

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO
Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room
May 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fry called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Chair Fry
Trustee Buck
Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod
Trustee Griffin
Trustee Reiff
Trustee Ramos
Trustee Davis
Trustee Foster
Trustee Sekharan
Trustee Griffin

Trustee Moreno was excused.

Chair Fry motion to go into executive session for the purposes of a litigation update pursuant to section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S. and to discuss the employment performance review of the President pursuant to section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S. and invited President Marshall to join.

Trustee Foster seconded, and the board entered the executive session.

Following the litigation update and President Marshall's annual evaluation the trustees returned to open session. There was no action taken during the executive session.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Trustee Reiff motioned to amend the President's contract per the Board's discussion and approve the annual bonus for President Marshall. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board took a brief recess and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. in Gallegos Boardroom. Trustee Dukes joined as well as Faculty Trustee Dr. Brian Parry and Student Trustee Kylie Graham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Buck moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting April 4, 2025. Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Fry began his report by recognizing Kylie Graham's service to the Board as Student Trustee and wishing her well after graduation. He also recognized Dr. Brian Parry for his service as Faculty Trustee and thanked him for his service to the board. He also highlighted the GJEP Economic Summit that was hosted by CMU and well attended. He thanked Derek Wagner

for his participation and involvement as well as Dr. Nathan Perry. He also highlighted the event recognizing the naming of the Diamond at Hamilton Park after Jamie Hamilton and thanked the trustees who attended that event. Chair Fry also mentioned the upcoming Capital Conference in June. Lastly, Chair Fry thanked Liz Howell for her service to the Board and wished her well in new role.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall introduced the **Human Scale University Champion Award for April 2025**, which was presented to Tina Kleespies to express the Board's deepest gratitude for her enduring commitment, exemplary service, and the transformative impact she has had on the CMU community. The Board and campus community wish her the best in her retirement.

President Marshall also introduced alum Mr. Ben Steele, who is the spring commencement speaker. Mr. Steele shared his reflection on his time at CMU and the growth of CMU as well as how much he has enjoyed being back on campus.

Continuing his report, President Marshall highlighted the success of the CMU Rodeo in April and noted the record attendance at the event. He noted the town halls held by both US Senators on campus during the spring. He shared the success of E-Day this year and the excitement around announcing the new Executive Director of the Davis School of Business. He spoke about sharing the campus climate data with campus and the next steps in that process. He also highlighted the upcoming Century Project events and alignment with the upcoming Board meetings in AY25-26. President Marshall thanked Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod for her ongoing contributions to the CMU Business Closet. Trustee Marshall shared that Mavs at the Rockies will be held on July 18th in Denver. Lastly, he highlighted the graduation class of 2025 and spoke to the details for the spring commencement ceremonies.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Brian Parry spoke about the end of the year being a time of reflection on the academic year. He summarized the work done over the last year on the faculty priority list including the retirement match, the creation of the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Climate Survey work, course evaluation work, and work done to recognize Instructional lines. He thanked the Board for their work and their continual support of the faculty. He introduced Dr. Stacie Schreiner as the incoming Faculty Trustee who shared information about her background and commitment to CMU as well as her excitement to service in the trustee role.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Kylie Graham spoke about the students' excitement for the end of the semester. She updated the board on events that have occurred since the last meeting including the spring concert, rodeo week, and the week of belonging held by Cultural Inclusion Council. Lastly, she shared that a new (live) Rowdy mascot has been selected after a long process, and he will be ready for the fall semester events. She ended her report by saying thank you to the Board for the supporting students – and for supporting her during her time as Student Trustee. She also introduced Lindsey Schultz to the Board as the incoming Student Trustee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Fry asked for consideration of the items on the consent agenda:

1. Personnel
2. Naming Opportunity – The Davis House
3. Emeriti Faculty Recommendation

Trustee Sekharan motioned for approval and Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod seconded.

The consent agenda items were approved unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO PROGRAMS & COURSES CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod made a motion that the Board of Trustee approval of the following program and course substantive changes:

The following are substantive changes not previously considered by the Board of Trustees during this 2024-2025 academic year, for implementation Fall 2025. All items have been approved by their appropriate curriculum committee(s), Faculty Senate, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President.

