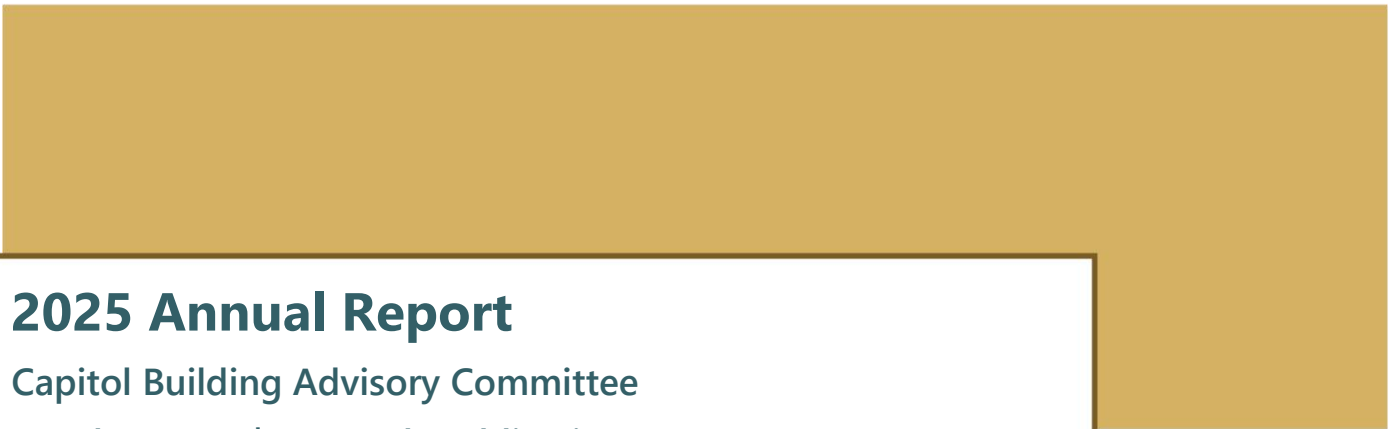
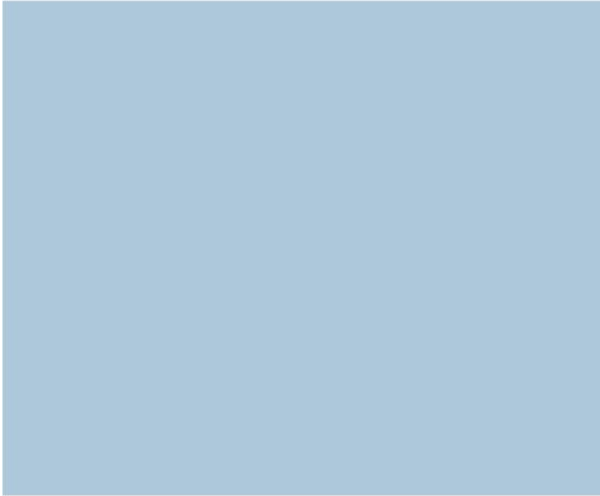




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To Members of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly:

Submitted herewith is the 2025 annual report of the Capitol Building Advisory Committee. This 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 Capitol Building, the Legislative Services Building, and the Capitol Annex and the grounds of these buildings. The final report provides a complete summary of the activities of the CBAC during 2025. The report serves as a permanent record of the actions taken to preserve and protect these buildings and their respective grounds, art, memorials, and historic features. The report also serves as an informational document for any other entity or individual interested in the preservation of the Capitol building.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lois Court
Chair

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Committee Charge

Pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S, the Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee) shall review, advise, and make recommendations to the Capital Development Committee (CDC) with respect to plans to restore, redecorate, and reconstruct space within the public and ceremonial areas of the State Capitol buildings group. This includes the Capitol building and the surrounding grounds bounded by Colfax Avenue on the north, Grant Street on the east, Fourteenth Avenue on the south, and Broadway on the west. The advisory committee also oversees the Legislative Services Building and the Capitol Annex and those buildings' surrounding grounds.

