

Richland County

Campus Reconfiguration Standing Committee

March 18, 2025

The Richland County Campus Reconfiguration Standing Committee convened on March 18, 2025 in person and virtually at 5:00 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Chair Turk called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call: Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee members present: Steve Carrow, Gary Manning, Ingrid Glasbrenner, David Turk, Melvin “Bob” Frank, and Steve Williamson. Committee member(s) absent: None.

Verification Of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Frank, second by Glasbrenner to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda was approved.

Approval Of Minutes From February 12, 2025 Meeting: Chair Turk asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the February 12, 2025 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Turk declared the minutes from the February 12, 2025 meeting approved as published.

Public Comment:

Mr. Richard Lowe of Richland Center expressed his concerns for the pianos left behind at the campus. Mr. Larry Engel as a member of the Symons Natatorium Committee, spoke on the space needs for the Symon’s Recreation Complex and several option for the gymnasium space on the former campus. Chief Deputy Aaron Wallace of the Richland County Sheriff’s Department spoke to the committee on the history of the Sheriff’s Department using various spaces on the former campus for training purposed and also state the deputies would like to use the gymnasium space for exercise.

Reports:

A. Campus Status Update: Chair Turk reported that the committee was unable to make quorum for the 03/05/25 meeting. County Maintenance Manager, Randy Nelson gave a brief report on a leak in the ceiling of the band room caused by the failure of a drain and valve on a pump that is part of the heating system. Mr. Nelson reported that the damage was limited to the ceiling and the valve had been replaced, temporarily fixing the leak. Brief discussion ensued. Chair Turk reported on his continued talks with Representative Kurtz on the campus issue.

B. Venture Architects Updates. Chair Turk reported that Venture Architects continues to look at the space needs for the county as a whole. Brief discussion ensued.

Discussion & Possible Action: Assessment Of Specialized Items In Campus Buildings: Discussion on the specialized equipment left in the campus buildings, including pianos and other musical instruments, lab equipment and geological specimens, taxidermies, kitchen equipment, and technological equipment ensued. Consensus from the committee was for the area experts to set up a time to review the equipment left behind and the County Administrator would be the contact person for the county. Mr. Lowe reiterated his desire to inspect the pianos along with another piano technician.

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Discussion & Possible Action: Oversight Of County Tennis Courts, Soccer Field, And Walking Trails:

Chair Turk presented the draft resolution to the committee. Extensive discussion ensued. Motion by Williamson, second by Manning to approve the resolution. Motion carried and the resolution was moved on to county board for final approval.

Discussion & Possible Action: MOU Between Richland School District And Richland County For Use Of Gym At Campus:

Chair Turk presented the proposed MOU to the committee. Richland School District Superintendent, Steve Board briefly spoke. Various committee members expressed concerns on the wording of the MOU being vague. Extensive discussion ensued. Chair Turk entertained a motion to postpone the MOU until the next committee meeting. Motion by Manning, second by Glasbrenner to postpone the MOU until the next committee meeting. Motion passed with Frank being in opposition. The MOU was postponed to the next meeting of the Campus Reconfiguration Committee.

Discussion & Possible Action: Set Future Meeting Date(s): Consensus from the committee was gained to set the next meeting to April 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Correspondence: Chair Turk stated that a copy of an email that had been sent to him had been uploaded to the meeting packet.

Future Agenda Items:

Discussion & Possible Action: MOU Between Richland School District And Richland County For Use Of Gym At Campus

Discussion & Possible Action: Use Of Campus Facilities By Richland County Sheriff's Department For Training Purposes

Report: Update On Assessment Of Specialized Items In Campus Buildings

Report: UW Campus Status Update

Report: Venture Architects Updates

Adjourn: Chair Turk entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Manning, second by Frank to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk