



Staff Council

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FULL COUNCIL SUMMARY

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Zoom

In Attendance: Sara Abdulla, Claudia Acosta, Ally Bartley, Rob Blacker, Cameron Brooks, John Carlson, Dev Chaudhary, Kate Cochran, Meagan Combs, Angie Crews, Brian DeWolf, Megan Henning, Jacob Henry, Ginnie Hershberger, Natalia Johnston, Chris Marelli, Leah McDaniel Parvez, Christopher Mellott, Nicole Morris, Yasmine Ortuno, Jan Owens, Karrie Pitzer, Carly Pruiett, Sarah Safadi, Jessica Sandoval, Clara Smith, Rose Smith, Megan Varra, Lauren Way, Gena Welk, Mike Williamson, Preston Cumming, Jonathan Marenus

Not in Attendance: Grace Maniscalco, John Tran, Andrew Alexander, Zach Brown, Crystal Cyr, Kelsey Draper, Hana Ember, Ian King, Tom Klenow, Susan Nasher (through March), Claudia Numan, Sean Owens, Mark Palacio Sr., Alisha Stewart

Joining Late: Vanessa Dunn, Kathy Stutzman

HR Liaison: Carla Anthony

Guests: Stephen Heymann, Orrie Gartner, Sarah Layton, Rochelle Matthies, Merna Jacobsen

12:17 p.m. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL, complete

12:27 p.m. Approval of October meeting minutes, passed

12:30 p.m. GUEST SPEAKER: Stephen Heymann - Motion Design & Video Production Program Manager
CU Innovation & Efficiency Awards program for 2026, including eligibility, prizes, and best practices for project submission and consideration.

- Slide Deck! www.cu.edu/controller/cuie

1:00 p.m. OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS & REPORTS

Chairs' Report and Announcements –Crystal Cyr, Jessica Sandoval, Leah McDaniel Parvez

- PowerPoint updates, in meeting packet for your review

Vice-Chair Report — Ginnie Hershberger and Megan Varra

Treasurer's Report – Yasmine Ortuno

- Committee Budget Requests:
 - Blood Drive Committee: \$6,000
 - FLS: \$5,000
 - ASR: \$28,200
 - Outreach and Events: \$18,500
 - PBRL: \$1,000
 - BEAM: \$1,600

Human Resources Report – Carla Anthony

Staff Council Administrator – Eryn Van Poole

- [November Staff Council Engagement Opportunities](#)
- [Treat Outreach Insights.docx](#)
 - [Staff Council Treats Request – Fill out form](#)

Questions for the Secretary? – Cameron Brooks

1:15 p.m. NEW BUSINESS & PULSE ITEMS

1. NEW BUSINESS: Review [Fall Newsletter Survey Results](#) – Tri-Chairs
2. PULSE ITEM – Nicole Morris
 - a. *Engineering Staff Council leadership had a great suggestion about holding meetings with other staff council leaders so that everyone can work together instead of competing against each other through different avenues. They were hoping maybe Boulder Staff Council could host a meeting with the other chairs and vice chairs from college specific staff councils so everyone is on the same page and can support at their different levels. Unclear the cadence of the meetings requested, but that could be determined if we decide it is a worthwhile endeavor*

1:30 p.m. GUEST SPEAKER: Orrie Gartner and Team – Name Change Process Campus Working Group
Orrie Gartner: Associate Vice Chancellor for OIT
Rochelle Matthies: Asst Vice Chancellor, IT Service Delivery and Organizational Strategy
Sarah Layton: Associate Registrar, Systems and Data Services
Merna Jacobsen (TBD): Associate Vice Chancellor, Organization and Employee Development, HR

2:00 p.m. DELEGATE UPDATES
Group 1

- ✓ UCSC, University of Colorado Staff Council: Jan Owens, Yasmine Ortuno, Alisha Stewart
Natalia Johnston (Alternate)
- Strategic Initiatives discussion with leadership
- Letter to Regents
- Time & Labor <https://www.colorado.edu/hr/myleave-replacement-initiative-time-labor>
- [To watch CU Board of Regents meetings, visit: https://cu.diligent.community/Portal/](https://cu.diligent.community/Portal/)
[Click on the meeting date on the right to access the video.](#)
- ✓ BFA, Boulder Faculty Assembly: Alisha Stewart / Susan Nasher
- ✓ Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG): Megan Varra
- ✓ Student CUSG: Sara Abdulla

2:05 p.m. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Awards & Staff Recognition (ASR) – Jan Owens & Sara Abdulla
- Blood Drive & Community Service – Christopher Mellott & Carly Pruiett
- Committee for Belonging, Equity, Accessibility and Mattering (BEAM)– Clara Smith & Rose Smith
- Communications – Angie Crews & Alisha Stewart
- Experience and Elections (ExEl) – Lauren Way & Jonathan Marenus
- Front Line Staff – Sarah Safadi & Meagan Combs
- Outreach and Events – Jessica Sandoval & Nicole Morris
- Payroll, Benefits, Retirement and Legislative (PBRL) – Grace Maniscalco & Ian King

2:15 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Next scheduled Full Council (FC) Meeting – Wednesday, December 10th

Online access to [Roberts Rules](#) Upcoming Events: [Staff Council Calendar](#) Newsletter: [Fall 2025](#)
[SC Engagement Checklist](#) [Staff Council Handbook](#)

Delegate Assignments

(Reports to be delivered to the Secretary, Cameron Brooks, 3 days prior to full council meetings and to be circulated to Full Council prior 2 days prior to full council meetings. Discussion to follow during Staff Council meeting/s. Urgent information will be shared with the Executive Council.)

Current assignments: Confirming interest in continuing for this year

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Group 2

- ✓ CUPD Community Oversight Review Board: Clara Smith & Gena Welk
- ✓ Campus Use of University Facilities (CUUF): Ian King
- ✓ Pathway Safety Committee: Christopher Mellott
- ✓ Indigenous Peoples Day Signature Event Working Group – BEAM Committee Member