

**JOINT
STATE CAPITOL COMMITTEE
&
CAPITOL CAMPUS DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Hybrid Access Meeting**

**June 26, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

Minutes

SCC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, Chair
Beau Perschbacher, Governor Ferguson's Designee

Katy Taylor (for Commissioner of Public Lands
Dave Upthegrove)

CCDAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jordan Kiel, Chair, Architect 2
Kristin Glandon, Vice Chair, Landscape Architect
Senator Phil Fortunato, Washington State Senate
Senator Marko Liias, Washington State Senate
Representative Stephanie McClintock
Alex Rolluda, Architect 1
Kevin Snow (for Representative Beth Doglio)

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Baker, Department of Enterprise Services	Kara Klotz, Department of Enterprise Services
Cynthia Barrett, Department of Enterprise Services	Eleanor Knight, Department of Enterprise Services
Shani Bauer, Washington State Legislature	Theresa Knighten, Department of Enterprise Services
George Carter, Department of Enterprise Services	Yvonne Knutson, Office of Financial Management
Brent Chapman, Department of Enterprise Services	Nouk Leap, Department of Enterprise Services
Brandon Corneliusen, Department of Enterprise Svcs	Ingrid Lewis, Washington State Legislature
Jordan Corneliusen, Department of Enterprise Svcs	Jimmy Martin, Department of Enterprise Services
Ashlee Delaney, Department of Enterprise Services	Allen Miller, Kutak Rock
Marygrace Goddu, City of Olympia	Colleen Pehar, Washington State Legislature
Wendy Goldmark, Department of Enterprise Services	Brian Pickering, Department of Enterprise Services
Jessica Goodwin, Department of Enterprise Services	Kayla Quinn, Department of Enterprise Services
Valerie Gow, Puget Sound Meeting Services	Dallas Roberts, Office of Lieutenant Governor
Greg Griffith, Olympia Historical Society	Scott Sarian, Washington State Legislature
Adam Holdorf, Department of Enterprise Services	Kimberly Sockle, Department of Enterprise Services
Rachelle Johnson, Department of Enterprise Services	Katy Stark, Department of Enterprise Services
Matt Jones, Department of Enterprise Services	Ginny Streeter, Department of Enterprise Services
Linda Kent, Department of Enterprise Services	Ben Swanson, Department of Enterprise Services
Wesley Kirkman, Department of Enterprise Services	Oliver Wu, Department of Enterprise Services

Call Meeting to Order, General Announcements, and Approval of the Agenda - Action

Lieutenant Governor and Chair Denny Heck called the joint State Capitol Committee (SCC) and Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee (CCDAC) meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Chair Heck welcomed SCC and CCDAC members and guests.

Chair Heck welcomed new CCDAC members Representative Stephanie McClintock replacing Representative Joe McEntire and Senator Marko Liias replacing Senator Sam Hunt. He acknowledged and thanked CCDAC member Marc Daily for his service to the committee. Mr. Daily resigned to assume a new position at Puget Sound Regional Planning Council.

Chair Heck reflected on the purpose and mission of the SCC and the CCDAC to serve as stewards of the Capitol Campus. In the next several days, many members and others will join and acknowledge the incredible contributions of former, long-time serving Secretary of State Ralph Munro in the Capitol Rotunda. Secretary Munro once stated that when it comes to supporting the Capitol Building and other campus buildings, it was important no one should be afraid of investing the resources to ensure the preservation of magnificent campus buildings and that no one who occupies an entrusted position as an elected official would ever consider giving anything less other than their best to steward and protect the campus. Thousands of visitors to the campus find inspiration in their form of government by walking the halls of the Capitol Building and the campus. He thanked new members for being part of the committees responsible for the stewardship of the campus.

SCC and CCDAC members and staff provided self-introduction.

Chair Heck reviewed the agenda to approve the Joint SCC/CCDAC February 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes, receive public comments, receive updates on the Marcus Whitman Statue, Cal Anderson Memorial, Legislative Campus Modernization Project, and a proposal for naming a room in the new Irving Newhouse Building.

Approval of Joint SCC/CCDAC February 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Action

Katy Taylor moved, seconded by Beau Perschbacher, to approve the Joint SCC/CCDAC Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025 as published. A voice vote approved the motion.

Kristen Glandon moved, seconded by Alex Rolluda, to approve the Joint SCC/CCDAC Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025 as published. A voice vote approved the motion.

Public Comment Period – Informational

Wendy Goldmark, Government Relations Program Specialist, Department of Enterprise Services (DES), described the format for providing comments. No written public comments were received during the advance public comment period prior to the meeting.

