

## **Budget & Finance Team Bios** <sup>[1]</sup>

### **Chad Marturano** <sup>[2]</sup>, Chief Financial Officer

As Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at the University of Colorado, Chad provides budget and financial advice to the President and the Board of Regents, leads the development of the university's annual budget, collaborates with campus CFOs and their teams, manages the CU system team in the Budget and Finance Division, Controller's Office and CU real estate operations, and provides administrative oversight of CU's Treasurer. Chad also works closely with CU's Government Relations team, and other governing boards and state agencies on higher education budget and policy issues.

Chad has more than 15 years of experience in budgeting and public policy, with close involvement in K-12 and higher education funding issues in Colorado. Since joining the CU system in 2014, Chad has held various budget and finance roles with increasing responsibility, including Senior Associate Vice President for Business Operations and Deputy CFO, and Acting CFO from July 2021 until being named Vice President and CFO in August 2022.

Before working at CU, Chad held positions in the Colorado Department of Higher Education, the Colorado Department of Education, the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting, and Pacey Economics.

Chad holds a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Colorado Denver and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Colorado State University. He is a Colorado native and lives in the Denver metro area with his wife, Laura, and their three young children.

### **Ed Mills** <sup>[3]</sup>, Associate Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer, Procurement Service Center

Ed Mills serves as the Associate Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer for the CU System Office. Ed has an extensive background in procurement, finance, and project management in both private and public sectors and has built and led several procurement service centers. Prior to joining CU, Ed's most recent achievements have been in the private aerospace industry. As Vice President for Procurement at Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC), he directed tactical and strategic procurement, procurement technology, data analytics, compliance, and vendor management. He also launched supplier quality and supplier management and spearheaded SNC's drive to adopt data analytics dashboards. Ed and his team managed \$1B in annual spend (approximately the same amount as the University's spend through the PSC), including subcontracts, professional services, long-term agreements, information technology, travel, MRO (maintenance, repair, and operations), and capital purchases. Ed has a bachelor's degree in political science (Niagara University), an MBA (Simon School of Business, University of Rochester), and a Six Sigma Greenbelt certification (University of Michigan). He lives in Highlands Ranch and enjoys hiking, skiing, cooking, photography, and travel.

Kristine McNamara <sup>[4]</sup>, Associate Vice President, University Controller

As University Controller, Kristine oversees the fiscal practices of the University of Colorado and works closely with campus controllers to uphold the integrity of the university's financial records and the effectiveness of its internal control environment. She collaborates with campus and state financial leaders (including the state controller and state auditor) to prepare external financial reports and to ensure compliance with regent policies, applicable regulations, and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

As primary administrative liaison to the university's independent auditors, Kristine coordinates audits across all campuses. She further provides leadership on the interpretation and implementation of GAAP, as issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promote consistency, transparency, and comparability in financial reporting.

Kristine brings more than 20 years of experience in governmental accounting. She spent eight years in public accounting at KPMG LLP, serving public-sector clients (higher education institutions, state and local governments, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations). She joined the University of Colorado System Administration in 2010 as Director of Accounting Services and was appointed University Controller in 2025.

Kristine holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University in Ontario, Canada, and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the state of Colorado. She is married and has two children.

#### Nora Sandoval <sup>[5]</sup>, Assistant Vice President for System Administration Budget and Business Operations

Nora has worked for the University of Colorado System Administration Budget Office since 2007. As the Senior Director of Budget and Business Operations, Nora has overall responsibility for the business office team of System Administration. In her role, she manages and helps negotiate the ICCA budget requests, works with the Auxiliary departments to understand their business structure, and manages and monitors the restricted budgets to ensure compliance. Nora also manages the President Initiative fund requests as well as coordinates with Advancement on their budgets for the system and the campuses. Nora collaborates with the campus budget officers to ensure that they understand the System Administration budgets.

Before joining the University of Colorado, she served the Department of Human Services at Fort Logan Mental Health Hospital. Nora has a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting and will receive her Master's in Business Administration in the spring of 2019

from the University of Colorado. She is married and has four children.

Kori Donaldson [6], Assistant Vice President for Budget, Planning, and Capital

Kori has almost 20 years of experience in budgeting, capital planning, and public policy. In her current role, Kori supports the University of Colorado System CFO and leadership on issues related to budgeting, financing, planning, and capital construction at all four CU campuses. Kori coordinates with campus budget officers and campus facilities staff on issues of systemwide concern and items requiring review or approval by the Board of Regents.

Prior to joining CU in 2019, Kori worked as non-partisan staff at the Colorado State Capitol for 12 years. Kori served as lead staff for the Capital Development Committee and oversaw the analysis of all capital budget requests. She also staffed the Finance Committees, wrote about a wide variety of infrastructure and financing topics, and estimated the cost of new legislation.