The 906 proposals include:

- 20 Program Additions
- 15 Program Deletions/Inactivations
- 104 Program Modifications
- 119 Course Additions
- 130 Course Inactivations
- 518 Course Modifications
- 1 Curriculum Policy Additions/Modifications

Trustee Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CMU TECH PROGRAM REVIEW: Brigitte Sundermann, VP Technical Education and Workforce Development, gave a CMU Tech program review update.

MARKETING MOMENT: David Ludlam, Vice President for Communications shared a Marketing update and video highlighting the Rowdy Mascot Program. He also introduced the following people who have been instrumental in the development and success of the program this past year: Haley Hahn, Executive Assistant to the VP of Communications, Luci Grooters, The Rowdy Mascot Program Graduate Assistant, Zae Kothe, Rowdy Mascot Program performer and team captain, and Alexa Duricy, Rowdy Mascot Program performer who was in the Rowdy suit and did a reveal!

TREASURER'S REPORT & DASHBOARD: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Treasurer's Report and Dashboard.

INVESTMENT POLICY: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented Investment Policy and recommended that in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes 23-53-103.6 Investment Policy – Fiduciary Responsibility, the CMU Board of Trustees reaffirms its acknowledgment of its fiduciary responsibility with respect to oversight of the CMU investment policy. Trustee Reiff motioned to approve VP Quinn's recommendation. Trustee Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FY25-26 BUDGET, RELATED TUITION, FEE, ROOM & BOARD RATES & IPLAN FOR STUDENT FEES: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration, and

Spencer Rockwell, Budget Director presented the FY25-26 Budget and related items. Trustee Reiff recommended that the Board approve 1) CMU's Fiscal Year 2025-26 operating and capital budgets; 2) tuition, fee, room, and board rates; and 3) CMU's Institutional Plan for Student Fees (IPLAN). Trustee Griffin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

GROUNDBREAKING & LUNCH: *At 11:45 a.m., the Board recessed for the Foundation District Groundbreaking event. Following the event the board attended lunch and were joined by the CMU Cycling Team.*

Upon returning from lunch President Marshall distributed the Leadership Team's Quarterly Rocks in alignment with EOS.

STATE CAPITAL SUBMISSION REQUEST FY26-27: President Marshall presented the information related to Capital Submission and recommended that the Board approve the items as presented in the packet:

Colorado Mesa University (CMU) Board of Trustees approve the following:

- Five Year Capital Construction/Renewal Project Plan FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 (CC_CR-5P)
 - Governing Board Priority Order Capital Construction confirmation letter
- Five Year Capital IT Project Plan FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 (CC_IT-5P)
- Controlled Maintenance Project Request – Five Year Plan FY2026-27 to FY2030-31 (CM 5P)
- Program plan for Allied Health Relocation
 - Allied Health program plan confirmation letter
- Capital Construction Three-Year Program Plan Waiver Request and letter to the CDHE for the Rural Technology Hub - Electrical and Computer Engineering building
 - Rural Technology Hub Program plan waiver confirmation letter
- Capital Construction Three-Year Program Plan Waiver Request and letter to the CDHE for the Maverick Center Renovation and Expansion
 - Maverick Center Renovation & Expansion program plan waiver confirmation letter

Trustee Lori Buck recused herself from this vote and removed herself from the table. Trustee Alison Griffin motioned the Board approve the information as presented. Trustee Kasia Iwaniczko MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FALL 2025 ENROLLMENT AND HOUSING UPDATE: Dr. Roberto Montoya, Vice President for Student Services, introduced Kim Medina, VP of Enrollment Management and Emily Bollinger, Director of Residence Life, who gave an Enrollment Analysis and housing update.

CMU FOUNDATION ANNUAL UPDATE: Robin Brown, VP of Development and CEO of CMU Foundation, gave an annual update on the CMU Foundation including an overview of their annual budget.

CIVIC FORUM & FREE EXPRESSION: Dr. Cher Hendricks, VPAA, & Derek Wagner, Chief of Staff and VP External Affairs gave an overview of the work being done on campus through the Civic Forum and related to Free Expression.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sekharan motioned to adjourn. Trustee Griffin seconded the motion. Chair Fry adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.