



B 2020 001

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order B 2017 001, as Amended by B 2017 002, Regarding the Governor's Education Leadership Council

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order B 2017 001, as amended by B 2017 002, regarding the Governor's Education Leadership Council.

I. Background, Need, and Purpose

In 2011, the Education Leadership Council (Council) was established in Executive Order B 2011 001. In 2017, Governor Hickenlooper signed Executive Order B 2017 001, as amended by B 2017 002, which replaced Executive Order B 2011 001, updated the Council, and tasked the new Council with examining the future of education in Colorado. The Background, Need, and Purpose of this Executive Order remains substantially the same as stated in Executive Order B 2017 001, as amended by B 2017 002, except as stated below.

Starting in 2017, the Council conducted public outreach, reviewed school district vision statements, and researched Colorado's educational performance to develop the framework, principles, and strategies outlined in the 2018 State of Education Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan).

The Strategic Plan also establishes a vision (Vision) to prepare all Colorado learners for a rapidly changing world. The Vision aims for all learners to be: civically engaged; physically, socially, and emotionally healthy; competent academic scholars; and ready to productively contribute to the economy. The Strategic Plan identifies four main drivers that will help the Council achieve its Vision, including: (1) developing responsive systems that produce agile learners; (2) fostering robust community and family partnerships; (3) supporting student learning and transitions from early learning to career; and (4) elevating teachers and leaders.

Under this Executive Order, the Council will shift away from planning and move towards building awareness of and executing the Council's Strategic Plan and Vision. The Council will work with local communities to implement the Strategic Plan in four key areas critical to the future of education in Colorado: (1) early childhood education; (2) literacy development; (3) high school transitions; and (4) community partnership development (collectively, the Priority Areas).

II. Amendments

The following amendments shall be made to Executive Order B 2017 001, as amended by B 2017 002. In all other respects, Executive Order B 2017 001, as amended by B 2017 002, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

Paragraphs II.A and II.B. are hereby replaced with the following new paragraphs II.A. and II.B:

- A. The Council shall be housed in the Governor's Office. The Governor's Office, in coordination with the co-chairs, shall schedule Council meetings, set agendas, and report to the Governor and other appropriate representative groups as necessary.
- B. The purpose of the Council shall be to support the state-wide implementation of the 2018 Vision and the Strategic Plan. The Council shall focus on developing opportunities for students as stated in the Strategic Plan, and specifically in the Priority Areas. In doing so, the Council shall:
 - 1. Make recommendations for the Governor's and General Assembly's consideration regarding policy decisions and other decisions that help local communities implement the Strategic Plan;
 - 2. Promote the state-wide awareness of the Vision and the Strategic Plan, including engagement with local communities to further the Strategic Plan's Priority Areas; and
 - 3. Review and advocate for legislation that furthers the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Paragraph II.D. is hereby replaced with the following new paragraph II.D:

- D. The Council shall provide a forum to discuss policy, legislative, and financial initiatives that should be created, implemented, or promoted to implement the Strategic Plan.

Paragraph II.E. is hereby deleted.

Paragraph II.F. is hereby replaced with the following new paragraph II.F:

- F. The Council shall provide a report at least annually on its activities to the Governor, General Assembly, State Board of Education, and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education on a date as determined by the Council.

Paragraph III is hereby replaced with the following new paragraph III:

III. Membership

The Council may consist of 26 or more members, and may include, but is not limited to, the following membership:

- A. Representatives appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor as follows:
 - 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Education or his or her designee, who shall serve as a co-chair of the Council;
 - 2. The Chair of the Colorado State Board of Education or his or her designee;
 - 3. Up to seven state or local elected officials with experience and interest in the education system, one of whom will be appointed by the Governor to serve as the Council's co-chair;
 - 4. Two members of the business community;
 - 5. Two members who are local school board members;
 - 6. Two members who are school superintendents or school principals;
 - 7. Two members who are classroom teachers or teacher coaches;
 - 8. One member who represents a Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES);
 - 9. Two members who are postsecondary administrators representing the two-year education sector;
 - 10. Two members who are postsecondary administrators representing the four-year education sector; and
 - 11. Any other members the Governor chooses to appoint who the Governor deems to have a suitable background to serve on the Council.
- B. The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education or his or her designee.
- C. The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Human Services or his or her designee.

- D. The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment or his or her designee.
- E. The Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development and International Trade or his or her designee.
- F. Each Council member shall serve for a three-year term.
- G. In the event of a mid-term vacancy, the newly appointed member shall serve for the remainder of the prior member's unexpired term.
- H. The Council may create subcommittees as needed to address specific issues and may, at the discretion of the Council, invite experts, consultants, and ex officio members to support the work of the subcommittees. The co-chairs of the Council will create an executive committee to facilitate the execution of the Council's duties. Chairs of the subcommittees may serve as ex officio voting members of the Council at the direction of the co-chairs.

The Council shall consult with the Governor's Office on all process matters relating to the work of the Council. Such matters include creating advisory groups, subcommittees, inviting experts, consultants, and ex officio members to support the work of the subcommittees, creating the executive committee, and any other process matters.

Paragraph IV is amended as follows: Strike the word "Lieutenant" from the first sentence.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by a future Executive Order of the Governor. In all other respects, Executive Order B 2017 001, as amended by Executive Order 2017 002, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this ninth day of
March, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor