Montera reelected to Board of Regents; Hood, Scott win races for open seats[1]

Board of Regents[2] Vice Chair Ken Montera was reelected Nov. 5 to his seat in District 5. Last week's elections also saw voters statewide choosing Elliott Hood to serve as the at-large member of the board, while Ray Scott was the victor in the 3rd Congressional District. Their six-year terms begin in January.

Ken Montera[3], R-Colorado Springs, has represented the 5th Congressional District since being appointed to the board by Gov. Jared Polis in December 2021; voters returned him to the board in 2022.

Since becoming a regent, Montera has been elected vice chair unanimously three times. He also serves as chair of the Investment Advisory Committee and vice chair of the Regents Finance and University Affairs committees. A Pueblo native and graduate of the CU Boulder Leeds School of Business, Montera spent over 30 years as a senior executive in four Fortune 200 companies leading strategy, multi-billion-dollar budgets and direct responsibility for over 40,000 associates.

According to unofficial results[4] from the Secretary of State's office, as of Wednesday, Montera had 203,054 votes against 141,709 votes for challenger Axel Brown, D-Colorado Springs.

Elliott Hood[5], D-Boulder, is an education attorney who advocates for schools and educators across the state. A CU Boulder alumnus, he previously worked as a teacher, then as an education nonprofit director. Hood also has served on and helped lead public and nonprofit boards.

As of Wednesday, Hood had 1.46 million votes against 1.35 million votes for challenger Eric Rinard, R-Fort Lupton, in the statewide race.

Hood will succeed Regent Lesley Smith[6], D-Boulder, who did not run for a second term as regent at large; she won election last week in Colorado's House District 49.

Regent Glen Gallegos[7], R-Grand Junction, has represented the state's 3rd Congressional District since 2013 and is term limited.

Succeeding Gallegos is Ray Scott[8], R-Grand Junction, who served in the Colorado legislature from 2011 to 2023. Born in Ohio, he grew up in Rifle, Colorado, where he worked on farms and ranches with his family. His career began in the energy sector in Colorado and New Mexico. He later founded several businesses in the energy sector, land development, logistics, sports, software and construction. He currently serves as president of the Adams County-based Industrial Property Owners Consortium, where he oversees all operations.

As of Wednesday, Scott had 209,206 votes against 158,185 votes for challenger Robert Logan, D-Durango.

Regents are elected to six-year terms, which are staggered. Eight of the nine seats are assigned to Colorado's congressional districts; the final at-large seat is elected by voters statewide.

In making their choices, Colorado voters returned a 5-4 Democratic majority to the Board of Regents. The winners of last week's regent elections are scheduled to be sworn in Jan. 7, 2025, at CU Denver.

2024 UIS Impact Report highlights ways technology brings CU together[9]

Every click, connection and solution delivered by University Information Services is anchored in four core principles:

accessibility, performance, scalability and security. The 2024 UIS Impact Report[10] celebrates the collaborations with CU campuses and CU system administration that underscore their commitment to those principles.

The report not only highlights key metrics and “at-a-glance” data but also delves into CU’s strides to ensure digital resources are accessible to everyone.

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Together, we will continue to drive innovation and excellence across CU, with accessibility, performance, scalability and security leading the way.

Click here[10] to view the UIS Impact Report.

Act now: Complete these important year-end tasks [11]

Regents decide on policy revisions[12]

The CU Board of Regents held its regular meeting virtually Nov. 7-8. Originally scheduled to be an in-person meeting at UCCS, weather led to the adjustment.

Regents discussed and voted on several items that had been advanced by the Regents Governance Committee at its Oct. 24 meeting[13].

Among the agenda items were changes regarding Regent Policy 3.C and 3.D, which pertain to searches for administrators and guidelines for the appointment of chief officers of the university.

Current Regent Policy 3.C addresses searches for Officers of the University, and Officers of the Administration. System administration proposed that the current policy be divided in two for better organization and readability:
Searches for Officers of the University and Chancellors (including the President, University Counsel and Secretary of the Board, Associate Vice President of Internal Audit, and Treasurer), Regent Policy 3.C Searches for Officers of the Administration (including those with the title of interim or acting vice president; associate vice president; vice chancellor; associate vice chancellor; associate counsel; and deans of the schools, colleges, and libraries), Regent Policy 3.D
Article 3.C.1(D) pertains to the temporary appointment of a president. No content changes were advised, but staff recommended it be moved and renumbered to Article 3.D.