Kori also taught 6th grade in northern Colorado. She helped develop a new literacy course for future teachers at Colorado State University and taught as adjunct faculty.

Kori holds an MA in Education from the University of Northern Colorado and a BA in International Politics from Southwestern University.

Celina Duran [7], Director of Budget Planning and Financial Policy Analysis

Celina joined the University of Colorado in September 2015. She is responsible for collaborating with the campus budget directors on the University budget process. She provides support to the Budget and Finance office in the development of the annual budget, assists in preparing responses to internal and external constituent requests for finance related policy questions, and continually works to improve financial policy outcomes at the University. She comes from the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) where she worked on the budget team for nearly eight years specializing in financial aid policy and tuition classification. She has experience with state higher education finance policy, performance funding, and the statewide budget process. She has a Master's in Public

Administration from University of Colorado Denver.

Anna Aguirre <sup>[8]</sup>, Senior Budget Analyst, System Administration Business Office

Anna has more than 20 years of experience in budgeting and fiscal analysis including 18 years working in higher education. In her current role, she provides budget support and analysis to Budget and Finance and to the System departments. She also is responsible for the System budgets through review and reconciliation, the annual merit pool process, position budgeting, monitoring payroll, salary, and expense transactions, and generating reports and calculations. Prior to joining the University of Colorado, Anna was a Senior Budget Analyst at the Colorado School of Mines for 11 years supporting Administration in budget analysis, forecast analysis, and providing data and fiscal information. For seven years, Anna was a Budget Analyst at the University of Colorado at Denver. Anna is a CU alumna, receiving both her bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Colorado Denver.

Emily Parker <sup>[9]</sup>, Budget, Planning, and Policy Analyst

Emily works on policy and budget strategy for all four campuses of the University of Colorado. In this role, she works closely with the Colorado state government and other higher education institutions in the state by supporting the Budget and Finance office in the development of the annual budget, preparing responses to internal and external constituent requests for finance related policy questions, and working to improve financial policy outcomes at the University. Prior to starting with the University of Colorado, Emily served as a senior policy analyst at Education Commission of the States where she supported states on issues of school finance across the entire P-20 continuum through expert testimony, funding formula construction, and education finance analysis. Emily also worked at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. as a Senior Research Assistant and Project Coordinator for former Federal Reserve Board Chair Ben Bernanke. In graduate school, she worked at the Colorado Department of Higher Education and on the Emmy Award winning Truth Test Team at 9NEWS in Denver. When not working, Emily enjoys hosting pub trivia, attending Broadway musicals, and playing with her dachshund, Benny. Emily earned both her bachelor's degree and her Masters of Public Policy from the

University of Denver and a certificate in Education Finance from Georgetown University.

Ryan Allred <sup>[10]</sup>, Director, Institutional Research and Data Analysis

Ryan has more than 20 years of experience in information technology and has been working in higher education since 2004. In his current role, he provides data support, analysis, and visualizations to Budget and Finance, the Board of Regents, Academic Affairs and curates the website CU Data Made Simple. He coordinates with campus Institutional Research (IR) offices on system wide data collections and projects such as the CU Metrics. He is a member of the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) Data Advisory Group, who advise on issues related to statewide data collections, IPEDES, research projects, surveys and studies in support of institutional assessment, planning, decision-making and quality improvement.

Prior to joining the University of Colorado in December 2014, Ryan served the CDHE for over 10 years supporting student data collections, building business intelligence systems, providing data and information for legislative reports, policy analysis, and other inquiries. Ryan was the lead software developer for the Student Unit Record Data System (SURDS) that serves as the official source of data for public postsecondary education in Colorado. He architected student management and reporting systems for Colorado GEAR UP, a federally funded pre-collegiate program serving Colorado.

Ryan has also served as a software consultant for educational organizations, a web and database developer, an adjunct instructor, and attained the rank of Sergeant during his four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. Ryan has an undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Information Systems from Campbell University and a Masters in Information Systems from the University of Colorado Denver. He lives south of Denver with his wife and two children.

Stephanie R Sheldon <sup>[11]</sup>, Enterprise Business Intelligence Analyst

Stephanie joined the University of Colorado (CU) System office in March 2015. Her responsibilities include applying her knowledge of data collection, data management, data integration, computer

programming, and statistics to develop business intelligence solutions, enhance institutional datasets, and implement process improvements that align with the University's strategic initiatives. Prior to joining the Budget and Finance office, she worked for 7 years at the CU System office in Employee Services during which time she held a variety of data-related roles.

Prior to joining CU, Stephanie worked in the financial services industry for approximately 10 years. She holds an M.S in Business Analytics and an MBA in Human Resource Management from the University of Colorado Denver. Her undergraduate degree is a B.S. in Anthropology from the University of Colorado Boulder. She lives in northwest Denver with her husband and two cats and enjoys backpacking, cooking, happy hours, and travel.

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