



GOODWIN UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.
Special Meeting of the School Building Committee
September 22, 2026 at 12:00 pm

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Frank Amodio at 11:59AM

Committee Member Attendees: Frank Amodio, Andy DiFatta, Mark McGovern, Eddie Meyer (absent), and Mark Scheinberg (absent).

Non-Committee Member Attendees: Ray Maselek, Sandra Ward, Shawna Woodberry, Rob Wilson, Tom Romagnoli (Downes), Glen Montazella (Downes), Phil Rees (FIP), Michael Scott (TSKP), Mehemet Sahin (TSKP), Sal Menzo and Robert DeCrescenzo

1. **Public Comment:** Frank Amodio called for public comments. He confirmed there was none to be heard.

2. **Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of:**

- a. August 25, 2026
- Motion: Andy DiFatta
 - Second: Mark McGovern
 - Vote: Motion carried unanimously

3. **Report on the Magnet Technical High School (State Project # 542-0007 MAG/N) by Owner's Project Manager, Architect and Construction Manager**

Financial/Budget Update

Tom Romagnoli provided an overview of the current project budget and noted that the two construction PCOs presented for approval totaled **\$11,755**. Pending revisions continue to include technology, shop equipment, and additional design enhancements associated with the Mars Lab, signage, and related educational improvements. The project continues to maintain healthy construction contingency and allowance balances.

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Tom provided an up update on State reimbursement activity. Submission No. 12 totals **\$9,375,933.11**, with **\$8,747,616.66 pending reimbursement** after the applicable holdback. Total reimbursement requests through Submission No. 12 equal **\$39,715,520.32**, with **\$28,410,662.79 received** to date. The project report identifies **\$601,542.10 in disputed eligible interest costs**.

Tom reported that Submission No. 12 had advanced through the State's initial level of review sooner than anticipated. Continued follow-up with the State was recommended to maintain progress on reimbursement.

The Committee also reviewed the State Change Order status. State Change Orders Nos. 7, 8 and 9 have been approved, while State Change Order No. 10 remains pending and is circulating for signature. The approved State Change Orders through No. 9 total **\$1,201,641.31**, consisting of approximately **\$1,020,294.42 eligible** and **\$181,346.89 ineligible** costs.

Michael Scott from TSKP presented an update on the development of wayfinding and signage package. The design team has developed a comprehensive system intended to improve navigation throughout the building, particularly for visitors and students using the major stairways. Proposed elements include building directories and directional pylons near the monumental stair and elevator; floor and stair identification; identification of major educational and public spaces, including the main office, health center, auditorium, cafeteria, fabrication areas and gymnasium; graphics and iconography for selected glazed walls; identification of business centers and opportunities for future recognition of industry partners; code-required signage for elevators, stairs and restrooms; and special graphics and signage associated with the auditorium, stage access and fourth-floor Space Center.

The signage schedule will continue to be refined with school representatives to confirm the appropriate names for rooms and program spaces. The presentation was provided as a status update only, with no Committee action requested at this time.

Michael also presented conceptual options for exterior educational and placemaking enhancements. Initial concepts included a series of architectural elements incorporating the Mars program and potentially serving as a countdown or educational feature associated with student Mars missions. Committee members discussed whether the exterior installation should focus predominantly on Mars or more broadly represent the technical high school's various educational programs. Greater interest was expressed in a more streamlined gateway-style concept that could incorporate broader technical themes while still referencing the school's unique Space Center. Further development of the exterior enhancement concepts will continue. No formal action was taken.

The Committee members also wanted to be sure the following items are being considered as well which include creating an exterior feature with broader relevance to the school's technology and technical programs; the design remains meaningful as school programming evolves over time;



opportunities for students to relate the feature to fabrication, CNC and other technologies taught within the building; using the installation as an outdoor instructional or gathering space; maintaining visibility through and around the structure; avoiding elements that would create climbing or safety concerns; considering snow removal, ice, plowing and general grounds-maintenance operations; maintaining appropriate circulation and access for large vehicles; and preserving pedestrian circulation and safe movement between campus buildings.

Phil Rees presented current site and building progress. The elevator had arrived on site, with installation scheduled to begin shortly. Underground telecommunications and electrical raceway work was progressing on the north side of the building in preparation for paving.

The team is targeting completion of major paving activities, including the west parking lot and east-side bus loop, in early November. Additional progress includes continued electrical equipment and feeder installation; mechanical room piping and equipment installation; continued exterior siding and curtain-wall installation; closure of several former building loading openings; interior ceiling-grid and wall-tile installation; and continued development of common areas and interior finishes.

The project schedule identifies exterior/shell work continuing through October, interior rough construction nearing completion, finish work continuing through December, and testing, inspection and commissioning scheduled for January through February 2027.



4. Business Requiring Action

Recommend Approval of Construction Related PCOs presented by Glen Montazella.

PCO 73R1 – Glass Rail Clips

Amount	\$8,475
Type	Field Condition
Scope	Furnish and install additional glass railing clips. 110 additional glass railing clips with powder coating required to accommodate field conditions and revised glass railing details.
Reference	RFI #202
Status	Motion: Frank Amodio Second: Andy DiFatta Vote: Motion carried unanimously

• PCO 77 – Interior Signage Changes

Amount	\$3,280
Type	Field Condition
Scope	Includes modifications to the interior signage package, including new borders for 48 signs, revisions to 23 signs to incorporate borders and acrylic windows, six additional signs with borders and acrylic backers, and a credit associated with deletion of 60 black acrylic backers.
Reference	n/a
Status	Motion: Frank Amodio Second: Andy DiFatta Vote: Motion carried unanimously

5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:09PM

- Motion: Andy DiFatta
- Second: Mark McGovern
- Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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