motion/Action on the Allocation of Stadium Revenues:** Committee Chair Robbe Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the allocation of Stadium Net Revenues from Canvas Stadium operations for FY 2019-2020 to Athletics Operations (\$446,622) and \$1,072,954 to the Stadium Reserve. Governor Valdez moved for approval, Governor Baca seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. This action item is included in the Board materials.

### *CSU System Treasury Update*

System Treasurer Margaret Henry provided the Treasury update, advising the Board to stay the course and expect volatility in the financial markets. She noted \$20 million in gains for July and August, which included the remaining Scoop and Toss amounts and the remaining CARES Act funding.

**Motion/Action on Sublease of the State's SB20-219 COPs:** Following a discussion by the Board about funding for capital projects from the recent legislative session, Committee Chair Rhobbe Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the Sublease of the State's SB20-219 COPs related to the \$17 million for the completion of the Shepardson building that lost state funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic state budget reductions. Governor Valdez moved for approval, Governor Baca seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. This action item is included in the Board materials.

## **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY REPORTS**

### *Student Report*

Governor Taylor reported on transition to new ASCSU administration and noted their efforts to respond to students impacted by COVID.

### *Faculty Report*

Governor Clemmons began her report and welcomed Governor Taylor to her new position. Governor Clemmons introduced new Faculty Council leadership: Chair Sue Doe, and Vice Chair Ruth Huffbauer. Five new task forces started this fall and will report by the end of semester: intellectual property, IT connections with faculty, presidential evaluation, shared governance, Race Bias Equity and Inclusion. Faculty are feeling a sense of fatigue and Faculty Council is working to support them as they support our students. She reported on faculty training modules and welcomed people to view Faculty Council meetings via Zoom. Governor Valdez asked how the Board can support faculty in addressing the fatigue challenge. Governor Clemmons described how most faculty spent summer preparing for the fall semester and didn't have the normal break, and that the Provost has done a good job of connecting with faculty. Provost Pederson discussed the program to provide more student assistance for faculty to assist with some of the additional management tasks connected with COVID.

### *President's Report*

President McConnell also welcomed Governor Taylor and thanked Governor Clemmons for her report. She noted that CSU's success is due to the extraordinary work of its faculty, staff, and students. President McConnell said she has been particularly impressed with the individual outreach faculty are engaged in with students who need additional support this fall.

President McConnell also discussed CSU's strategy around enrollment, strategic planning and relationships with the county and city during the pandemic. The University has a two-phased strategy: to address immediate concerns of incoming class for 2020; and to focus on the incoming class for 2021, and the university is deep into the 2021 recruitment season now. Enrollment this fall was greatly enhanced by the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program, and there was a significant increase in students from other states taking advantage of WUE. CSU is pulling together enrollment, financial aid and marketing teams to devise the best targeted enrollment strategy. The campus strategic planning is also moving forward and they have had three strategic planning sessions and three more are planned before the end of the semester, which started with the Executive Leadership Team and Deans and then broader campus. President McConnell is optimistic about where the university will be with strategic planning next semester.

COVID has presented some unique challenges; part of strategy is to enhance work we're doing with state, county, and city. CSU has held joint town hall meetings that have added to understanding of role CSU plays in community and what is happening on campus. Also, the Cameron Peak fire has been burning toward the

CSU Mountain campus, and although it had been mostly kept at bay, the fire has moved to the ridge above the Mountain campus and there may be impact to that campus. President McConnell also discussed CSU's recent rankings, including its rise in the US News ranking to 71.

#### *Annual Ag Sciences Report*

Dean of Agricultural Sciences James Pritchett provided an update on the status of the College and the Agricultural Experiment Stations. He introduced Dr. Kim Stackhouse-Lawson, new director of Sustainable Livestock Systems Collaborative. Dean Pritchett also highlighted a new student internship program where students are embedded in Extension and AES offices around the state. He then discussed the Helt Summit 2019: Building the Innovation Mindset and the theme asking all people to "come to the table" with their best ideas and innovations. Dean Pritchett also noted their efforts to engage better with state and rural communities statewide. Governor Valdez noted his positive experience participating in a detailed presentation for producers this month; noting it was nice to see CSU out in front doing the outreach to producers.

#### *Communications Report*

CSU Vice President for Communications Yolanda Bevill reported on a recently completed Top of Mind Awareness Survey that was conducted before the coronavirus pandemic. She explained that the survey indicated that CU Boulder has a significant lead on Top of Mind Awareness; and media relations effort around the virus has highlighted CSU as a key player in research nationwide. She noted that CSU dominates in northern and western Colorado, but nowhere else. In an increasingly competitive market space, including with community colleges, CSU has to be present in a more engaged and forthright way in state and out of state. She noted their new focus on what market space looks like both in the short and long terms. She explained the need to better define our brand. CSU has operated as a house of brands rather than a branded house, with colleges promoting their own brands and identities. The new focus will be on better defining a consistent, united brand for the institution in the marketplace. There will be a lot of data mining to come and they will be looking at key audiences including alumni and minority populations and how we compete. Vice President Bevill also noted the need to continue to look at what our selling proposition is not just in Colorado but beyond.

