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**WASHINGTON SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**  
JULY 1, 2025

723 S. Lewis Street, Room 2073  
Stillwater, OK 74074  
11:30 AM

Karen Washington, Laura Arata, James Beckstrom, Norman McNickle, Gary Clark, Thomas Fields, Ann Houston, Calvin Miller, Jessie Sims, Kay Stewart, Clyde Wilson

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. General Orders

The Washington School Advisory Committee will hear a staff presentation, discuss, and take action including a vote or series of votes on each item listed as presented or as amended or revised by the Washington School Advisory Committee unless the agenda entry specifically states that no action will be taken. The requested action is indicated in each agenda entry but may be amended or revised prior to action by the Washington School Advisory Committee.

a.	Approval of June 3, 2025 minutes.
b.	Update from the Washington School Heritage Foundation. No action will be taken on this item.
c.	Discussion and possible action for next steps in the redevelopment process of Washington School.

3. Public Comment
4. Adjourn

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Stillwater Municipal Building  
Room 2073  
Stillwater, Oklahoma 74075  
June 3, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Chair Karen Washington called the meeting to order at 11:34 am.**

Roll Call

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Beckstrom, Gary Clark, Ann Houston, Calvin Miller, Jessie Sims, Kay Stewart, Karen Washington, Clyde Wilson**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Laura Arata, Thomas Fields, Norman McNickle**

**OTHERS ATTENDING: Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel, Assistant City Attorney Ashlyn Garis, Michelle Charles**

2. GENERAL ORDERS

a. Approval of minutes: Meeting May 6, 2025.

***MOTION BY BECKSTROM, SECOND BY STEWART FOR APPROVAL OF THE MAY 6, 2025, MEETING MINUTES.***

***ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA— BECKSTROM, CLARK, HOUSTON, MILLER, SIMS, STEWART, WASHINGTON, WILSON.***

***MOTION CARRIED WITH EIGHT YEA VOTES. NAY – NONE.***

b. Update from the Washington School Heritage Foundation. No action will be taken on this item.

Beckstrom reported that a recent engineering assessment initially yielded mostly good news, although a formal report has not yet been received. Rafters on the north end of the gymnasium have some damage from wood rot but the south end does not. The rafters can be repaired without completely tearing the roof off. The building is primarily structurally sound. Much clearing and interior demolition remains to be done once asbestos abatement is complete. A meeting was held with Procurement Manager John McClenny to convey information he needs to prepare a bid package. Beckstrom believes the work can be accomplished within the next 12 months.

- c. Discussion and possible action for next steps in the redevelopment process of Washington School. – No action was taken.

Driskel reported that the Tourism Advisory Committee has recommended using visitor tax funds for removal of accessory structures and asbestos abatement in the original t-shaped structure. The Committee discussed an 18 month window for completion of the work. The City of Stillwater is working on a bid package for the asbestos abatement and removal of accessory structures. Bids will go before the Stillwater Economic Development Authority for funding approval and will be awarded by the City Council. A revised access agreement for the Washington School Heritage Foundation is being prepared. Revisions were needed because several projects are expected to be in progress at the same time. The City will look at setting aside the original brick after demolition instead of having it removed. Disposal of the bricks as surplus property would enable the Foundation to potentially purchase them for fundraising and other uses.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. ADJOURN

***MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY HOUSTON FOR APPROVAL TO ADJOURN.***

***ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA— BECKSTROM, CLARK, HOUSTON, MILLER, SIMS, STEWART, WASHINGTON, WILSON.***

***MOTION CARRIED WITH EIGHT YEA VOTES. NAY – NONE.***

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen Washington, Chair