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Jake Plummer Is Sold on Functional Mushrooms

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Jake Plummer wants to spread the good word about mushrooms. Courtesy of Del Jolly











reverse the aging process.

"What I've done and all the studies have shown that from football, it's not good for your brain," explains Plummer, who says he's found his fountain of youth in what are known as functional mushrooms, non-psychedelic mushrooms with health benefits.

"For me, it's also almost like a preventative medicine," he adds. "As a preventative, I'm making sure that I don't even think about what could be, therefore I'm not even creating those thoughts that could become reality."

The "could be" Plummer's not thinking about is chronic traumatic encephalopathy, aka CTE, a degenerative brain disease that has been found postmortem in the brains of onetime NFL players. "The game did not harm me in any bit," Plummer says, giving credit to functional mushrooms.

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Plummer, a longtime Boulder resident who had some of his best playing days as the signal caller for the Broncos from 2003 to 2006, is so passionate about the power of mushrooms that he's now pushing functional mushrooms through a new company called <u>Umbo Mushrooms</u>. He's working with former UFC champion <u>Rashad Evans</u> and Del Jolly, a Longmont-based psychedelic mushroom advocate who co-founded and directs <u>Unlimited Sciences</u>, a nonprofit focused on studying psychedelic use that recently concluded an

<u>observational study on psychedelic mushrooms</u> conducted with <u>Johns Hopkins University</u>.

"Mushrooms fall into three groups," says Jolly, adding that gourmet mushrooms are what people typically eat on pizza or grill. Then there are psychedelic mushrooms, such as psilocybin mushrooms, which can have therapeutic mental health benefits. Falling somewhere between those two are functional mushrooms, including lion's mane and reishi, which "aren't necessarily something that you cook up, but have a lot of interesting compounds that can help with various things," he notes.

Plummer began taking functional mushrooms at the beginning of the pandemic and quickly noticed results. "I felt like I was protected from getting sick," he says. "My immune system was boosted. My allergies went away. I rested better."

Umbo Mushrooms sells its fungi online and in stores like <u>Lucky's Market</u> in Boulder and Fort Collins; the products are mainly in bar form, but also in capsules. Two percent of the proceeds from all sales are earmarked for Unlimited Sciences for further research.

"We believe that functional mushrooms have as much, if not more, potential to help humanity than psilocybin, and that's coming from me, who is dedicating my life to advancing psilocybin mushrooms and psychedelics as a whole," says Jolly.

In addition to working with Umbo Mushrooms, Plummer recently purchased his own **mushroom farm in Fort Lupton** and sells mushrooms from that farm to restaurants in Boulder, including **Blackbelly Market**.

"It's pretty amazing, again, the chance to just make people think, educate people, to think about a whole entire kingdom that was completely eliminated from our diets," Plummer says.

also promoted the power of Charlotte's Web CBD oil, which is how he linked up with Jolly.

"Really, we were doing it for the mothers," Plummer says. "We were trying to help them get free from the law that was going to persecute them from helping their children live full lives."

The namesake for <u>Charlotte's Web CBD</u> was <u>Charlotte Figi</u>, a child with a rare disorder that caused extreme seizures. Before she passed away in 2020, Figi had become the face of a nationwide movement toward medical marijuana acceptance and CBD use.

On the heels of his CBD advocacy, Plummer is now speaking out about his own experiences with psilocybin mushrooms and attending advocacy meetings. "I've been involved with some of this. I'm not out in the forefront of it," he says.

"The times that I have used it therapeutically, it's been very mind-opening to the wonder of everything around, just to the wonder of existence and everything around us, how amazing everything is. Like I said, we're divine beings. We're searching for this answer to go to heaven to be with God. But maybe we, on Earth, are on heaven and are God ourselves," Plummer continues. "Once you open your mind to that, you really can't go back to believe much of anything other than 'Wow.'"

