

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 10, 2026
GALLEGOS BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fry called the meeting to order at 10:03am on April 10th.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Chair Fry; Trustees Buck, Iwaniczko MacLeod, Reiff, Davis, Moreno, Sekharan, Griffin, Foster; Faculty Trustee Dr. Stacie Schriener; and Student Trustee Lindsey Schultz were in attendance. Trustee Ramos and Trustee Dukes were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Buck motioned to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting January 28 and 29, 2026. Trustee Griffin seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Fry welcomed and thanked the students from Professor Laurena Davis's Introduction to Media Writing class for attending the meeting. He also provided updates and follow-up on key topics from the strategic discussion. Chair Fry thanked the Trustees for their participation in *Becoming CMU: 100 Years in the Making* and outlined next steps in the President's evaluation process, including the addition of a 360 Evaluation component this year, led by Trustee Buck.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall announced the April Human Scale Award recipient, Women's Basketball Coach Taylor Wagner, recognizing him for his outstanding season and for elevating both the program and CMU's profile. He also provided updates on the leadership team's third-quarter Rocks and completion progress, as well as priorities and Rocks for the fourth quarter. In addition, President Marshall discussed the alignment between the university's strategic plan and the EOS process. President Marshall highlighted the upcoming Western Colorado Economic Summit hosted at CMU, which will include a gubernatorial debate featuring Phil Weiser and Michael Bennet.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Stacie Schreiner discussed proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws that would allow both Teaching and Practice Faculty who hold academic rank to serve on Faculty Senate and standing committees. She also outlined potential forthcoming changes related to course evaluations. Dr. Schreiner concluded her report by sharing updates on the *Beyond the Town Hall* events she co-hosted with President Marshall to further engage faculty across campus.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Student Trustee Lindsey Schultz reported on student feedback regarding parking expansion, fees, and affordability. Students supported additional parking if costs remain low, noting CMU's strong value compared to other Colorado institutions. There was interest in a potential mixed-use parking structure, provided student access and affordability are maintained. Overall, students emphasized that any growth should keep CMU accessible and student-focused.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel
2. Emeriti Faculty
3. Transitional Retirement
4. Board of Trustees Calendar 26-27
5. Board of Trustees Committee Appointments 26-27

Trustee Griffin motioned for approval and Trustee Buck seconded. The consent agenda items were approved unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

STATE BUDGET UPDATE: Derek Wagner, Vice President for External Relations, provided a high-level update on state funding, including the budget outlook and tuition considerations. President Marshall provided comments on how CMU's values and commitment to radical affordability are guiding decision-making for the upcoming budget cycle.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET UPDATE: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Treasurer's Report and provided a high-level FY27 budget update.

HOUSING AND PARKING UPDATE: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration, discussed potential financing strategies for new housing and parking projects, including a range of funding structures and long-term financial considerations to support campus growth while maintaining affordability.

LUNCH & MARY RAIT UNVEILING: *At 12:00pm, the Board recessed for lunch and the unveiling of the Mary Rait Statue. Trustees toured the newly renovated Moss Performing Arts building. The Board reconvened at 1:30pm.*

Trustee Buck motioned for the Board of Trustees to convene in executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) to discuss the purchase of real property for public purposes, where premature disclosure of the matter would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod seconded the motion and trustees convened in executive session. Trustees returned to open session. There was no action taken during the executive session.

HANDBOOK UPDATES:

Brenda Moore, Chief People Officer, provided a brief recap of the changes to Professional Personnel Employee Handbook sections III, Section IV, and Section VII as discussed at the January meeting.

Trustee Davis motioned to approve and accept the changes proposed to the preface, Section III, Section IV, and Section VII Professional Personnel Employee Handbook and Trustee Griffin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Brenda continued her report and reviewed proposed changes to Sections IX.

MARKETING MOMENT: David Ludlam, Vice President for Communications, presented the Marketing Moment, highlighting a potential partnership with University Media Group to enhance campus signage and expand out-of-home advertising opportunities. The presentation focused on proposed improvements to existing signage, along with projected revenue generation and increased advertising value for CMU.

ENROLLMENT & HOUSING UPDATE: Whitney Bonner, Executive Director of Enrollment Management, and Emily Bollinger, Director of Residence Life, provided a Fall 2026 enrollment and housing update. The presentation highlighted admissions yield activities, student engagement efforts and events as well as housing trends for both continuing and incoming students.

ADULT LEARNER UPDATE: Dr. Roberto Montoya provided an update on adult learners, expanding on the strategic direction discussion from the October Board meeting. He presented student demographics, enrollment trends, retention and completion data, and student experience feedback. Dr. Montoya recommended exploring strategic partnerships to expand online and flexible learning opportunities for adult learners.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ramos motioned to adjourn. Trustee Sekharan seconded. Chair Fry adjourned the meeting at 4:04pm.