Chair Tuor paused the meeting for a break from 10:33 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

### **CSU PUEBLO REPORTS**

#### *Student Report*

Governor Douglas reported on projects and resources they have been working on, such as talking with the Pueblo Rape Crisis Services Center about possible partnerships, creating Pack Pals mentorship program for CSU Pueblo and younger students using pen pals or Zoom meetings, and looking at transit operations, specifically to assist students with grocery shopping. Governor Douglas also talked about efforts to raise money for student emergency fund through Colorado Gives. They will be donating money typically used for its Winter Wonderland event to the local toy drive and a program for students.

#### *Faculty Report*

Governor Jaksic reported that faculty prepared and trained over the summer for non-face-to-face learning and are feeling more secure with the format than in the spring. Positively, students in quarantine are able to continue their studies because of the online formats.

#### *President's Report*

President Mottet reported from the CSU System Office in Denver. He thanked CSU Pueblo's student and faculty representatives for their work, and he expressed that the entire CSU Pueblo community is thinking of President McConnell, all of her CSU Fort Collins colleagues, and particularly the Mountain Campus

community as it confronts the current fire danger. President Mottet noted that CSU Pueblo hosted the undersecretary of education Diane Jones for a four-hour period over two days. He also thanked the CSU System for the Your Voice. Your Vote. Your Rights. campaign and for being a thought leader around the election this fall.

President Mottet then discussed enrollment, noting it was down 3.3%, which was better than the anticipated 10% decline they had anticipated. He explained there were currently 33 students who had tested positive for COVID-19, which represented .008% of total student population. One employee had tested positive. President Mottet went on to announce CSU Pueblo had received a \$3 million Title V grant that will enhance and complement Vision 2028 funding. They also received a \$2.5 million NSF grant. President Mottet then provided the Board an update on Vision 2028 and its related initiatives, including related infrastructure improvements, marketing, new and redesigned academic programs, adult learning, student support and advising, and a new Harvard Business School pilot project.

## **CSU GLOBAL REPORTS**

### *Student Report*

Governor Hulet began her report and noted that she had participated in a promotional video about why she chose CSU Global. Governor Rhodes noted that she “liked” it on Instagram. Governor Hulet also reported on the Colorado Department of Higher Education Student Leadership meeting that Governor Polis attended, and she noted the varying concerns from students on and off campus, with many wanting to “pandemic prepare” their educations.

### *Faculty Report*

Governor Austin provided faculty updates and noted the changes to faculty evaluations and most faculty find that feedback very helpful. She also noted that faculty are continuing to be highly productive, and that faculty also are continuing to play roles in responding to the pandemic in various ways. Governor Austin noted they are seeing improvements in student resiliency and provided new opportunities for the university to talk about research methodologies and improving scientific literacy. She also highlighted some of the new programs that have come online, including the new master’s in military and emergency responders psychology, which had commenced, and the master’s in nursing that will begin in November. CSU Global is continuing to grow and meet the needs of their student population.

### *President’s Report*

CSU Global President Toney provided her first report as president of the University. She began saying CSU Global continues to focus on providing relevant educational opportunities, increasing engagement, and making lifelong learning achievable. They are working with state and community groups to provide non-credit professional development opportunities. President Toney explained that the first half of fall trimester enrollment was strong but is expecting it to end up flat, largely due to uncertainty that working parents are facing. She noted that Dr. Karen Ferguson had resigned as provost and that they have faculty leaders stepping up in the interim but will be moving forward with a search for a new provost. President Toney then discussed a new initiative that involves the creation of a diversity and inclusion committee to promote opportunities to engage students, faculty, and staff around diversity and inclusion, with a focus on awareness, hiring practices, and improving student success related to retention, graduation and support services.

The meeting recessed for a lunch at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

With Committee Chair Gable out, Governor Baca convened the meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and asked System Chief Academic Officer Rick Miranda to talk about the new degree programs.

### *New Degree Programs*

CSU System CAO Rick Miranda reviewed the new CSU Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree. Provost Mary Pedersen spoke to the demand for the program. Approval of the new degree occurred upon approval of the Consent Agenda.