Three years after voters decriminalized psychedelic mushrooms in Denver, Colorado advocates are pushing for <u>major natural psychedelics reform at the state level</u>. Two campaigns are jockeying to land initiatives on the November ballot. One would decriminalize certain natural psychedelics and then create an access program for people to therapeutically use psychedelic mushrooms and potentially other natural psychedelics in "healing centers"; that campaign has received close to \$2 million in funding from the Washington, D.C.-based drug policy reform group <u>New Approach PAC</u>. The other initiative, which is being pushed by grassroots mushroom advocates in metro Denver and Boulder, would simply decriminalize those same natural psychodelics

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"I'm one for the people. I want the people to have their medicine and not go to jail and be able to sleep at night," Plummer says. "I'm obviously involved and lending my voice. It's just changing the narrative. It's changing this narrative that was put down with a lot of propaganda around it."

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Colorado COVID Hospitalizations Highest Since First Omicron Surge

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The <u>latest COVID-19 statistics</u> from the <u>Colorado Department of Public Health</u> and Environment show that the Omicron strain and its assorted subvariants can result in illnesses far worse than a summer cold. Hospitalizations associated with the virus are at their highest levels in the state since the enormous Omicron surge earlier this year.

Here are the current COVID numbers in major categories as updated by the

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CDPHE after 4 p.m. June 15, along with information from **our last COVID data roundup**, which drew from June 8 data:

1,493,940 cases (up 27,208 from June 8)

63,631 hospitalized (up 331 from June 8)

64 counties (unchanged from June 8)

12,647 deaths among cases (up 48 from June 8)

13,349 deaths due to COVID-19 (unchanged from June 8)

9,113 outbreaks (up 83 from June 8)

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New Colorado COVID Cases Double in a Week

- The 27,208 new COVID-19 cases for the seven days ending June 15 is a leap of nearly 10,000 from the 17,592 reported on June 8. Daily cases are fluctuating but remain on the high side. The 3,546 infections confirmed on June 9 were the most on a single day since 5,268 on February 2; the number on June 14, the most recent available, was 1,825.
- New hospitalizations dipped slightly, going from 369 on June 8 to 331 on June 15. But daily admissions for COVID-19 remain in triple digits 101 for the most recent seven-day average and the 323 patients hospitalized during the week of June 14 was last exceeded on February 22, when the number was 446.
- Figures for deaths attribued to COVID-19 haven't been updated. However, deaths among cases of the disease slid slightly from June 8 (51) to June 15 (48).

• The state's seven-day-average positivity rate of 11.89 is roughly the same as it was a week earlier, and still nearly three times over the 5 percent mark the CDPHE prefers not to surpass. Moreover, COVID-19 samples sequenced by the agency during the week of May 29, the most recent for which information is available, show that variants of Omicron continue to rule. According to the department's breakdown, 59.67 percent of cases were linked to Omicron 2, 23.87 percent to the original Omicron strain, 8.64 percent to Omicron 4, and 7.82 percent to Omicron 5.

Meanwhile, the CDPHE's <u>June 15 outbreaks update</u> notched its first decline in recent weeks, landing at 72 new or tweaked entries, down from 101 a week earlier. Once again, the total is dominated by the health-care category, with 54 centers cited – and the overwhelming majority of them specialize in senior care.

Also of note are outbreaks at five child-care centers and three summer camps, including the Rocky Mountain Village Easterseals Colorado overnight facility, which reported sixteen staff cases and eight attendee cases. And while the state health department no longer requires most businesses to report outbreaks, a few prominent ones are on the roster, including the Whole Foods branch in the Belmar area and the Nordstrom store in Cherry Creek.

