

Auraria Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
December 16, 2015  
7:30 a.m.  
Tivoli 320 – Baerresen Ballroom

Yolanda Ortega, Chair  
Governor Appointment

Maria Garcia Berry, Vice Chair  
Governor Appointment

Tamara Door  
Governor Appointment

Everette J. Freeman  
President, Community College of Denver

Richard E. Martinez, Jr.  
State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education

Stephen Jordan  
President, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Dawn Bookhardt  
Metropolitan State University of Denver Board of Trustees

Jerome F. Wartgow  
Interim Chancellor, University of Colorado Denver

Irene Griego  
University of Colorado Board of Regents

Zsuzsa Balogh  
Representative, Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board

Amanda Pippitt  
Representative, Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board

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1. **Approval of Minutes of the October 28, 2015, Workshop: (attachment: Proposed minutes of the October 28, 2015, workshop of the Auraria Board of Directors)**

**Recommended Motion: That the Auraria Board of Directors approve the minutes of the October 28, 2015 workshop meeting, as presented.**

2. **Reports:**

- A. Chair of the Board, Yolanda Ortega
- B. Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board, Zsuzsa Balogh
- C. Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board, Amanda Pippitt
- D. Institutional Executives, Everette J. Freeman, Stephen Jordan, Jerome F. Wartgow
- E. Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Weiske
- F. Legislative Report, Ms. Melanie Layton

3. **Discussion Items:**

- A. **Annual Agency Audit**

The annual agency audit for the fiscal year 2014-2015 will be presented. The audit firm, KPMG, will be present to answer any questions.

- B. **Student Fee Referendums**

SACAB will be presenting a discussion of three upcoming student fee referendum questions, all of which are continuance of current programs. The item is presented first as a discussion item, and will move to an action item at the February 2016 Auraria Board meeting, following development of the referendum questions. The three fee questions relate to the following:

- Student Facilities Bond Fund Supplemental Fee – This fee covers operations, maintenance and enhancements of the student facilities including the Tivoli, the Early Learning Center and dispersed student lounges. Currently set to expire in 2021, the students will consider voting to allow the fee (plus annual CPI increases) to endure beyond that date to continue to cover operations, maintenance and enhancements of these critical facilities into the future;
- Student Sustainable Campus Program Fee – Currently set to expire in August 2016, the students will consider voting to allow the fee (plus annual CPI increases) to extend beyond that date to continue the funding of campus-wide sustainable initiatives, including the institutional obligations to meet the President’s Climate Commitment;
- RTD Transportation Pass Fee – Currently set to expire in August 2016, this fee is voted on annually to provide students with a full transportation pass (light rail and bus).

**4. Action Items:**

**A. Annual Goals for 2015-2016 (attachment: 2015-2016 Goals)**

At its annual workshop on October 28, 2015, the Auraria Board considered a series of goals to achieve for the upcoming year. Having reviewed and added to that goal set, the final series is presented for formal adoption.

**Recommended Motion:** That the Auraria Board of Directors adopt the 2015-2016 goals, as presented.

**B. Auraria Board Goal – Implementable Walkway (attachment: ABOD Letter)**

One of the Auraria Board’s goals is to establish an implementable conceptual plan to develop a creative walkway that enhances the connections between the cultural and educational assets of Denver and Auraria, and addresses the objective of creating a safe, usable crossing environment. Progress has been made on the planning process, concept funding and other logistics. An update will be provided, including that the Downtown Denver Partnership has joined as an equal partner in developing the concept, in addition to collaboratively working with the DPAC project on the initiative to maximize opportunity by utilizing their architects. The project deliverable product is due by March 30, 2016.

In order to make successful progress toward this timetable, the need for a smaller oversight team, led by the Board Chair is anticipated. This team needs to be designated and delegated authority to keep the project moving in a timely fashion. The Board Chair, AEC members and a representative from DDP have already expressed willingness to serve in this capacity. This team would also be responsible for reporting back to the Auraria Board.

**Recommended Motion:** That the Auraria Board of Directors recognizes an oversight team consisting of the Board Chair, the AEC and a designated DDP representative for the conceptual walkway planning project, and further delegates planning and decision-making authority to that team.

**7. Public Comment**

**8. Adjourn**