

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th, 2026 | 7:30 AM ET

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Attendee	Position	Present	Absent
Officers			
Stephan Pezdek	Chair	Zoom	
Luigi Ghilardi	Vice-Chair	In Person	
Bryan Finkel	Secretary	In Person	
Voting Members			
Veronica Chiavaroli	BOE Representative	Zoom	
Ben Chynsky	Regular Member		Absent
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	Zoom	
Christina Downey	RTM Representative	In Person	
Nicholas Macri	P&Z Representative	Zoom	
Jason Martín	Riverside School Principal		Absent
Lauren Rabin	BOS Representative		Absent
Sheel Spina	DPW Representative		Absent
Guests			
Chris Cykley	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"> The committee noted the departure of Jason Martín, Principal of Riverside School, from the school and from the committee, and expressed appreciation for his contributions. Ms. Chiavaroli will consult with Dr. Jones regarding school representation going forward; Mr. Pezdek will reach out to Assistant Principal Mary Dolan Collette to maintain continuity in the interim. The committee discussed summer meeting cadence and agreed to continue meeting weekly, coordinating member absences as needed to maintain quorum.
4.00	Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved with unanimous consent.
5.00	Previous Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
6.00	New Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Duus moved, seconded by Mr. Finkel, to enter executive session at 7:35 AM ET. Approved with unanimous consent. The committee exited executive session at 8:01 AM ET.
7.00	Vote on Legal Counsel for Architect Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following executive session, Mr. Fenton moved, seconded by Ms. Lyndon, to engage Shipman & Goodwin as outside legal counsel to assist with architect contract coordination. Approved with unanimous consent.
8.00	Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next week's meeting will focus on project timelines. Mr. Pezdek will draft the agenda and will invite QA+M's lead architect to participate via Zoom to discuss timelines and summer mobilization. In Mr. Finkel's absence at next week's meeting, Ms. Chiavaroli will serve as minute-taker. Mr. Finkel will coordinate Zoom login access with Ms. Chiavaroli. Mr. Fenton recognized Mr. Ghilardi for his performance at the Board of Education meeting, noting that he navigated two hours of public comment and presented effectively on the committee's behalf. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee also noted that QA+M's lead architect on the project previously served as lead designer on the performing arts center at Greenwich High School, bringing relevant local experience to the project.
9.00	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Fenton, seconded by Mr. Duus; adjourned at 8:06 AM ET.