Other changes considered at the meeting:

Regent Policy 11.D had prohibited deferred compensation. Because the prohibition has become outdated, staff recommended it be rescinded.

Regent Policy 2.J.1(C), which requires regents to “actively attend and participate in board and committee meetings, evaluate the materials presented, and ask questions necessary to inform the regent’s performance of official duties,” is adding the expectation that regents attend regular board meetings in person. The board chair, however, could allow remote participation under extenuating circumstances.

Regents on Nov. 7 voted to approve the above changes.

Regents also approved a professional master’s degree in marketing analytics offered by the Leeds School of Business at CU Boulder. The board also voted to approve departmental status for CU Boulder’s Program in Environmental Design, in order to become the Department of Environmental Design. The items had been advanced by the Regents University Affairs Committee at its Oct. 22 meeting. Read more in CU Boulder Today[14].

The board granted two appointments with tenure at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, both effective Nov. 7, 2024: Aimee K. Gardner, Surgery, School of Medicine; and John H. Sampson, Neurosurgery, School of Medicine.

The board passed a resolution[15] of appreciation for Andrea Cordova,?UCCS Chief of Staff, who will be retiring[16] in January. The resolution recognizes her 28 years of dedicated service and contributions to the UCCS community and the broader CU system. Board members and administration leadership expressed their thanks during the meeting, which Cordova also joined remotely.

The next regular Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for Feb. 6-7, 2025, at CU Boulder.

Final report: CU system powers $19.4 billion in economic impact across state[17]

Quickly following a preliminary report presented last month to the Regents Finance Committee, newly released final figures detail how the University of Colorado system generated an economic impact of $19.4 billion across the state last year.

The impact of delivering exceptional teaching, research, community engagement and health care at CU’s four campuses alone represents $11.6 billion. The figure grows to the even more impressive $19.4 billion when also factoring in CU’s two affiliate hospitals – UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital and Children’s Hospital Colorado – at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

The figures come from a new study[18] of the 2023-24 fiscal year completed by the Business Research Division of CU Boulder’s Leeds School of Business. The Regents Finance Committee last month received preliminary data from the report, the final version[19] of which was published Wednesday.

Among the geographic areas spotlighted in the report are CU’s economic impact in each of the state’s eight congressional districts, led by District 1 with $5.3 billion. Impact in District 2 is $3.5 billion; District 3, $0.1 billion; District 4, $0.2 billion; District 5, $0.6 billion; District 6, $0.8 billion; District 7, $0.4 billion; District 8, $0.8 billion.

This is the third consecutive year the Leeds study has reported a year-over-year increase in CU’s economic impact. The base CU total of $11.6 billion is up 7% over the previous year.

CU operated on $7.1 billion in revenue and $5.6 billion in operating expenditures in 2023-24. A significant portion was tied to sponsored programs and other restricted fund activity.

Economic impact figures include employee and student worker earnings, operating expenditures, construction, research, and spending by students and visitors. The study did not include the impact of alumni, retirees, technology transfer, and visits associated with football, conferences and concerts.

A Top 5 employer in Colorado, CU employed 51,185 faculty, staff and student workers at some point during the fiscal

year; a snapshot during fall 2023 indicated total employment of more than 27,000 faculty and staff. Total salaries, wages and benefits of $4.1 billion represented 72% of the university's total spending.

Besides employing thousands, CU helps drive Colorado's economy by buying from local vendors, attracting investment, educating the local workforce and delivering research discoveries.

A powerhouse for discovery, CU collaborates in a research triangle that includes universities, businesses and federal laboratories. CU's research expenditure activities alone represented $3.6 billion of the total impact of $11.6 billion.

CU's campus-by-campus economic impact is led by the CU Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, with $5.3 billion, followed by CU Boulder, $4.6 billion; CU Denver, $771 million; UCCS, $690 million; and the Denver-based CU system administration, $246 million.

At $7.1 billion, CU's greatest economic impact regionally is on the Denver Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), consisting of the City and County of Denver, Arapahoe County, Jefferson County, Adams County, Douglas County, the City and County of Broomfield, Elbert County, Park County, Clear Creek County and Gilpin County. It's followed by the Boulder MSA, where CU's economic impact is $3.5 billion; the Colorado Springs MSA, $0.6 billion; and all other MSAs in Colorado, $0.4 billion.

Click here[18] for a summary of the final report. See the full report here[19].

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