Here are the 72 new or tweaked active outbreaks identified by the CDPHE on June 15, along with the date when the outbreak was cited and the people impacted:

- 1. AlsoEnergy, Inc.: June 2022, Office/Indoor Workspace, Boulder County, 6/10/2022, 6 staff cases
- 2. Autumn Heights Health Care Center (020405): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Denver county, 6/7/2022, 4 staff cases
- 3. Bright Horizons at East Longmont, Child Care Center, Boulder County, 6/10/2022, 2 staff cases, 7 attendee cases
- 4. Broadview Health and Rehabilitation Center LLC (020321): May 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Weld County, 5./24/2022, 1 resident case, 1 staff case 5. Brookdale Arvada (23046M): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Jefferson

- County, 5/30/2022, 4 staff cases
- 6. Brookdale Fort Collins Assisted Living (2303WA): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Larimer County, 5/30/2022, 2 resident cases
- 7. Brookdale Fort Collins Memory Care (2303C1): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Larimer county, 6/2/2022, 1 resident case, 2 staff cases
- 8. Brookdale Greenwood Village (0204W6): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Arapahoe County, 6/8/2022, 2 resident cases, 3 staff cases
- 9. Brookdale Meridian Lakewood (020475): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Jefferson County, 6/10/2022, 2 resident cases
- 10. Buena Vista Correctional Complex: June 2022, State Prison, Chaffee County, 6/10/2022, 13 resident cases, 13 staff cases
- 11. Camp Alexander: June 2022, Overnight Camp, Park County, 6/10/2022, 9 attendee cases
- 12. Cappella of Grand Junction (23U246): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Mesa County, 6/8/2022, 1 resident case, 3 staff cases
- 13. Chelsea Place (23N217): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Arapahoe County, 6/13/2022, 1 resident case, 2 staff cases
- 14. Colonial Health and Rehabilitation Center (020564): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, El Paso County, 6/7/2022, 3 resident cases, 4 staff cases
- 15. Colorado Springs Police Department Training Academy: May 2022, Law Enforcement, Training Center/Workplace, El Paso County, 6/14/2022, 7 staff cases
- 16. Columbine Chateau Assisted Living (23D501): May 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Pueblo County, 5/9/2022, 13 resident cases, 2 staff cases
- 17. Colvig Summer Camps, Overnight Camp, La Plata County, 6/8/2022, 9 staff cases
- 18. Community Intersections Aurora: May 2022, Healthcare, Facility for Developmentally Disabled (Inpatient), Arapahoe County, 6/14/2022, 4 resident cases, 8 staff cases
- 19. Crossroads at Delta (23R567): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Delta County, 6/7/2022, 1 resident case, 1 staff case
- 20. Crowley County Correctional Facility: June 2022, State Prison, Crowley County, 6/9/2022, 10 resident cases, 4 staff cases
- 21. Garden Square of Greeley (2303DK): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living,

- Weld County, 6/7/2022, 2 resident cases
- 22. Golden Orchard III (2304YQ), Healthcare, Assisted Living, Jefferson County, 6/2/2022, 5 resident cases
- 23. Good Samaritan Society Fort Collins Village (020314): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Larimer County, 6/8/2022, 2 staff cases
- 24. Good Samaritan Society Loveland Village Assisted Living (230373): June
- 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Larimer County, 6/7/2022, 2 staff cases
- 25. Grand River Health Care Center (020899): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Garfield County, 6/14/2022, 3 staff cases
- 26. Gunnison Valley Health Senior Care Center (020999): May 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Gunnison County, 6/7/2022, 1 resident case, 2 staff cases
- 27. Hawkeye Care Home LLC (23K615), Healthcare, Assisted Living, Denver County, 6/7/2022, 3 resident cases
- 28. Hilltop Reserve (23J981): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Denver County, 6/6/2022, 2 staff cases
- 29. Holly Heights Care Center (020412): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Denver County, 6/3/2022, 4 staff cases
- 30. La Puente Home Inc.: May 2022, Homeless Shelter, Alamosa County, 6/6/2022, 6 resident cases
- 31. Larimer County Jail: May 2022, Jail, Larimer County, 6/9/2022, 12 resident cases
- 32. Little Explorers Preschool: May 2022, Child Care Center, Denver County, 6/13/2022, 5 staff cases, 10 attendee cases
- 33. Mapleton Care Center (020411): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Jefferson County, 6/10/2022, 2 resident cases, 3 staff cases
- 34. Marycrest Assisted Living (2304ST): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Denver County, 6/7/2022, 14 resident cases, 1 staff case
- 35. MorningStar at Bear Creek (23S293): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, El Paso County, 6/10/2022, 1 resident case, 1 staff case
- 36. MorningStar at Ridgegate (23X760): May 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Douglas County, 5/10/2022, 9 resident cases
- 37. Neurorestorative Colorado (02E996): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Jefferson County, 5/25/2022, 1 resident case, 1 staff case
- 38. Nordstrom at Cherry Creek: May 2022, Retailer, Denver County, 6/14/2022, 7

