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### **Auraria Executives Council Establishes Community Advisory Board**

**Denver (September 29, 2020)** – In an effort to increase dialogue and identify opportunities for further collaboration and enhanced partnerships around public safety, the Auraria Campus has established the [Auraria Campus Police Department Community Advisory Board](#).

The Community Advisory Board has been established by members of the Auraria Executives Council (AEC), which includes leaders from the three campus institutions and the Auraria Higher Education Center, and acts independently from the Auraria Campus Police Department (ACPD). The ACPD is a full-service police department operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The advisory board will make recommendations related to campus issues and concerns, community outreach programs, training and policy development to ensure that public safety aligns with campus community best practices, including the protections within [SB20-217](#).

The membership will be comprised of students, faculty, staff, and members of the surrounding Denver community appointed by the leadership of the Community College of Denver (CCD), Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver), University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) and the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC). Applications for membership are available on the [Auraria Campus website](#) and must be submitted by midnight on Monday, October 12, 2020.

“The members of the AEC agreed to assemble the advisory board to further strengthen the trust between the campus community and the Auraria Campus Police Department,” said Colleen Walker, AHEC Chief Executive Officer. “Over the years, the ACPD has developed community outreach and engagement programs and implemented comprehensive officer training programs to foster an inclusive and accountable agency. This board will build upon the foundation of that work to provide fair, equitable, community-oriented services to the Auraria Campus community.”

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#### **About Auraria Campus**

The Auraria Campus is a dynamic academic environment shared by three separate and distinct institutions of higher learning – Community College of Denver (CCD),

Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver), University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver). The Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) is a separate state entity whose role is to provide and manage shared services, facilities, and property to support these prominent institutions in achieving their goals. The collective student population is nearly 42,000, with approximately 5,000 faculty and staff. To learn more about the Auraria Campus, visit [www.ahec.edu](http://www.ahec.edu).