

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
Friday, December 18, 2025
Janzen Family Pitch Deck, Beck Venture Center
1700 Washington Street, Golden, CO 80401

I. Executive Session – 12:30 p.m.

To discuss a property purchase pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(I), C.R.S.; legal advice on specific matters pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S.; matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or state statutes pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(III), C.R.S.; consideration of honorary awards pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(VIII), C.R.S.; and personnel matters pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S.

12:42 p.m. Motion to move into executive session by Trustee Burgess.

Trustees present: Chairman Grewcock, Trustees Burgess, Lawler, and Sanders.
Trustees absent: Trustees Coors and Mitchell.

Mines executives present: President Johnson, EVP Volpi, VP Han, CSM Foundation President Winkelbauer, and GC Markley.

1:56 p.m. Executive session concluded.

II. Regular Meeting – 2:00 p.m.

2:04 p.m. Chairman Grewcock called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Chairman Grewcock, Trustees Burgess, Lawler, and Sanders, Faculty Trustee Mehta, and Student Trustee O'Donnell.
Trustees absent: Trustees Coors and Mitchell.

Mines executives present: President Johnson, Provost Tompkins, EVP Volpi, VP Bradford, VP Copan, VP Han, VP Pantel, CSM Foundation President Winkelbauer, and GC Markley.

a. Consent Agenda

1. September 26, 2025, Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lawler to approve the September 26, 2025, Minutes as presented. Second by Trustee Sanders. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Reports and Updates

1. President's Welcome

President Johnson noted Trustee Lawler's service as keynote speaker for the upcoming graduation. In concluding another calendar year, President Johnson thanked everyone for their dedication to Mines and emphasized Mines' preparedness to meeting future challenges. President Johnson gave special thanks to Trustee Sanders for her advocacy on behalf of Mines. Chairman Grewcock noted Trustee Sanders' contributions and presented her with Mines' Silver Diploma.

2. Financial Report

Ms. Volpi presented the 2026 financial forecast, noting the university is proactively managing the financial forecast during this time of uncertainty.

c. Action Items

1. Property Purchase

Ms. Volpi presented the opportunity for a strategic property acquisition in Golden, Colorado, which included a cost-benefit analysis and review of the purchasing plan. The board discussed the opportunity and moved the purchase for approval noting that pursuant to the Board of Trustees' statutory authority and consistent with the university's Capital Construction and Real Estate Conveyance Policy, the Board must approve the purchase of this property.

Section 2.0 "Policy Statement" of the Board policy provides:

The Board of Trustees shall approve any Conveyance, transfer or disposition of any Interest in Real Property, whether such Conveyance is by means of sale, gift, lease, or donation, and regardless of the size or value of the parcel of interest conveyed.

Pursuant to the Board of Trustees' statutory authority under C.R.S. §23-41-104 and the university's Capital Construction and Real Estate Conveyance Policy, the Board of Trustees is asked to consider and approve of Mines' purchase of the real property located at 16194 W. 45th Drive, Golden, CO, 80401, and to authorize the execution of any and all documents necessary to effect the purchase and transfer of title.

Motion by Trustee Lawler to approve the property purchase of 16194 W. 45th Drive, Golden, CO, 80401. Second by Trustee Burgess. Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines approves the purchase of the real property located at 16194 W. 45th Drive in Golden for a purchase price of \$5,850,000 and authorizes the President or his appropriate delegate to execute all documents necessary to effect the purchase of said property and transfer of title.

2. December Graduation List Approvals

Provost Tompkins presented the December 2025 graduation lists.

Action of the Board of Trustees was requested to approve the award of degrees to the candidates named in the December 2025 graduation lists. Subject to the Board's action, and subject to the completion of any remaining requirements, these candidates will be awarded their degrees at the Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies on December 19, 2025.

Trustee Burgess motioned to approve the December 2025 graduation lists. Second by Trustee Lawler. Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines approves the December 2025 graduation lists.

