



CSU Extension Boulder County  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

**Board Members:**

Present: Hallie Adams, Donna Becker, Mary Mulry, Kate Newberg, and Kirsten Ruiz

Absent: Rob Alexander, Nick Cappello, Rich OKeefe, and Jay Ruggeri. Quorum present? Yes

**Boulder County Extension Staff:**

Eric Hammond and Dena H were in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda of the Extension Advisory Board was presented, Hallie motioned to approve, Kirsten second; all were in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: Hallie motioned that the January 10, 2024, minutes of the Extension Advisory Board be approved as presented, Kirsten seconded that motion; all were in favor.

Motion: Kirsten motioned that the January 18, 2024, minutes of the Extension Advisory Board be approved as presented, Mary seconded that motion; all were in favor.

**Director's Update:**

*Current CSU and County staffing*

- Laura Larson resigned May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Eric Hammond is acting Interim Extension Director for Boulder County. Search is currently underway. The job posting was sent to Advisory Board for review.
- James Pritchett is the new CSU Vice President for Engagement and Extension, replaced Blake Naughton. James was the Dean of the College of Ag at CSU. Was an extension agent very early in his career.

*CSU Budget update*

- Budget was not as bad as anticipated. Because of discussions that the Governor and Legislature made, CSU is allowed to raise tuition 3% and the State increased its funding to the University by 3%, which was more than expected.

## **Open Discussion:**

- A. Welcome new board member Donna Becker and did a round of introductions – name, what part of Extension you represent, and why Extension is important to you.
- B. Kate's term ends August 2024 and she will be stepping down from the Extension Advisory Board. Thanks for your commitment and all that you have done, Kate!!
- Need to elect new chairperson. Discussions were held and have decided to wait until the next Advisory Board meeting to elect new chairperson.
- C. CSU Extension Strategic Planning Goals 2024-2027 was sent to Advisory Board members for review.
- Discussions on how to engage the board and staff members with needs related to the strategic goals, how can the board help with these goals. Ideas discussed: invite staff to extension advisory board meetings on a rotating schedule; work with new director going forward on how this may look, how to best help as board members. Demonstration of effectiveness of the strategic goals, how has it changed the community.
  - Action needed from the board: what are the strengths/weaknesses of the board, where do the board members best fit in the program areas, areas of interest, areas of community involvement, recruiting for new board members and county representation.
- D. Plan an Extension Staff Appreciation Social
- Dena will work with staff to schedule date, aiming for first part of October 2024.
- E. Resources/documents for advisory board
- Dena will create a Teams Folder exclusively to be used the advisory board members. Please be on the lookout for invite to join team.
  - Bylaws may need updated at a future date.
  - CSU/Boulder County Extension [Advisory Board on Boulder County website](#)
  - Board member [roles and responsibilities](#)
- F. CSU Spur campus tour will be held on September 4, 2024.
- This will include Boulder County Commissioners, Parks and Open Space Management team. Dena will confirm and extended invitation to interested Advisory Board members.
- G. September Board Meeting
- Dena will create a doodle poll for this meeting.

## **Old Business:**

None

## **The meeting adjourned**

Minutes prepared by Dena.

## **Boulder County Commissioners' Strategic Priorities**

2024-2026 Boulder County Commissioners' Strategic Priorities: Economic Security and Social Stability, Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship, and Good Governance.

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