

CAPITOL COMPLEX RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
10:00 A.M. (CT)

Commissioners present in person: Chair Tim Engel, Chief Justice David Gilbertson, Laurie Gill, Mayor Steve Harding, and Carla Bachand.

Commissioners present via an internet application: Patricia Miller, Tom Hurlbert, Senator Helene Duhamel, and Speaker of the House Jon Hansen.

Others present in person: Bureau of Human Resources and Administration (BHRA) Commissioner, Darin Seeley; BHRA Deputy Commissioner, Jason Kettwig; BHRA Special Projects Coordinator, Leah Haugan; BHRA Counsel, Mallori Barnett; and Chandler Burleson; BHRA Deputy State Engineer, Kristine Day; BHRA Buildings and Grounds Director, Brent Gill; BHRA Executive Assistant, Rick Augustin, Recording Secretary; and Keloland Media Group Journalist, Bob Mercer.

Others present via an internet application: Zach Nelson with KCCR Radio and Mackenzie Huber with SD Searchlight.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Engel called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

Chair Engel noted the passing of Peggy Stout.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chairman Engel asked if any Commissioners had a conflict of interest related to any matter under consideration during the meeting. Chair Engel noted a conflict of interest with respect to the election of officers and that he intended to ask Sec. Harding to handle the election of the chair position. There were no other disclosures.

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Engel proposed to amend the agenda to include the approval of minutes from December 13, 2023, which were deferred from the previous meeting. Commissioner Gill moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mayor Harding. The motion carried unanimously.

Introduce Legislative Members

Pursuant to HB 1011 (2024), a legislative member is appointed to the CCRBC from each chamber. Speaker of the House Jon Hansen is the appointee from the House of Representatives and Senator Helene Duhamel from the Senate; they were introduced and welcomed to the Commission.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the draft minutes from the December 13, 2023, and April 3, 2024, meetings, seconded by Commissioner Bachand. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Chairman Engel turned over the election to Secretary Harding. Harding called for nominations for the position of Chairperson. Commissioner Gilbertson nominated Tim Engel. There were no other nominations. Upon the call of Secretary Harding, the members voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Engel as chair. Chair Engel thereupon took over as presiding officer of the meeting and called for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Gilbertson nominated Mayor Harding to continue serving as Secretary. There were no other nominations. Upon the call of Chair Engel, the members voted unanimously to elect Harding as Secretary.

Governor's Mansion Roof and Siding

Leah Haugan introduced Deputy State Engineer Kristine Day to present options for replacement roof and siding. Two options were presented and discussed. The recommended option included black shingles and gray siding. The second option included brown shingles and tan siding. Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the recommended black/gray color, seconded by Senator Duhamel. The motion carried unanimously.

Capitol Restoration Project

HB 1131 appropriated \$3M for "restoration, maintenance, and repair of any state capitol building historic area or object." Deputy State Engineer Kristine Day proposed using this appropriation for 3 tasks: 1. Plaster repair & paint, 2. Dome restoration, 3. Restoration/renovation planning. After discussion and questions, Mayor Harding moved to approve the proposed use of funds and work as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gill. Speaker Hansen suggested seeking public opinion before taking the vote. Mayor Harding stated the purpose of this Commission is to make decisions such as this. The motion passed unanimously with Speaker Hansen temporarily absent due to technical difficulties.

Capitol Complex Project Updates (Informational)

Ms. Day updated the group on ongoing projects on campus as follows:

- a. Capitol Elevators
- b. Kinsman Addition
- c. Health Lab Addition
- d. Becker Hansen Retaining Wall
- e. Retaining Wall at Soldier and Sailors

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bachand moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gill. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.