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**WASHINGTON SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

APRIL 7, 2026

723 S. Lewis Street, Room 2073

Stillwater, OK 74074

11:30 AM

**Members Present: Karen Washington, Laura Arata (11:43), Jim Beckstrom, Norman McNickle, Gary Clark, Thomas Fields, Ann Houston, Clyde Wilson**

**Members Absent: Calvin Miller, Jessie Sims, Kay Stewart**

**Staff: Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel, Assistant City Attorney Ashlyn Garis, City Clerk Teresa Kadavy, Deputy City Clerk Autumn Flowers**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order

**Chair Washington called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.**

- 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.	<p>Approve February 3, 2026 meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>MOTION BY MCNICKLE, SECOND BY CLARK TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING MINUTES.</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL: WASHINGTON-YEA, BECKSTROM-YEA, MCNICKLE-YEA, CLARK-YEA, FIELDS-YEA, HOUSTON-YEA, WILSON-YEA.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN YEA VOTES.</b></p>
b.	<p>Update from Washington School Heritage Foundation. No action will be taken on this item.</p>

Washington School Heritage Foundation President Jim Beckstrom provided an update on the March 29, 2026 Washington School Workday. An estimated 60 Oklahoma State University students volunteered their time to clean up. Three (3) City of Stillwater dumpsters were filled and hauled off, and two-thirds (2/3) of the North section of Washington School has been cleared. Future progress includes three (3) remaining non-load-bearing walls needing to be removed. Mr. McNickle brought a power washer and, to Mr. Beckstrom's words, "magic goo" to take the graffiti off Washington School. Mr. Beckstrom thanked everyone for helping and volunteering for the March 29, 2026, Washington School Workday.

Mr. Beckstrom stated he is in communication with Kingspan as they are interested in helping with the Washington School Roof Project. Mr. Beckstrom has a teleconference with architects from Kingspan coming up.

The Washington School Foundation approved the purchase of seed to reseed the lot, pending final city approval.

Mr. Fields brought photographs he captured from the Washington School Foundation Gala and proposed the portraits be incorporated into the restructuring of the facility.

- c. Discussion and possible action for next steps in the redevelopment process of Washington School.

Chair Washington stated the National Historic Registry will pay for a historic sight marker for Washington School. The idea is to use the original flagpole, that currently stands in front of Washington School, as the base of the historic marker. Mr. Clark raised concerns about using the original flagpole for its intended use. The committee will discuss further whether the marker should be attached to the flagpole or stand-alone nearby.

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY WILSON TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO PURSUE THE MARKER AND DETERMINE THE FORMAL PROCESS.**

**ROLL CALL: WASHINGTON-YEA, BECKSTROM-YEA, MCNICKLE-YEA, CLARK-YEA, FIELDS-YEA, HOUSTON-YEA, WILSON-YEA.**

**MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN YEA VOTES.**

- d. General discussion and possible recommendation to the City Council regarding the assessment, proposed design, renovation or redevelopment of the Washington School property.

Mr. Beckstrom raised a question regarding the access agreement and performing additional work. Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel confirmed that if the

additional work stays within the previously approved scope, separate access agreements are not needed. Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel requested advance notice of planned work, and an update of what work gets done.

Mr. Beckstrom proposed a creative window mural idea. The proposed idea is to paint the windows to reflect a classroom scene inside of Washington School, so passersby can vision a school with students inside. Mr. Beckstrom also brought up the idea of painting the wooden sheathing. Mr. Clark expressed his concerns about the wood needing to be replaced before any painting happens due to rotting. Ms. Houston questioned if the mural idea is similar to what we see downtown for Homecoming, window painting on businesses. Mr. Beckstrom confirms Ms. Houston's question with a yes.

Laura Arata arrived at 11:43 a.m.

Jim Beckstrom stated he will bring back more specific visual ideas at the next meeting for the committee to review

Norman McNickle departed Room 2073 at 11:46 a.m.

Ms. Houston questioned the flood plan for Washington School and is concerned due to new construction building nine (9) feet up. Deputy City Manager Christy Driskel addressed Ms. Houston's concerns and stated engineering standards prevent new construction from creating watershed hazards for adjoining properties.

3. Public Comment

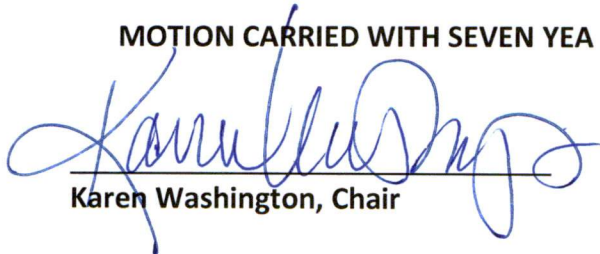
None.

4. Adjourn

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY WILSON TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 7, 2026 MEETING.**

**ROLL CALL: WASHINGTON-YEA, ARATA-YEA, BECKSTROM-YEA, CLARK-YEA, FIELDS-YEA, HOUSTON-YEA, WILSON-YEA.**

**MOTION CARRIED WITH SEVEN YEA VOTES.**

  
Karen Washington, Chair

  
Teresa Kadavy, Clerk to Board