



- **Auraria Overview – Colleen Walker, CEO**

The Auraria Higher Education Center, now Auraria Campus, opened its doors in 1976 as home to the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College (now Metropolitan State University of Denver), and University of Colorado Denver.

Today, the campus is responsible for a monumental economic impact to Colorado, generating \$2.7B in annual economic impact. The institutions of the campus provide high-quality, affordable, and accessible education to Coloradans, ensuring greater earning potential post-graduation.

The Auraria Board of Directors was formed in 1974 with statutory duties to: plan, construct, maintain, and manage the land and physical facilities of the Auraria Campus, enter public-private partnerships to develop facilities, among other things.

- **Financial Overview – Zach Hermsen, CFO**

The Auraria Campus has three primary operating funds: General Fund, Student Revenue Bond Fund, and Parking Enterprise Fund. The General Fund is funded through re-appropriations through the IHEs and institutional deferred maintenance. This does not cover the full operational budget of the Auraria Campus; thus, student and parking auxiliary funds are used to cover the shortfall.

- **Auraria Framework Plan – Carl Meese, Deputy Chief of Planning & Sustainability**

The Auraria Framework Plan was approved by the Board in Spring 2024. The Framework Plan aims to create a thriving and active campus through a strong academic core and blended edges into the city of Denver.

- **Ballfield Auraria – Colleen Walker, CEO**

We are developing a 2-acre vacant lot in a prime location. With an anticipated completion date of 2027, two towers will be built. A retail and student housing tower, and a work force housing tower which will be home to an expanded Auraria Early Learning Center.

- **Auraria Cultural and Community Engagement – Lulu Lantzy, Chief Activation Officer**

Auraria Campus has welcomed a new Cultural engagement team to connect with the history of our campus, the rich culture existing in Denver today, and to build bridges into the future. Engagement highlights include the many new murals on campus and the establishment of the Historic Community Committee.