

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026 | 7:30 AM ET

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Attendee	Position	Present	Absent
Officers			
Stephan Pezdek	Chair	In Person	
Luigi Ghilardi	Vice-Chair	In Person	
Bryan Finkel	Secretary	Zoom	
Voting Members			
Veronica Chiavaroli	BOE Representative	In Person	
Ben Chynsky	Regular Member	Zoom	
Louis Contadino	Regular Member	In Person	
Andy Duus	Regular Member	In Person	
Doug Fenton	BET Member	In Person	
Christina Lyndon	Regular Member	In Person	
Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Members			
Julian De La Rosa	BOE Facilities		Absent
Christina Downey	RTM Representative		Absent
Nicholas Macri	P&Z Representative	Zoom	
Jason Martin	Riverside School Principal	Zoom	
Lauren Rabin	BOS Representative	In Person	
Sheel Spina	DPW Representative		Absent
Guests			
Chris Cykley	Guest	Zoom	
Eugene Watts	Guest	In Person	
Ben Branyan	Guest	Zoom	
Dr. Toni Jones	Guest	Zoom	

MEETING MINUTES

Item	Topic	Description
1.00	Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 7:31 AM ET by Mr. Pezdek
2.00	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As noted above
3.00	Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Pezdek requested that committee members share personal contact phone numbers with Mr. Finkel so a master contact list can be prepared and shared amongst the group Next week's meeting on June 10th will be held at its regularly-scheduled time and place
4.00	Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved with unanimous consent, subject to revision of one change to the attendance table
6.00	Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to enter executive session and include Mr. Watts approved by unanimous consent at 7:33 AM ET Executive session ended at 7:35 AM ET Motion to invite Dr. Jones and Mr. Branyan and reenter executive session approved by unanimous consent at 7:36 AM Executive session ended at 8:02 AM
7.00	Selection of Architect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voting members voted in favor of QA+M Architecture to act as architect on the project, with members voting as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In favor of QA+M Architecture: Mr. Pezdek, Mr. Ghillardi, Mr. Finkel, Mr. Chynsky, Mr. Contadino, Mr. Duus, Mr. Fenton, Ms. Lyndon In favor of Antinozzi Associates PC: Ms. Chiavarolli Mr. Watts noted, prior to formally notifying QA+M of the selection, that the committee must present its recommendation to the Board of Education Mr. Duus offered special thanks to Mr. Fenton for spearheading the conducting of reference checks for each of the candidate firms
7.00	New Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOE Vote for Inclusion of Pre-K: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Chiavarolli, in her capacity as representative for the Board of Education, noted the recent vote by the BOE to approve the inclusion of two Pre-K classrooms in the Riverside School plan, noting that the incremental addition will save approximately \$5 million in out-of-pocket costs to the town Mr. Fenton noted that the expected incremental operating costs from adding the pre-K capacity is minimal, as pre-K classrooms can be moved from other locations if GPS's total need for Pre-K space is unchanged when this project is complete Community Communications & Outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Pezdek recommended the formation of a subset of the committee to act as a primary point of communication with the community and other constituents as progress is made in the project Ms. Rabin, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Lyndon were recommended to be the primary external points of contact given each's point of connection with the community Ms. Rabin noted that she leads the communications working group for the CMS building project and can apply her experience with that project to this one
8.00	Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics to Discuss at Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned meeting schedule during the summer months Commencement of selection process for Owner's Representative
9.00	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to adjourn approved by unanimous consent at 8:14 AM ET