

Auraria Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

8:00 am

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Members Present: Tracy Huggins, Michelle Marks, Lesley Smith, Janine Davidson, Rollie Heath, Paul Washington, Kate Barton

Members Absent: Mark Broyles, Stephanie Didier

Staff Present: Colleen Walker, Cody Phelps, Callie Earles

Others Present: Carl Meese (AHEC), Amber Cook (AHEC), Alyssa Nilemo (AHEC), Skip Spear (AHEC), Sarah Buller (CU Denver), Rebecca Ruiz (AHEC), Zach Hermsen (AHEC), Jason Mollendor (ACPD), Michelle Kondrat (ACPD), Jasmine Padilla (AHEC), Lulu Lantzy (AHEC), Randy White (CCD), Ann Sherman (CU), Justin Verardi (ACPD)

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 8:03 AM

Tracy Huggins welcomed everyone to the June 28, 2023, Auraria Board meeting. The presentation items will include AHEC's upcoming budget for fiscal year 23-24 and AHEC's controlled maintenance 5-year plan. Then the Board will enter executive session to receive legal advice.

2. Auraria Land Acknowledgement

Savanna McKinney, AHEC Special Events Coordinator, read the Auraria Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2023, meeting (attachment: Proposed minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting of the Auraria Board of Directors)

Recommended Motion: That the Auraria Board of Directors approve the minutes May 17, 2023, as presented unless there are any comments questions or corrections.

Tracy Huggins motioned; Michelle Marks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Action Items

- a. **Consideration of AHEC Budget for Fiscal Year 23 – 24 (attachment FY 2023-24 Budget Resolution and 2023-24 Budget Summary)**

Tracy invited Zach Hermsen, AHEC's Chief Finance Officer, to present AHEC's Budget Fiscal Year 23-24.

The Budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year has been developed with consideration to mandated cost increases and other operational needs. The institutional Chief Business Officers have reviewed and accepted the budget, which is being presented for formal Board approval.

Michelle Marks thanked Zach for working on this with the CFOs. Randy White was introduced as the Interim Chief Financial Officer at CCD. Zach was asked for clarification about what the state provides to the community college system fund.

It was asked what was decided about subsidizing parking for lower-paid employees. Zach answers that subsidization is in the budget but there is not a roll out date for that project yet.

Dr. Marks asked a second question regarding the context around the increase in academic services. Zach answers that a grant was awarded for an onsite composter. Since the firm being used will no longer be handling composting for the campus, alternative solutions have to be looked at. A resource is needed to manage and oversee the process in the Sustainability department.

Dr. Marks asked a third question regarding student fees and if they are directly related to head count or credit hours. Zach answers fees are focused on headcount because the fee is what every student pays every semester.

Tracy had a question regarding the Governor's mandate for salary increases and if AHEC receives any direct funding to match it. In simple terms, unfunded or funded? Zach answered that there was no direct funding for the increase. Funding comes from the reappropriations from the Institutions as well as funding from auxiliaries.

Tracy asked a question regarding utilities and the further electrification of campus. Zach answered that the electrical grid and other ways to generate electricity such as solar are being explored.

Tracy asked about student fees to see if the \$7.50 total is the increase or the total. Zach answered that it was the amount that is being added. Student fees per student come to approximately \$100.

Recommended Motion: That the Auraria Board of Directors adopt the 2023-24 Budget Resolution approving the FY 2023-24 Budget, as presented.

Tracy Huggins motioned; Rollie Heath seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. State Controlled Maintenance 5-Year Plan (attachment: Five Year Controlled Maintenance Project Plan FY23-24 to FY28-29)

Tracy welcomed Carl Meese, to present the State Controlled Maintenance 5-Year Plan.

The State Controlled Maintenance 5-Year Plan request is prepared annually with input from the three institutions and is submitted to the Office of the State Architect (OSA) for review and inclusion in their annual state report for submittal to the State Appropriation Committee for funding consideration.

The 5-Year Controlled Maintenance plan has been developed with a focus on campus-wide need as well as balancing that need, as well as balancing that need with Capital Renewal request.

Colleen Walker thanked Carl Meese and all the maintenance staff for all their hard work with all these issues on campus with all three institutions.

Recommended Motion: That the Auraria Board of Directors approve the Five-Year Controlled Maintenance Project Plan: FY23-24 to FY28-29.

Tracy Huggins motioned; Janine Davidson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Executive Session:

Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding an ongoing audit conducted by the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, testimony at the June 12, 2023, Legislative Audit Committee hearing, and the disposition of the real property pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 2-3-103(2), 2-3-103.7(1), 24-6-402(3)(a)(II).

At 8:40am Tracy Huggins motioned to enter executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding the disposition of real property on campus and to receive legal advice from the Board's attorney.

6. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 10:02 AM