### *CSU Pueblo Policy Updates*

CAO Miranda explained there were three policies from CSU Pueblo with the primary one being the Student Code of Conduct, which had been extensively revised to better align with state law, and is now more parallel to the CSU Fort Collins code of conduct. These revisions also make it better aligned with new Title IX regulations. The second policy is the Colorado State University Pueblo Policy of Discrimination, Protected Class Harassment, and Retaliation. The third policy is the CSU Pueblo supplemental pay policy. Approval of these policies occurred upon approval of the Consent Agenda.

### *Preliminary Enrollment Reports:*

CAO Miranda began the report providing an overview of the early enrollment reports before turning it over to each of the institutions to provide an update on their early enrollment numbers. While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted new student enrollment across the CSU System this fall, declines in the number of new freshmen were partially offset by strong returning student enrollment, including a record-setting 5 percentage point increase in the number of students persisting from their freshman to sophomore years at CSU Pueblo. Remarkably during a pandemic year, CSU Pueblo increased student retention more than at any time in the last decade, and CSU in Fort Collins held steady, retaining 85.3% of its 2019 freshman class, exactly the same percentage as the previous year when COVID-19 was not a factor.

### **Overall declines**

Though overall enrollment turned out better than the double-digit declines anticipated for the three CSU campuses, total numbers were still down from past years: 3.6% at the flagship Fort Collins campus (with a total headcount of 27,835), and 3.3% at the Pueblo campus (with a total headcount of 3,716). The fully online CSU Global operates on a trimester system, different from the two physical campuses, so its total numbers for the term are not yet available.

Predictably, given international travel restrictions, both the Pueblo and Fort Collins campuses saw declines in new international students. Meanwhile, online enrollment saw a sharp increase, as students who chose not to study on campus this fall sought other ways to continue their degree progress:

- Preliminary numbers from CSU Global's fall trimester reflect a nearly sixfold increase in international enrollment in their online programs: from 73 students to 433. (This includes both US citizens living abroad and international students.)
- CSU Pueblo's online-only enrollment is up 67% over last year.
- CSU Online at the Fort Collins campus saw a 59% increase in new undergraduate enrollment.

### **CSU Fort Collins**

CSU Fort Collins welcomed 23,590 undergraduates this fall, a 4.1% decline from last year with most of that decrease in numbers of new freshmen. Graduate student numbers were down slightly (0.7%), with 3,648 graduate students enrolled this fall. The campus saw increases in the number of Native American

and Hispanic/Latinx students enrolled, but declines among Black, Asian, and non-minority students. Transfer student enrollment dropped by 20.3%. The ratio of in-state to out-of-state students held constant at 65% in-state to 34% out-of-state.

### **CSU Pueblo**

CSU Pueblo welcomed 3,378 undergraduates this fall, a 5% decline from last year that was offset somewhat by a 13% increase in graduate students (338 graduate students enrolled this fall). Re-enrollment of continuing students at CSU Pueblo was up at every undergraduate level (freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors) for the first time in at least five years. Pueblo also saw a slight increase in numbers of diverse students enrolling. The retention rate for students who entered as transfer students also hit an all-time high (73%) and the highest year-to-year gain ever for the Pueblo campus (9 percentage points over the previous year).

### **CSU Global**

CSU Global only has data available for the first three terms of its fall trimester but experienced a 4.5% increase from last fall through those terms. The University is anticipating an overall increase in non-degree-seeking students and new undergraduates. Preliminary numbers also show a slight increase in number of first-generation and underrepresented minority students. Governor Easley asked for more information about enrollment trends for Black males.

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Frank congratulated the campuses on the enrollment and retention numbers. He introduced Becky Takeda-Tinker as the new Chief Educational Innovation Officer. He congratulated Governor Baca for the 2020 Governor's Citizenship Medal and Executive Editor Coleman Cornelius for recent awards to STATE Magazine.

### *Board Policy 130, Board Training and Best Practices*

General Counsel/Secretary to the Board Johnson explained the statutory requirement for the Board to annually conduct certain training and orientation and those training materials are included in the Board's meeting materials. House Bill 18-1198 created certain best practices for the State's many Boards and Commissions and requires certain written policies or Bylaws and trainings. The Board of Governors has a robust set of bylaws and policies and was already in compliance with House Bill 18-1198 when it passed. The Board training materials include information about the Board's enabling statutes, its Bylaws and policies, as well as the Colorado Open Records Act and Open Meetings Law.

The Chancellor provided an update on Strategic Mapping and the CSU Spur campus, including the Crush Walls mural project.

