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TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE STATE BOARD  
FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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Denver – Today, Dr. Nancy McCallin, president of the Colorado Community College System announced two new members have joined the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE), the governing board for the system which is comprised of 13 community colleges throughout the state.

The Governor appointed and the Senate confirmed Maury Dobbie and Meg Porfido to serve on the board. Dobbie, of Ft. Collins, will represent the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and Porfido of Boulder, will represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. The board consists of nine voting members with a representative from each congressional district and two at-large seats. In addition, there is a faculty representative and a student representative on the board.

Dobbie is currently the president and chief executive officer of the Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to stimulating economic development by strengthening existing primary employers, supporting expansion projects and marketing to new primary employers. She also serves on the board of directors for the Economic Development Council of Colorado. She has started and owned many small businesses throughout her career and has received such prestigious awards at the “Top 10 Women Making a Difference”, a national award given by Office Depot and the “Women in Business Champion” awarded to her in 2007 by the Small Business Administration.

“The Colorado Community Colleges are an important success factor for our state as we work collaboratively with each other to create a skilled work force. It will take K-12, higher education, workforce centers, economic developers, chambers of commerce, non-profits, citizens, the public sector and the employers of this state partnering in an urgent time in this economy with a focus on reskilling and getting people back to work,” said Dobbie. “I look forward to serving our state on the state board for the Colorado Community College System. I will do so with passion and with a collaborative focus.”

From September 1998 to December 2008, Porfido was part of the management team at Level 3 Communications, a global company, based in Broomfield, Colorado, providing communications services over one of the world’s largest fiber-based networks. For the last two years, she served as Level 3’s Chief Human Resources Officer. Prior to joining Level 3, Porfido served as Chief of Staff to

Governor Roy Romer. In that role, she managed a sixteen-person cabinet, which oversaw all state government operations and services. Prior to that position, she served as the Governor's chief legal advisor and his legislative liaison. She has also practiced law at the private law firms of Brownstein, Hyatt in Denver, Colorado, and Skadden, Arps in Washington, DC

“Colorado’s community colleges help prepare students -- of every demographic – for the jobs that drive our economy, today and into the future,” said Porfido. “In today’s economy, many workers need affordable, flexible training to help them re-tool their skills for new jobs and new careers. And, our communities require educational services that build the skills needed for long term economic growth and stability. Community Colleges are primed to help on both counts, and I appreciate the chance to join in this work.”

“We are excited to welcome our new members and appreciate the thoughtful decision by the Governor to select two individuals that have such a strong knowledge of the economic development and private industry needs of our state,” said McCallin. “Our colleges truly provide the educational opportunities that create a well-educated and highly skilled workforce to meet employers’ demands.”

The Colorado Community College System comprises the state's largest system of higher education serving more than 107,000 students annually. CCCS oversees career and academic programs in the 13 state community colleges and career and technical programs in more than 160 school districts and seven other post-secondary institutions.

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