

Project Prison Reset Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2025

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*South Dakota State Capitol, Room 362
500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota*

Call to Order

- Lt. Governor Venhuizen called the meeting to order and made introductory remarks
- Task force members preset: Lt. Governor Venhuizen (chair), Attorney General Marty Jackley, Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead, Yankton City Police Chief Jason Foote, Judge Jane Wipf-Pfeifle, Southeastern Behavioral Health CEO Tiffany Wolfgang, Minnehaha County State's Attorney Daniel Hagggar, Sen. Chris Karr, Sen. Jim Mehlhaff, Sen. Jamie Smith, Sen. Joy Hohn, Sen. Steve Kolbeck, Sen. Ernie Otten, Sen. Mark Lapka, Rep. Scott Odenbach, Rep. Jack Kolbeck, Rep. Erin Healy, Rep. Greg Jamison, Rep. Brian Mulder, Rep. John Hansen, Rep. Karla Lems, and Rep. Tim Reisch

Presentations

- SD Men's Correctional Facility Master Plan Refresh: Mike Quinn and Mike Conder, Arrington Watkins Architects

Public Testimony

- Michael Govloff and Doug Dukes (Elevatus Architecture), Fort Wayne IN
- Stu Cvrk, Springfield
- Marlene Sweeter, Worthing
- Michelle Jensen, Canton
- Kyah Broders, Canton
- Jeff Spyksma, Canton
- Pam Harris, Harrisburg
- Zach Swisher, Kadoka
- Gary Sokolow, Vermillion
- Steve Haugaard, Sioux Falls
- Kevin Jensen, Canton
- Terry Sabers, Mitchell
- Ted Haeder, Huron
- Mike Lauritsen, Mitchell
- John Claggett, Mitchell

Task Force Discussion and Action

- Motion by Representative Mulder, seconded by Senator Otten, to remove Huron and the current Lincoln County site from further consideration
 - o Motion by Hohn, seconded by Mulder, to amend the Mulder motion to include removal of West Farm site from consideration. The motion to amend passed by a voice vote.
- The Mulder motion, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

- Motion by Representative Odenbach, seconded by Senator Karr, that the Office of the State Engineer and its contractors shall develop options and request proposals for facility improvements or replacements, providing between 1,500 and 1,700 beds with a maximum price of \$600 million, with preference for construction at existing, currently operating Department of Corrections locations, or as an alternative, to include the remaining proposed sites near Mitchell or Worthing.
 - o Motion by Representative Kolbeck, seconded by Representative Healy to amend the Odenbach motion to designate the \$600 million to construction of the new facility only, not including the potential costs associated with purchasing land and/or furnishings
 - o The roll was called on the Kolbeck motion:

Senator Hohn	Nay
Senator Karr	Nay
Senator Kolbeck	Yea
Senator Lapka	Nay
Senator Mehlhaff	Yea
Senator Otten	Yea
Senator Smith	Yea
Representative Hansen	Nay
Representative Healy	Yea
Representative Jamison	Nay
Representative Kolbeck	Yea
Representative Lems	Nay
Representative Mulder	Nay
Representative Odenbach	Nay
Representative Reisch	Nay
Chief Foote	Nay
State's Attorney Haggar	Nay
Attorney General Jackley	Nay
Sheriff Milstead	Nay
Judge Wipf Pfeifle	Yea
Tiffany Wolfgang	Yea
Venhuizen, Tony (chair)	Yea
Total Votes (Y-N)	9-13

So, the Kolbeck motion to amend having not received a majority vote of the members, Lt. Governor Venhuizen declared the motion failed.

- Consideration returned to the original Odenbach motion, by a roll call vote:

Senator Hohn	Yea
Senator Karr	Yea
Senator Kolbeck	Yea
Senator Lapka	Yea
Senator Mehlhaff	Yea
Senator Otten	Yea
Senator Smith	Yea
Representative Hansen	Yea
Representative Healy	Yea
Representative Jamison	Yea
Representative Kolbeck	Yea
Representative Lems	Yea
Representative Mulder	Yea
Representative Odenbach	Yea
Representative Reisch	Yea
Chief Foote	Yea
State's Attorney Haggard	Yea
Attorney General Jackley	Yea
Sheriff Milstead	Yea
Judge Wipf Pfeifle	Yea
Tiffany Wolfgang	Yea
Venhuizen, Tony (chair)	Yea
Total Votes (Y-N)	22-0

So, the Odenbach motion having received a majority vote of the members, Lt. Governor Venhuizen declared the motion passed.

The next meeting of the task force is set for July 8, 2025, in Sioux Falls. The task force will review the options and proposals from the Office of the State Engineer and discuss a final plan at that meeting

Adjourn