## **REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Russell DeSalvo, Chair of the Committee

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION OF REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Motion/Action:** Governor Robbe Rhodes moved for the Board to go into executive session of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee for the reasons listed in the meeting notice, including the Hughes Stadium property and to receive legal advice on real estate and other matters, including legal questions concerning the Hughes Stadium property. Governor Clemons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. General Counsel Johnson read the Board into Executive Session at 1:11 p.m. and noted the

reasons for going into Executive Session under the Colorado Open Meetings Law, as stated in the meeting notice:

- 1) For discussions relating to the purchase of property for public purpose or sale of property at competitive bidding as premature disclosure of such transaction would give a competitive advantage to the other party, which is confidential under C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (3) (a) (I).
- 2) For matters concerning trade secrets, privileged information, and confidential commercial, financial data furnished by or obtained from any person, which is confidential under C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (3) (a) (VII); and
- 3) To receive legal advice on specific legal questions, including legal questions regarding this meeting and the meeting topics, which is confidential pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (3) (a) (II).

Following a motion, second and unanimous vote to leave executive session, the Board of Governors returned to open session of the Real Estate Committee at 1:48 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION OF REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

### *National Western Center Long-Term Lease with Denver Water*

**Motion/Action:** Governor Easley moved for the Board to approve a fifty (50) year lease with two twenty-five (25) year renewal options to the City and County of Denver and its Board of Water Commissioners (“Denver Water”) of approximately 30,289 square feet of rentable area for its offices and research and testing facilities to be located on the third floor of the new Hydro Building (f/k/a the Water Resources Center) at the National Western Center, as discussed by the Board in its executive session, in accordance with the parameters outlined in such discussion. Governor Robbe Rhodes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. This action item is included in the Board materials.

### *Hughes Stadium*

**Motion/Action:** Chancellor Frank provided an update on the negotiations with the City around the Hughes property and provided his recommendation that the University move forward with submitting an application for development of the property under the City’s SPAR (Site Plan Advisory Review) process.

Governor Rhodes noted that she likes the proposal and believes it is fully in line with the City plan. Governor Jordan noted that she is the Fort Collins representative on the Board and supported the proposal; she observed that the Board has done an exceptional job over the year in emphasizing sustainable building processes; given that this is in line with the City’s priorities, if we keep that focus, we will have accomplished some important regional priorities that benefit our students and CSU co-workers. Governor Baca expressed her support of the project and her belief that it is a benefit to students and employees and promotes a sustainable environment with its inclusion of open space.

Governor Valdez noted the project honors the processes and guidelines of the City of Fort Collins while also bringing a tangible benefit to the citizens of Colorado, since the Board has a fiduciary obligation to all the citizens of Colorado. Governor Easley supported the project and noted the System’s commitment to its employment base in Fort Collins, as the City’s largest employer, and its desire to continue to be a good neighbor with the City. He also noted that he used to live right across from this property and observed that people would still be able to hike up to the “A” to watch the sunrise, as he used to. Governor Singleton said the plan was well thought out and expressed disappointment at the length of time to get here; he noted that the CSU System has always wanted to do what’s best for the community, and this is a positive move for the University and the City of Fort Collins.

Chair Tuor thanked staff for keeping the Board well-informed throughout this process as it moved along and giving a range of options for consideration. She expressed disappointment that negotiations weren’t

more productive and reminded the Board that this property was outside of the City limits and the Board chose to have it annexed into the City. She reaffirmed that the proposal meets the objectives of the Board. Committee Chair DeSalvo said he is in the redevelopment business and said it is always more sustainable to develop on land that has already been built upon than land that has not previously been developed.

General Counsel Johnson read a draft action item for the Board's consideration, with the following Matter for Action:

"The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System (the "Board") approval of the public purposes, goals, uses, and site plan for the Hughes Property and exercising the Board's full legal authority to adopt Board law that establishes and implements those public purposes, goals, uses, and the site plan for the Hughes Property."

General Counsel read the entire action item for consideration by the Board, including the Matter for Action and the Recommended Actions. Governor Valdez moved for the Board to approve the action item; Governor Baca seconded the motion. The final approved action item is included with the Board meeting materials.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion/Action to Approve Consent Agenda:** General Counsel Johnson presented the Consent Agenda to the Board of Governors for approval. Governor Baca moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Governor Jordan seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion/Action:** Governor Easley moved for the Board to go into executive session at 2:38 p.m. for the reasons listed in the meeting notice. Governor Singleton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. General Counsel Johnson read the Board into Executive Session and noted the reasons for going into Executive Session under the Colorado Open Meetings Law, as stated in the meeting notice:

- 1) For the purpose of receiving the Litigation Report from the General Counsel relating to pending or imminent litigation, specific claims or grievances; and to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, including legal questions regarding this meeting and the meeting topics, which is confidential pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (3) (a) (II).

Following a motion, second, and unanimous vote to leave executive session, the Board of Governors returned to open session at 2:49 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.