staff cases

- 39. North Star (05O628): June 2022, Healthcare, Group Home, Fremont County, 6/13/2022, 5 resident cases, 3 staff cases
- 40. North Star Rehabilitation and Care Community (020413): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Denver County, 6/10/2022, 3 staff cases
- 41. Park Forest Care Center (020450): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Adams County, 6/7/2022, 3 staff cases
- 42. Peakview Assisted Living and Memory Care (23F490): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Arapahoe County, 6/14/2022, 2 staff cases
- 43. Pinnacle Women's Health Aurora, Healthcare, Outpatient, Arapahoe County, 6/10/2022, 5 staff cases
- 44. Pioneers Medical Center: June 2022, Healthcare, Acute Care Hospital, Rio Blanco County, 6/9/2022, 8 staff cases
- 45. Primrose School at Denver Central Park: June 2022, Child Care Center, Denver County, 6/9/2022, 2 staff cases, 6 attendee cases
- 46. Respite Care Inc., Child Care Center, Larimer County, 6/13/2022, 5 staff cases, 2 attendee cases
- 47. Rio Grande County Jail: June 2022, Jail, Rio Grande County, 6/8/2022, 4 resident cases
- 48. Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado (2304HP): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Denver County, 6/10/2022, 1 resident case, 2 staff cases
- 49. Rock Canyon Respiratory and Rehabilitation Center (020699): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Pueblo County, 6/8/2022, 10 resident cases, 5 staff cases
- 50. Rocky Mountain Village Easterseals Colorado, Overnight Camp, Clear Creek County, 6/15/2022, 16 staff cases, 8 attendee cases
- 51. Someren Glen Assisted Living (2304VQ): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Arapahoe County, 6/13/2022, 3 staff cases
- 52. Spanish Peaks Veterans Community Living Center (0207YZ): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Huerfano County, 6/8/2022, 6 staff cases
- 53. Springs Ranch Memory Care Community (23Z839): May 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, El Paso County, 5/17/2022, 1 resident case, 6 staff cases
- 54. Sunrise at Orchard (2304NM): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living,

- Arapahoe County, 6/13/2022, 2 resident cases, 1 staff case
- 55. The Argyle (230464): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, Denver County,
- 6/6/2022, 4 resident cases
- 56. The Center at Foresight LLC (02V727): May 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing,
- Mesa County, 5/23/2022, 4 resident cases, 5 staff cases
- 57. The Center at Lowry (02G500): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Denver
- County, 6/7/2022, 2 staff cases
- 58. The Legacy at Sterling (23P250): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living,
- Logan County, 6/13/2022, 4 resident cases, 1 staff case
- 59. The Lodge at Grand Junction (23W782): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted
- Living, Mesa County, 5/31/2022, 2 resident cases, 1 staff case
- 60. The Retreat at Sunny Vista (23Q180): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living,
- El Paso County, 6/8/2022, 2 staff cases
- 61. The Suites Parker (02K186): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Douglas
- County, 6/6/2022, 1 resident case, 2 staff cases
- 62. The Valley Inn (02123H): May 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing, Montezuma
- County, 6/1/2022, 2 staff cases
- 63. The Wonder Academy, Child Care Center, Denver County, 6/4/2022, 3 resident
- cases, 6 staff cases
- 64. Trinidad Inn Nursing Home (020796): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing,
- Las Animas County, 6/8/2022, 8 resident cases, 6 staff cases
- 65. University Park Care Center (020650): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing,
- Pueblo County, 6/7/2022, 2 resident cases, 3 staff cases
- 66. Valley Manor Care Center (021172): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing,
- Montrose County, 6/8/2022, 7 resident cases, 7 staff cases
- 67. Van Arsdale Elementary School: May 2022, School, K-12, Jefferson County,
- 6/14/2022, 6 staff cases, 7 attendee cases
- 68. Vi at Highlands Ranch Assisted Living (23H132): June 2022, Healthcare,
- Assisted Living, Douglas County, 6/10/2022, 2 staff cases
- 69. ViewPointe (230541): June 2022, Healthcare, Assisted Living, El Paso County,
- 6/8/2022, 12 resident cases, 2 staff cases
- 70. Westlake Care Community (020427): June 2022, Healthcare, Skilled Nursing,
- Jefferson County, 5/27/2022, 2 staff cases
- 71. Wheat Ridge Regional Center House J: May 2022, Healthcare, Facility for