3. Posthumous Degree

Provost Tompkins recommended the granting of a posthumous degree to Aristotle “Teli” Pinkerton. According to his transcript, Mr. Pinkerton would have entered his senior year with a 3.447 GPA, with his last five grades in the Spring of 2025 being 3 A’s, 1 A-, and 1 B. The faculty agreed and unanimously voted to support the motion that Mr. Pinkerton should be awarded a posthumous degree (BS in Engineering Physics) in May 2026 at the time he would have graduated with his fellow classmates. The faculty agreed Mr. Pinkerton conducted himself in the best tradition of a Mines’ graduate and is therefore deserving of that honor.

Trustee Lawler motioned to approve the granting of the posthumous degree. Second by Trustee Sanders. Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines approves awarding the following degree posthumously:

Aristotle “Teli” Pinkerton – Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics

4. New Program

Dr. Sarazin, department head for Physics and Director of Quantum, provided an overview on Quantum@Mines which includes the development of a new degree for a Bachelor of Science in Quantum Systems Engineering which is proposed to begin in Fall 2026. Dr. Sarazin reviewed the Quantum@Mines ecosystem, noting three prongs to the program, including Research & Technology, Innovation & Policy, and Workforce Development. Most of the associated courses exist in the Mines curriculum with several being new. This new degree will allow students to obtain specialization across multiple disciplines. Anticipated initial enrollment into the program was reviewed, followed by discussion of the program.

Trustee Sanders motioned to approve the new program. Second by Trustee Lawler. Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines approves the creation of the following new undergraduate degree program:

- Bachelor of Science in Quantum Systems Engineering

d. Presentation and Discussion

1. Research and Technology Transfer Report

Dr. Copan detailed upcoming changes for the management and oversight of Technology Transfer. To further commercialization and innovation, the Beck Venture Center will become highly engaged in supporting faculty and companies in the future of their technology. Mr. Lattanner reviewed Mines’ activities in Washington, summarized its policy impact, and assessed the current federal landscape to engage with the new Administration and Congress.

2. CSM Foundation and Alumni Relations

Mr. Winkelbauer provided a recap of the Mines@150 campaign, noting campaign impacts included not only impacts to Mines’ students, programs, and faculty it also increased notoriety of Mines and alumni involvement. Mr. Winkelbauer reviewed the current annual fundraising goal for FY26, notable contributions,

and conveyed benchmarking results and performance trends. Beyond Mines@150 fundraising priorities were also reviewed. Chairman Grewcock recognized the excellent work being done by the Foundation.

3. Earth 2.0

Provost Tompkins introduced the Earth 2.0 strategic initiative, representing an opportunity to restructure Mines' four earth-focused departments in order to create strategic focus areas that will align with the global interests. This process garnered input from impacted faculty and students as well as many of Mines' industry partners.

4. Admissions and Enrollment Report

Ms. Kester reviewed fall enrollment data. National trends in higher education were reviewed, including financial aid changes, career and workforce alignment, the influence of federal policy and public opinion, and how undergraduate admissions is responding to changes.

Dr. Frick presented the graduate student data and the future of graduate recruitment, noting potential graduate enrollment headwinds and responses to meeting these challenges.

5. International Projects

Dr. Bradford presented on four international projects in various stages, including a progress report on Guam (an additional campus), which has a target date of first enrolled students in Fall 2026. He highlighted additional international opportunities including a Center of Excellence for Strategic Minerals in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and two potential Mines campuses in Kazakhstan and Saudi Arabia.

6. Faculty Senate Report

Dr. Vyas provided the Faculty Senate Report, noting Faculty Senate priorities and reviewing results of the Campus Climate Survey. Dr. Vyas thanked everyone for their collaboration with the Faculty Senate.

III. Meeting adjourn.

4:07 p.m. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Molly Markley, Secretary