

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13 AND 14, 2026
GALLEGOS BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fry called the meeting to order at 10:11am on August 13, 2026.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Chair Fry; Trustees Buck, Dukes, Iwaniczko MacLeod, Reiff, Davis, Moreno, Sekharan, Foster, Ramos, Griffin; Faculty Trustee Dr. Stacie Schreiner; and Student Trustee Danica Kremidas were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting May 16, 2026. Trustee Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR REPORT: Chair Fry highlighted recent campus events, including the Colorado Day Celebration, and thanked the Davis family and Timberline Bank for their contributions to the flag project. He also noted the upcoming Broadway season at Asteria Theatre and provided updates on the Board officer election timeline and the 360-degree evaluation of President Marshall.

PRESIDENT REPORT: President Marshall announced Rick Adleman as the August Human Scale Champion Award recipient, recognizing his longstanding service to CMU, fundraising efforts, and commitment to student scholarships and the University's core values. He introduced Gretchen Donnally, CMU student and U20 Pan-American Games gold medalist. President Marshall provided an update on planning for the 2027 Colorado Capital Conference in partnership with CU. President Marshall also recognized the team's efforts on summer projects, noting that work in the Formation District remains on schedule and under budget.

FACULTY TRUSTEE REPORT: Dr. Stacie Schreiner provided an update on faculty priorities identified through faculty feedback and campus climate discussions. She also discussed Faculty Senate governance, student course evaluation updates, faculty participation in the learning management system selection process, and follow-up from the Beyond the Town Hall sessions with President Marshall. She noted faculty interest in updates on the Provost search.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT: Student Trustee Dani Kremidas introduced herself to the Board and provided updates on the new campus dining facility and recently opened Centennial Apartments. She also highlighted expanded student access to telehealth services and shared upcoming campus events, including New Mav Days.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel
2. Designated Meeting Posting
3. Program Reviews
4. Academic Policy Updates

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

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

HANDBOOK UPDATES: Brenda Moore, Chief People Officer, provided an overview of the changes to Section VIII of the Professional Personnel Employee Handbook and outlined the next steps in the update process. Sections V, VIII, IX and X will be shared with campus for feedback and will be brought back to the Board for approval at the October meeting.

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

FALL 2026 ENROLLMENT & HOUSING UPDATE: Dr. Roberto Montoya and Emily Bollinger, Director of Residence Life provided a Fall 2026 enrollment and housing update. The presentation highlighted admissions yield activities and discussed housing trends for both continuing and incoming students.

LUNCH: *At 12:00pm, the Board recessed for lunch.*

MARKETING MOMENT: David Ludlam, Vice President for Communications, and Katlin Birdsall, Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Brand Strategy, presented the Marketing Moment, highlighting updates to the CMU Athletics sub-brand, including the collaborative development process and updated mascot marks.

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM: Jeremy Brown, Vice President for Information Technology, provided an overview of the current Student Information System and the scope of a potential modernization project.

ATHLETICS UPDATE: Rob Courtney, Athletic Director, provided an overview of department accomplishments for the 2025-26 academic year, highlighting athletic and academic success. CMU ranked second in the RMAC All-Sports Cup and 11th in the Learfield Cup standings. Rob also discussed the Davis Scholar Athlete Scholarship, department finances, and Building Maverick Champions campaign supporting the new football complex.

CAMPUS PROJECTS UPDATE: Derek Wagner, SVP for External Relations, provided an update on recent property acquisitions. Jamie Cox, Capital Projects Manager, reviewed recently completed and active capital projects, including numerous campus parking improvements, student housing and dining, and athletic facilities.

The Board recessed for the day at 4:02pm.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION CONTINUED

The Board reconvened at 9:00am on Friday, August 14.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration, provided an update on health insurance renewal costs and discussed a potential transition to a self-insured model.

AI DISCUSSION: President Marshall discussed draft principles guiding the University's approach to AI, focusing on preserving human connection and relationships, maintaining integrity in AI use, and considering the implications for CMU's mission and student experience. Discussion also included engaging faculty through a working group to inform the University's approach.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE AND VTO ADOPTION: The Board discussed the adoption of the Entrepreneurial Operating System (EOS) Vision/Traction Organizer (VTO) as the basis for CMU's strategic planning framework, establishing a continuous planning process with long-term vision, annual priorities, quarterly objectives, and accountability measures. Discussion focused on aligning CMU's mission, vision, and priorities with measurable outcomes while maintaining flexibility to address emerging opportunities and challenges. Discussion included the need to include academics and faculty.

Trustee Davis motioned for the adoption of the EOS Vision/Traction Organizer (VTO) as the basis for Colorado Mesa University's Strategic Planning Framework and Trustee Dukes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Buck motioned to adjourn. Trustee Griffin seconded. Chair Fry adjourned the meeting at 10:55am.