Developmentally Disabled (Inpatient), Jefferson County, 6/3/2022, 5 resident cases, 8 staff cases

72. Whole Foods Market – Belmar: May 2022, Grocery Store, Jefferson County, 6/15/2022, 9 staff cases

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The official Denver Public Schools portrait of Board of Education president Xóchitl "Sochi" Gaytán. Denver Public **Schools Board of Education**











At 4:30 p.m. today, June 16, the **Board of Education** for **Denver Public** <u>Schools</u> will hold a public meeting following a daylong retreat. Both sessions could be contentious, according to District 2 representative Xóchitl "Sochi" Gaytán, who believes that two of her colleagues, board vice president Tay Anderson and at-large member Scott Esserman, may be maneuvering to replace her as board president or at least hobble her ability to do the job.

They've already engaged in intimidation and more against her, she says: "They've attacked me verbally, they've attacked my leadership, and they've shown sexism and their misogynistic ways."

The retreat and meeting are taking place one week after a laborious June 9 board vote that ultimately elected professional mediator Charmaine Lindsay to fill the District 5 seat recently vacated by Reverend Bradley Laurvick, who's moving; And areas and allies Essammen and District Amember Michalla Quettlahaum

(eventually joined by District 3's Carrie Olson) supported Lindsay over former Denver teacher Julie Bañuelos, who was backed by Gaytán and had come in a close second to Lauvrick in the 2019 board race. But she was also a vocal critic of Anderson regarding anonymous **2021 sexual assault accusations against him**; while an independent investigation didn't find evidence to prove those claims, the **board censured him** for what members saw as questionable social media posts aimed at critics.

Days after Lindsay's election, on June 12 Anderson appeared alongside Quattlebaum on the regular Facebook Live program hosted by Brother Jeff Fard. During the show, Anderson made a number of comments that Gaytán views as evidence that he would either like her to be replaced as board president or to have her powers minimized. "I'm down to have the conversation about how do we decrease and decentralize the role of the president and empower it in the board as a whole," Anderson said at one point.

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At another, he announced: "When the next election rolls around, I'd love to see for the first time in a decade a Black woman to lead this Board of Education." Quattlebaum is Black.

Gaytán's road to the Denver school board began when Denver Public Schools announced that it planned to close the middle school her oldest son attended — and after the family chose a new school for him, they learned that facility was slated for a shutdown, too. Her first run for the board, in 2017, was unsuccessful, but she tried again in 2021 and was elected with strong support from the **Denver Classroom Teachers Association**, the main union representing DPS educators. Shortly thereafter, "I was voted in as president, but that didn't come without

controversy. Other people were looking to be voted in as president, and that's when the verbal abuse began from two specific male boardmembers," she says, name-checking Anderson and Esserman.

The conflicts with Anderson caught Gaytán by surprise, she says, since she had taken a neutral position with regard to censuring him. "I was looking at it from the perspective of a Latino mother and thinking about my sons facing scrutiny such as that," she explains. "I think it's important that we treat people with respect and dignity and look at their humanity before starting to point fingers.

