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**Capitol Building
Advisory Committee**

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To Members of the Seventieth General Assembly:

Submitted herewith is the final report of the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee). The advisory committee was created pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S., and serves in an advisory capacity to the Capital Development Committee and the Governor on certain issues regarding the State Capitol building and its grounds. The final report provides a complete summary of the activities of the advisory committee during 2017 and serves as a permanent record of the actions taken to preserve and protect the State Capitol building, its grounds, arts, memorials, and historic features. The report also serves as an informational document for any other entity or individual interested in the preservation of the State Capitol building.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mike Mauer
Director

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Committee Membership

The advisory committee, established pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S., has 12 members. Four members are appointed by the Governor, three are appointed by the President of the Senate, three are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two members serve *ex officio*. Of the members appointed by the Governor, one must be an architect knowledgeable about the historic and architectural integrity of the Capitol. The *ex officio* members are the president of the State Historical Society or the president's designee, and the executive director of the Department of Personnel and Administration or the executive director's designee. Appointed members serve a term of two years, while *ex officio* members serve as long as their office is held. The terms of members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House expire in January, while the terms of members appointed by the Governor expire in July, resulting in staggered terms.

Table 1 contains a list of members of the advisory committee who served in 2017, as well as the appointing authority and the members' term expiration dates.

**Table 1
Capitol Building Advisory Committee Membership
2017**

Member Name	Appointing Authority	Current or Most Recent Term
Senator Kevin Grantham, Chair	President of the Senate	1/1/2017 to 1/1/2019
Representative Frank McNulty, Vice-chair	President of the Senate	1/1/2017 to 1/1/2019
Effie Ameen	President of the Senate	1/1/2017 to 1/1/2019
Nan Anderson	Governor	8/24/2015 to 7/1/2017
Georgianna Contiguglia	Speaker of the House	1/1/2017 to 1/1/2019
Marilyn Eddins	Speaker of the House	1/1/2017 to 1/1/2019
David Halaas	Governor	7/1/2017 to 7/1/2019
Aly Jabrocki	Governor	7/11/2016 to 7/1/2018
Richard Lee	<i>Ex Officio</i> , Representative of the Executive Director of the Department of Personnel and Administration	
Representative Susan Lontine	Speaker of the House	1/1/2017 to 1/1/2019
Kurtis Morrison	Governor	7/1/2017 to 7/1/2019
Gary Petri	Governor	7/1/2017 to 7/1/2019
Steve Turner	<i>Ex Officio</i> , President of the State Historical Society	

Meetings. The advisory committee is required to meet at least three times per year at the call of the chair. One meeting is to be designated as the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, members elect a chair to serve a one-year term. In 2017, the annual meeting was held in August.

Committee Duties

The advisory committee is also authorized to:

- engage in long-range planning for modifications and improvements to the Capitol and its grounds;
- review construction projects that affect the Capitol's historic features;
- identify and review furniture original to the Capitol, including recommending the restoration of furniture;
- review and accept appropriate artwork and memorials to the Capitol grounds and interior public spaces;
- accept gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources to develop publications and memorabilia;
- expend moneys from the advisory committee's special account to publish and develop memorabilia; to restore the Capitol, the Legislative Services Building, and the Capitol grounds; and for other related and necessary purposes; and
- call upon Legislative Council Staff and the Department of Personnel and Administration for necessary assistance.

In addition, the advisory committee has occasionally been called upon by the Capital Development Committee (CDC), the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council, the Legislative Council Staff, the Office of Legislative Legal Services, the Governor's Office, and the public to consider other issues regarding the Capitol.

Committee Activities

In 2017, the advisory committee held four regular meetings, including the annual meeting in August 2017. Advisory committee activities included:

- approving a proposed plaque in the Capitol to honor the U.S.S. Colorado;
- recommending to Colorado Creative Industries in the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade that Sarah Boardman be commissioned to paint the Donald Trump presidential portrait;
- approving staff to hire and work with a contractor to develop an audio tour guide system for the interior of the Capitol building;
- authorizing staff to hire art conservation experts to restore one historic Governor portrait and the accompanying frame;
- approving the temporary display of a picture memorializing Colorado individuals who served with the Tuskegee Airmen;
- approving the removal and replacement of the black walnut trees on the west side of the Capitol;
- approving the creation of a working group to address issues regarding the Capitol café and cafeteria;
- approving the relocation of the Visitor Services desk to the west side of the first floor visitor entrance;
- approving a new pinnacle light for the Colorado Veteran's Monument in Lincoln Park;
- reviewing expenditures from the committee's "Gold Fund," including the maintenance budget set aside for Mr. Brown's Attic; and
- receiving updates on capital projects in the building, previously approved projects in the building and grounds, and ongoing exhibitions and displays.

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Summary of Committee Recommendations

During 2017, the advisory committee forwarded the following recommendation to the CDC:

- approval of the application for the U.S.S. Colorado plaque to be located on the first floor, south wing of the Capitol. A resolution will be drafted and introduced in the 2018 legislative session concerning the acceptance of the U.S.S. Colorado plaque for the Capitol.

Art and Memorials

The advisory committee considers proposals for donated or loaned art or memorials to be placed in the public areas of the Capitol and its surrounding grounds. Under current criteria, the advisory committee may recommend no more than one proposal per year to the CDC.

