



Blockchain in Higher Education

Following the conclusion of the Blockchain Council's term, its work transitioned to a consortium of state agencies who contribute to the continued adoption and expansion of this disruptive technology. On September 16, 2019, we held our first breakout session for the higher education working group, entitled **Education to Workforce & Blockchain**. There were over 20 attendees from leading public and private institutions with an interest in pursuing further collaborations.

"I think Colorado could be a model for how to do this."

"CU Boulder has many students and faculty interested in this space, but we need strategic partnerships and financial resources in order to execute on this work."

"I think it is important for K-12 educators to be at the table for these discussions."

-Quotes from various participants

Responses to the Follow Up Survey

Eighteen of the attendees completed our follow up survey to help inform next steps. Aggregate answers included the following:

- 100% of attendees indicated "yes", when asked if they are interested in continuing this work in this community.
- 83% indicated they would be willing to invest donations of various types (in-kind, facility, knowledge/expertise, information sharing, etc.)
- More than 50% of attendees suggested a next meeting in January.

Feedback and Next Steps

Overall themes from the convening indicate the following feedback:

- Attendees excited, but we need to create an ecosystem for exploration to influence innovation utilizing this technology
- Attendees encouraged more tangible, actionable next steps including pilots, projects and partnerships for exploring this work with a "hands-on" approach.
- A sense of collaborative interest allows for a collective impact model with the State as a leader for this community.

Agenda from September 2019 Meeting

Goals

- Help inform/shape Colorado's infrastructure roadmap on this topic
- Discuss state and national policy implications
- Inform and seed a collaborative, statewide research effort
- Create relevant educational opportunities for all

12:00 PM Arrival / Welcome

- Dr. Angie Paccione, CDHE

12:15 PM Colorado Landscape

- CDHE / Local Stakeholders

1:15 PM National Landscape

- Sharon Leu, U.S. Dept. of Education

1:45 PM Perspectives from the Field

- Learning Economy

2:45 PM Open Floor / Next Steps

3:00 PM Adjourn / Network

For More Information

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