Auraria Board of Directors

Special ABOD Session

Friday, August 18, 2023

ZOOM

7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Tracy Huggins, Rollie Heath, Marie DeSanctis, Lesley Smith, Albus Brooks, Janine Davidson, Albus Brooks, Paul Washington, Michelle Marks, Mark Broyles

Staff Present: Colleen Walker, Callie Earles, Cody Phelps, Rebecca Ruiz, Skip Spear

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 am.

1. **Introduction**

Colleen Walker welcomed everyone to the Special Session and introduced Skip Spear, General Counsel.

1. **Overview on Auraria Campus Police Department’s Leader Search**

Mr. Spear described in detail the thorough selection process for Auraria Campus Police Department’s next leader. In January 2023, after nine years with ACPD, the former Auraria Campus Chief of Police accepted a new leadership role with the Colorado Department of Revenue. Recognizing the importance of finding a strong replacement for this role, the Auraria Campus engaged two consultants to guide our community through the search process. Dr. Kimberly Miller, a licensed police and public safety psychologist, has been instrumental in the search process along with Lisa Neal-Graves, a respected legal industry thought leader, who has assisted with the community engagement aspect of the search. To begin the search, we conducted an extensive engagement process to determine the characteristics that the campus community desires in their next Chief of Police. The engagement process included an in-depth on-line survey and nine listening tour sessions, both in-person and virtual. After collecting feedback from both the survey and listening tour sessions, a position advertisement was created that required experience with cultural competency, de-escalation skills, community policing, collaboration, and transparency.

1. **Jason Mollendor Introduction**

Jason Mollendor, ACPD Interim Chief, introduced himself and made the final case for his candidacy. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the campus for 22 years and stated that he would be honored to serve as ACPD’s Chief of Police if granted the opportunity.

1. **Adjourn**

Tracy Huggins thanked everyone for their time and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 am.