The advisory committee shall review all planned construction projects affecting the Capitol building, the Legislative Services Building, and the Capitol Annex and shall submit a written recommendation about such construction to the CDC.

In addition to the advisory committee's oversight and advisory role related to the acceptance of new artwork, the CBAC also provides for the care and maintenance of the building, its historic features, its objects of art, and the grounds.

It is the goal of the advisory committee that the building's features maintain their historic quality and that any proposed changes impacting the historic character of the building are reviewed by the committee. Any proposed restoration, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of the building or grounds shall be reviewed by the committee with the assistance of History Colorado and Capitol Complex staff.

Additionally, all objects of art shall be maintained and preserved. The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to various agencies and offices regarding the preservation of the building's cultural objects. Any proposed restoration, rehabilitation, or reconstruction impacting objects of art will be oversee and administered by the committee with the assistance of History Colorado.

Committee Activities

The committee held five meetings in 2025. Briefings and presentations were made by legislative staff, the Governor's Office and other executive branch staff, History Colorado, artists and architects, and members of the public. Individuals spoke on a variety of subjects, including:

- upgrades to the State Capitol building;
- projects proposed in the Capitol Complex;
- historic item inventory; and
- State Capitol art displays.

The following sections discuss the committee's activities in 2025.

Capitol Art Exhibit Planning

Legislative Council Staff, specifically Visitor Services staff, told the committee about the art displays and collections in the State Capitol. Existing art collections include the Governor's portraits, Presidential portraits, numerous memorials to former legislators, and a variety of historical items. The committee discussed a possible interpretive plan for the building and current plans for the state's 150th anniversary. Staff proposed a new approach to displaying art in the building, including increasing interpretation of existing art, utilizing local partnerships, and installing a hanging system for artwork to enable rotating displays. The committee approved a more dynamic approach to displaying art in the building and \$11,000 for a new art installation system.

Committee Recommendations

As a result of its discussions, the committee approved a more dynamic approach to displaying art in the building and \$11,000 for a new art installation system.

Capitol Complex Capital Projects

The committee discussed a variety of projects proposed to upgrade or renovate different areas of the State Capitol.

Cafeteria Upgrades

The committee heard from the Department of Personnel and Administration, which manages controlled maintenance for the Capitol building, and EUA, an architecture firm, about designs for upgrades to the State Capitol cafeteria on the ground floor. The committee viewed images of the proposed floor plan and furniture options.

Committee Recommendations

As a result of its discussions, the committee approved the recommended updates.

Governor's Office Rehabilitation

The Department of Personnel and Administration and EUA gave an overview of historic renovation projects occurring in the Governor's Office. Panelists spoke about the grant funding that was acquired for the project, how the project was designed, and archival investigations. The committee heard about what was to be removed from the space and how the design would follow historical records of the office.

Committee Recommendations

As a result of its discussions, the committee approved the suggested upgrades to the Governor's Office.

Paint Upgrades in Capitol Basement

The committee discussed the process to select appropriate paint for the State Capitol basement, which included the need for historical paint analysis on the pillars. The committee approved allocating money for services to determine historic paint on the pillars, and subsequently painting the pillars and walls in the basement.

Committee Recommendations

As a result of its discussions, the committee approved allocating money for services to determine historic paint on the pillars, and subsequently painting the pillars and walls in the basement.

Colorado 150-250 Exhibits

Legislative Council Staff discussed Capitol exhibit planning for the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood. Staff discussed two ideas for new exhibits, including one to showcase the legislators and their inspiration to serve and one of a timeline showing Colorado's history. The committee approved the legislator exhibit to be displayed in the third-floor rotunda.

Colorado 150 Pedestrian Walkway

The committee heard from the Governor's Office about a proposed walkway to commemorate Colorado's 150th anniversary. Studio Gang and Studio Trope told the committee about the proposed design, which would connect the State Capitol grounds to Veterans Memorial Park across Colfax Ave. The committee discussed the walkway's accessibility, walkway design, and the State Historic Preservation Office's involvement.

