

Auraria Board of Directors  
Meeting Agenda  
February 26, 2014 - 7:30 a.m.  
Tivoli 320 – Baerresen Ballroom

Maria Garcia Berry, Chair  
Governor Appointment

Tami Door, Vice Chair  
Governor Appointment

Yolanda Ortega  
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

Donald Elliman  
Chancellor, University of Colorado Denver / Anschutz Medical Campus

Stephen Ludwig  
University of Colorado Board of Regents

Leo Bruederle  
Representative, Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board

Rebecca Elmore  
Representative, Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board

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**1. Approval of Minutes – 12-11-2013**

Minutes of the December 11, 2013 Board Meeting.

**Recommended Motion: That the Auraria Board of Directors approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Board Meeting, as presented.**

**2. Reports:**

- A. Chair of the Board, Maria Garcia Berry
- B. Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board, Leo Bruederle
- C. Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board, Rebecca Elmore
- D. Institutional Executives, Everette J. Freeman, Stephen Jordan, Don Elliman
- E. Executive Vice President for Administration, Barbara Weiske
- F. Auraria Foundation, Yolanda Ortega
- G. Legislative Report, Ms. Melanie Layton

**3. Discussion / Presentation Items:**

**A. Connect Auraria Next Steps Study**

The Auraria Campus has focused on connecting with its surroundings through economic, programmatic and physical means. The conceptual barriers around the Campus have included the three large arterials – Speer Boulevard, Colfax Avenue and Auraria Parkway. With the growing campus population and expansion plans underway for all three institutions, there is an increasing demand for better connections with surrounding neighborhoods such as South Lincoln, Golden Triangle, Pepsi Center development plans, and Downtown Districts, all of which are also growing and evolving.

The Connecting Auraria Study was initiated in 2012 to begin to consider potential solutions to improve the existing connections to Auraria to facilitate a safer, more comfortable environment for all modes of transportation both to and from the Campus. The Study goals were to create a thoughtful, implementable short-term plan to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and comfort between the Auraria Campus and its surrounding neighborhoods and Downtown Districts. The Study, which is nearing completion, focuses on developing strategic projects to address connectivity opportunities for the campus and greater area.

The City of Denver's Public Works project manager, Cindy Patton, will provide an overview of the Study and recommended project packages.

**B. Design Presentation: Regency Athletic Complex at MSU Denver**

MSU Denver's Director of Facilities Planning, Sean Nesbitt, will provide an update on the full build-out of the athletic field property. The site was laid out and tennis courts were constructed in 2013. The property went through the design review process at that time. The design review team was re-engaged recently to review the full build-out, given the addition of a building to support the athletic and academic uses of the fields. The design review team is supportive of the overall design, which Mr. Nesbitt will share with the Board.

**4. Action Items:**

**A. RTD College Pass Program (Student Bus and Light Rail Pass Program): Student Fee Referendum**

The RTD College Pass Program (Student Bus and Light Rail Pass Program) fee requires renewal for the 2014-2015 academic year. In order to continue the program, RTD has proposed a new contract which will require a new student fee referendum vote. The current student fee is \$77 per student per semester, including established institutional collection fees. The cost of the pass agreement for the 2014-2015 academic year is proposed at a per semester fee not to exceed \$89 per student per semester, including institutional collection fees.

At the January 24, 2014 meeting, the Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board (SACAB) voted to accept the new agreement and approve a proposal for a tri-institutional student fee referendum to take place in conjunction with the constituent institutions' student government voting process. On behalf of SACAB, Ms. Rebecca Elmore is requesting that the referendum be allowed to take place in early April (April 7 through April 15, 2014) and that the following draft referendum question be approved:

*“Shall the students of the Auraria Campus (the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and University of Colorado Denver at the Downtown Denver Auraria Campus) authorize the Board of Directors of the Auraria Higher Education Center to assess each institution a supplemental student fee not to exceed **\$89.00** per student per semester plus the established institutional collection fee, from **August 18, 2014** through **August 16, 2015**, for the purpose of establishing an extension of the College Pass Program (Student Bus and Light Rail Pass)?”*

**Recommended Motion: That the Auraria Board of Directors authorize the student fee referendum for the College Pass Program (Student Bus and Light Rail Pass Program) and certify the question, as presented.**

**B. CBS Outdoor Ground Lease Amendments (Attachment: CBS Outdoor Term Sheet.pdf)**

The Auraria Higher Education Center currently has two existing ground lease agreements with CBS Outdoor, Inc. One lease agreement allows for the location and operation of an advertising sign structure within the footprint of the Walnut parking lot, located at 1333 Fourth Street; the other lease agreement allows for the location and operation of an advertising sign structure within the footprint of the Beech parking lot, located at 1010 Fifth Street, both on the Auraria Campus.

The current lease terms run through July 14, 2017 and the annual lease revenue derived from both locations is \$19,365.00. CBS Outdoor has requested permission to remove their existing two sign structures and replace them with new digital sign structures in a different location within the same parking lots (Walnut lot & Beech lots). As part of the request, CBS Outdoor has proposed a new lease term of fifteen (15) years, with the option of two (2) additional one (1) year terms, commencing upon completion of construction and activation of the new digital sign structures. In addition, CBS Outdoor has proposed a minimum annual lease rent guarantee of \$75,000.00 per sign, or \$150,000.00 total annual guaranteed lease revenue, but will pay the greater of the minimum annual lease rent guarantee or Twenty-Five (25%) Percent of the Annual Net Revenue derived from the sale of advertising on the new digital sign structures during the first ten (10) years of the new lease term, and Thirty (30%) Percent of the Annual Net Revenue during the remaining lease term.

AHEC is seeking the authority for the EVPA to finalize negotiations and execute amendments to the two existing ground leases with CBS Outdoor to allow for the installation of two new digital advertising sign structures within the Walnut and Beech parking lots, and the removal of the existing advertising sign structures within those same parking lots.

**Recommended Motion: That the Auraria Board of Directors authorize the EVPA to negotiate, develop and execute amendments to the two existing ground leases with CBS Outdoor, Inc. for the land located at 1333 Fourth Street (Walnut lot) and the land located at 1010 Fifth Street (Beech lot) for the purpose of constructing and installing two new digital advertising sign structures, and removing the existing advertising sign structures.**

**C. Adoption of new Auraria Campus Smoking Policy (Attachment: Auraria Campus Smoking Policy FINAL DRAFT.)**

The Auraria Higher Education Center's current smoking policy, Policy #28 Smoke-Free Environment, was last revised in 2008. There have since been substantial changes in state law regarding the prohibition of smoking and the recreational use of marijuana, as well as the proliferation of new devices for the consumption of tobacco and marijuana, such as e-cigarettes and personal vaporizers. The new policy keeps the current prohibitions on smoking in campus buildings, designated outdoor areas, and AHEC vehicles. Among its new

provisions, it specifically designates MSU Denver's entire Regency Athletic Complex as a no-smoking area of the campus, expressly prohibits the smoking or other use or consumption of marijuana anywhere on the campus, and prohibits the use of e-cigarettes to the same extent as other tobacco smoking.

The proposed new policy has been reviewed by the AEC and provided to the institutions' respective legal counsel. AHEC's General Counsel will be available at the meeting to brief the Board on the new policy and recommended motion.

**Recommended Motion: That the Auraria Board of Directors approve the new Auraria Campus Smoking Policy as presented.**

5. **Public Comment**

6. **Adjourn**