The advisory committee considered one proposed artwork in 2017. The artwork was proposed by the Colorado Thirty Group to honor the men and women who serve on the U.S.S. Colorado submarine. The proposed artwork is a low relief bronze plaque that depicts the crest chosen to represent the U.S.S. Colorado submarine, which was christened on December 3, 2016. The plaque was accepted by the committee and the Capital Development Committee.

The advisory committee also discussed a number of other arts- and memorials-related issues.

Governors' portraits. The advisory committee was updated on the restoration of 20 Governor portraits. These portraits of Governors serving between 1865 and 1955 were found in State Archives and need restoration work before being returned to the Capitol for display. An estimated cost of the restoration of the paintings was completed in 2015 and an estimated cost of the frames was completed in 2016. The committee approved staff to hire conservationists to restore one portrait and the accompanying frame. This project will continue to be reviewed by the committee as additional steps are taken.

Tuskegee Airmen. The advisory committee approved the temporary display of a picture memorializing Colorado individuals who served with the Tuskegee Airmen.

Veteran's Monument. The advisory committee authorized the Department of Personnel and Administration to work with the Preservation Trust Fund to replace the pinnacle light on the Veteran's Monument.

Presidential portraits. The advisory committee recommended to Colorado Creative Industries in the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade that Sarah Boardman be commissioned to paint the Donald Trump presidential portrait for the presidential gallery. Ms. Boardman painted the Barack Obama presidential portrait in a style matching the existing portraits. Colorado Creative Industries has established a fund to raise money for the presidential portrait.

Capital Improvement Projects

The advisory committee is statutorily required to review plans to restore, redecorate, or reconstruct space within the public and ceremonial areas of the Capitol buildings group, the

Legislative Services Building, and the Capitol driveways and surrounding grounds; and to make pertinent recommendations to the CDC.

In 2017, the advisory committee was updated by the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) on the capital projects in the Capitol Complex. These projects include: roof repairs; the Senate Chamber restoration; the House Chamber restoration; the cleaning of the north façade of the Capitol; and the Senate and House Committee Rooms restoration projects. No actions or recommendations were made by the committee regarding these projects.

Black walnut trees. The advisory committee approved the removal of two dead black walnut trees located on the west side of the Capitol building. The trees were originally planted on April 15, 1932, by Denver Boy Scouts, under the direction of women from the Colorado Federation of Women's Club. The seeds for the trees were descendants from the original walnut trees planted by President George Washington on his Mount Vernon estate. The DPA is currently working to replace the walnut trees.

Capitol cafe. The advisory committee approved the creation of a group consisting of legislative members, committee members, DPA staff, Legislative Council Staff, and the Department of Labor and Employment. The goal of the group is to make recommendations about how to best utilize the café and cafeteria space. The committee approved an allocation of \$2,500 from the Gold Fund for the working group to design the café and kitchen area.

Publications and Memorabilia

The advisory committee is statutorily required to present a plan to the CDC for developing publications on the history of the Capitol and for developing Capitol memorabilia for sale to the public. These publications and memorabilia are to promote historic interest in the state Capitol and to raise money for the preservation of original and historic elements of the building. All proceeds from the sale of publications and memorabilia are credited to the advisory committee's special account, known as the Gold Fund, within the Public Buildings Trust Fund.

Pursuant to the original plan adopted in 1991, the advisory committee published "The Pride of the People" in 1992, a color booklet on the history of the Capitol, and "Women's Gold," a color brochure on the history of the Women's Gold tapestry displayed in the Capitol. The advisory committee subsequently developed a video tour of the Capitol, a framed photo of the Capitol with authentic gold flakes from the dome, and sets of note cards displaying the images of the state's symbols and emblems. The gift desk also sells select books and other gift items, which are approved by the committee prior to sale.

Visitor Services

The tour services provided to Capitol visitors are facilitated by one full-time Manager of Visitor Services, one full-time Assistant Manager of Visitor Services, and a full-time Reservation Specialist. Hourly summer assistants, year-round volunteers, and college work-study students assist the manager with Capitol tours, Mr. Brown's Attic tours, dome walks, and special events. The Manager of Visitor Services supervises approximately 45 volunteers and 10 part-time work-study students to facilitate the guided tours, perform receptionist duties, and staff the information and gift desks. In addition, the General Assembly employs two session-only visitor aides who conduct legislative orientations. An estimated 250,000 people visit the Capitol annually, of whom approximately 50,000 join guided tours of the building.

Mr. Brown's Attic. In 2012, the advisory committee set aside \$1,500 of the Gold Fund annually, with unspent moneys carrying forward to the next fiscal year, for maintenance and operations of Mr. Brown's Attic. Visitor Services continues to use these funds to restore and make small updates to displays in the museum.

Visitor Services desk. The advisory committee approved the relocation of the Visitor Services desk to the west side of the Capitol first floor, north wing. The Visitor Services desk will be designed and rebuilt for the new location in 2018.

Capitol audio tours. The advisory committee authorized staff to work with a contractor on an audio and self-guided tour of the Capitol for visitors. The audio tours will be available on mobile devices for visitors, in addition to the volunteer-led tours. The final audio tours will be approved by the committee before being made available to the public.