At a subsequent meeting, the Governor's Office continued the discussion about the walkway, and the committee took public testimony.

Committee Recommendations

The committee ultimately recommended the Capital Development Committee approve the walkway. However, the Governor withdrew the proposal before the Capital Development Committee considered it.

Historic Item Inventory

History Colorado, with support from Legislative Council Staff, conducted a full inventory of furniture and other items in the State Capitol to prepare the building to host all legislators in the building's offices. The inventory will also provide ongoing information including location and condition of the historic furniture and displays throughout the building. The committee received regular reports of what the inventory contained and discussed what items needed to or did not need to remain a part of the Capitol's furniture and art collection.

Committee Recommendations

The committee approved the ongoing inventorying and decommissioning of objects in the State Capitol.

Legislative Annex Public Art Project

The committee discussed art displays for the Capitol Annex Building, as part of building renovation efforts. Artwork was deemed a necessary part of the renovation project. The Cumming Group, NINE Dot ARTS, and an exterior sculpture artist presented different art concepts for the interior and exterior portions of the building. Committee members offered opinions and suggestions regarding the art concepts.

Lieutenant Governor Exhibit

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor presented a proposed exhibit in the Capitol building to showcase all the Lieutenant Governors of Colorado.

Committee Recommendations

The committee approved the concept of the exhibit for consideration at a future meeting.

Presidential Portrait Gallery

The committee discussed the presidential portrait gallery in the State Capitol rotunda and the removal of the portrait of President Trump. The committee talked about continuing to display the presidential portraits, possible options to rotate displays for special events, among other options. They discussed the process for deciding what art is displayed in the State Capitol in general.

At a separate meeting, the committee was informed that the White House had donated an alternate portrait of President Trump, which was temporarily hung in the State Capitol Building rotunda.

Union Soldier Plinth Removal

The committee discussed the removal of the plinth on the west side of the Capitol grounds, which remained in place after the Union Soldier statue atop it was taken down. During the plinth's removal, staff discovered a box, the contents of which were unknown.

Committee Recommendations

The committee approved History Colorado taking possession of the box until a decision about opening the box could be made in 2026.

Updates to CBAC Statute

Legislative Council Staff and Office of Legislative Legal Services told the committee about state law governing CBAC and its authority. Staff proposed suggestions update state law, to include statutes about the Veteran's Trust Fund and Veteran's Memorial Park under CBAC's authority.

Committee Recommendations

The committee approved the drafting of legislation including the suggestions made by staff. The General Assembly ultimately approved [Senate Bill 25-287](#) codifying these changes.

Resource Materials

Meeting summaries are prepared for each meeting of the committee and contain all handouts provided to the committee. The summaries of meetings and attachments are available at the State Archives, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver (303-866-2055). The listing below contains the dates of committee meetings and the topics discussed at those meetings. Meeting summaries are also available on the General Assembly's website at:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/2026A/year-round/CapitolBuildingAdvisoryCommittee>

Meetings and Topics Discussed

February 28, 2025

- Historic Item Inventory
- Proposed Updates to CBAC Statute
- Legislative Annex Public Art Project
- Capitol Complex Capital Projects

May 29, 2025

- Historic Items Discussion
- Colorado 150 Pedestrian Walkway
- Discussion of Presidential Portraits

June 26, 2026

- Chair's Decision Regarding the Presidential Portrait
- Colorado 150 Pedestrian Walkway
- Public Testimony

September 18, 2025

- Paint Upgrades in the Capitol Basement
- Capitol Art Exhibits
- Staff Updates

November 13, 2025

- Potential Exhibits for Colorado 150-250
- Proposal for Lieutenant Governor Exhibit
- Discussion of Painting Capitol Ground Floor Columns
- Staff Updates