"I truly believed that since all of the boardmembers were backed by the union, we would be able to walk in and start moving toward shared goals of removing or dismantling oppressive systems in Denver Public Schools and replacing them with more equitable structures, so that our students across the district, and especially our most marginalized students, would be served equitably," she continues. The vote extending the contract of superintendent Alex Marrero struck her as a step in the right direction.







(From left) DPS portraits of Tay Anderson, Scott Esserman and Michelle Quattlebaum. **Denver Public Schools Board of Education**

However, beefs arose over the way the school board's business is conducted. "We call it the policy governance model," Gaytán says. The approach sets overarching goals but limits the ability of boardmembers to encroach on the superintendent's efforts to accomplish them, and "things started to deteriorate because Scott Esserman and Tay Anderson don't care for the model. They find it too restrictive and they feel certain aspects of it could be racist" — points made by Anderson

during the Brother Jeff interview.

The policy governance model calls on Gaytán to make sure boardmembers are following the policy and informing them when they've missed the mark. But her efforts in this regard haven't always gone well, she admits.

Last month, for example, "Tay Anderson and Scott Esserman went to a community meeting at Manual High School to make certain demands of employees there," she reveals. "That overstepped Dr. Marrero's operational work, because they weren't supposed to make demands of his employees and tell them what to do. But when I approached Scott Esserman about this behavior and how he was violating board policy, he made very verbally abuse remarks to me, accompanied by a demeaning tone. He said my interpretation of policy was 'garbage,' and 'I regret voting for you – you have failed as president.' He also said my authority over him was 'imaginary.'"

Gaytán wrote up her account of this episode in an email – and she did likewise after a confab with Anderson and several others during which she says Anderson began yelling after being told a group of Black students had to address the board via Zoom rather than in person because a rule put in place to deal with COVID-19 issues had not yet been changed; the decision was later reversed.

Because of such exchanges, Gaytán says she no longer feels safe meeting alone with either Anderson or Esserman.

Neither Anderson nor Esserman have told Gaytán precisely what they have planned for today's retreat. "They've added two or three items to the agenda, and it just so happens those items are about policies with language that says something to the effect of 'the president has the sole authority....' So they're looking to change some of that language because that's their way of trying to remove authority from the current president," she says.

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As for the public board meeting, "Tay Anderson has indicated on social media that he's looking to make a motion to redo the officers' vote once we have the new District 5 candidate," she says, referring to Lindsay.

"If they succeed in redoing the officers' vote and replacing me as president, I will remain as District 2 representative on the board — and I hope to continue to engage with my colleagues in a positive way as a strong leader representing my district," she says. "It's important to remain a voice for the Indigenous, Chicano, Latino and Mexicana communities. I come with the lens of being a Latina boardmember and the only one representing those voices, but I care deeply about all other student communities regardless of their ethnic backgrounds — and certainly our most marginalized students."

Could political infighting and power plays turn the DPS board into a mirror image of the <u>Douglas County School Board</u>, <u>which has been in chaos for months</u>? Gaytán doesn't dismiss the idea. "I'm concerned that we're headed down a similar path of what we hear from the media about other school boards being dysfunctional," she acknowledges. "That's one of the reasons why I as president have been abiding by the policy governance rules – because I want to ensure that our board as a whole is speaking with one voice and moving in unison, so that we can show the public we're functional. We're looking to do important work that Dr. Marrero is depending on and the students across the district are depending on."

Anderson and Esserman have not responded to outreach from *Westword*, but a representative from a public-relations firm "working with several organizations within the DPS ecosystem" suggested that this story not be published until after today's retreat and board meeting, which are slated to include "an important vote around the Executive Limitations, or EL."

Click to read Gaytán's descriptions of a <u>May 13 meeting with Tay Anderson</u> and a <u>May 23 meeting with Scott Esserman</u>. Below, see the appearance of Anderson and Quattlebaum on the Brother Jeff Facebook Live program. The discussion of decentralizing the role of the DPS board president can be found at approximately the one hour, 24 minute point, while the comment about a Black woman leading

the board is heard at around one hour, 34 minutes.



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