There were no public comments.

Marcus Whitman Statue – Informational

Linda Kent, Chief External Affairs Officer, DES, presented the update.

The Marcus Whitman statue is currently located on the second floor of the Legislative Building at the north entry and is scheduled to be moved to accommodate the statue of Billy Frank Jr. to reflect the state's contribution to National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. The Marcus Whitman statue will remain in another location within the Legislative Building. The Billy Frank Jr. statue is scheduled for placement in the Legislative Building in 2026 following completion of the statue.

DES received funding to relocate the Whitman statue during the current biennium. DES completed a study on three relocation sites within the building. The options on the third floor were not feasible. Another option on the south portico warranted further study by completing ground-penetrating radar to verify the feasibility of the location. The Whitman statue is tall and weighs between 9,000 and 14,000 pounds. The study deemed that the concerns of the portico located over the steam tunnel and utility infrastructure were not a factor for placement of the statue at that site. Ground-penetrating radar was completed in May 2025. The full report with the analysis to include cost estimates for relocation of the statue to a new location will be available later in the summer.

Additionally, alternative sites on the second floor were reviewed by researching the substructure to determine if the statue could be supported, as well as considering operational needs of the second floor, such as public tours and safety and security issues. The full report to be released in summer 2025 will include some potential locations on the second floor that could accommodate the structural needs of the statue.

Senator Liias asked whether exploration of the south portico site included the site located near the doors inside the Capitol Building as a potential site. Ms. Kent said the area along the entire portico site could support the statue. However, the site located within the building was not identified as an original opportunity site because of security concerns. She offered to provide more information about site constraints surrounding security.

Chair Heck inquired as to whether there is a requirement to move the statue. Ms. Kent advised that it is possible to retain the existing statue and consider another location for the Billy Frank Jr., statue on the second floor. Traditionally, the two statues on the second floor of the Legislative Building mirror the statues displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building Statutory Hall. However, there is no specific requirement to move the Whitman statue from its existing location.

Chair Heck noted that the new Billy Frank Jr., statue is not nearly as heavy because of changes in technology and artistic style. The new statue is considerably lighter. It appears the action is moving forward on an assumption that the Whitman statue must be moved, whereas, there is no requirement to move the statue.

Senator Liias asked whether other state statues have been located in Statutory Hall. Chair Heck explained that the Marcus Whitman statue was placed in the Statutory Hall in the early 1950s followed placement of the Mother Joseph statue in 1980. Representative Liias offered that based on three statues displayed in the Statutory Hall, it may be appropriate to locate them all in the same location within the Legislative Building. Ms. Kent advised that the Whitman statue will be removed from Statutory Hall in Washington, D.C. and replaced with the Billy Frank Jr., statue leaving only two Washington State statues in Statutory Hall.

Chair Heck noted that statue replacements are not uncommon, as nine statues have been replaced over time.

Ms. Kent reviewed next steps. Information will be provided to both committees at the next quarterly meeting to include the full report with cost estimates. At that time, staff will seek direction for either retaining the existing location or moving the statue to either a site on the second floor or the portico site. More information will be provided on an alternative site on the second floor as well.

Chair Heck asked that staff include an option for retaining the Whitman statue at its current location on the second floor. One of the initial concerns for retaining the Whitman statue was because of the aesthetics associated with a taller Billy Frank Jr., statue near a shorter Mother Joseph statue.

Ms. Kent noted that the Billy Frank Jr., statue is not as tall as the Marcus Whitman statue.

Chair Heck asked that the report include the feasibility of shuffling the statues within the same proximity such as placing the two taller statues together.

Campus Memorials – Cal Anderson Memorial – Informational

Ms. Kent provided an update on the Cal Anderson Memorial project.

The design concept honors Senator Cal Anderson's legacy as a civil rights champion, Washington's first openly gay legislator, his service in the Vietnam War, and his character, legacy, and leadership. The memorial creates a quiet contemplative space and provides an inclusive and accessible space while complementing the historic west Capitol Campus. The location of the memorial was approved by the SCC at its last meeting. The memorial is located east of the Sunken Garden and offers views of the Legislative Building with proximity to walking paths.

Funding was received in the 2025-2027 budget to move forward on the project. Approximately \$125,000 was provided to complete the design. The preliminary estimate for construction is approximately \$312,000. The construction cost estimate will be refined during design. Value engineering will seek ways to reduce costs. Following the construction of the memorial, annual maintenance is estimated at \$16,000.

In summer 2025, work to complete the design will continue followed by release of a bid package for construction and permitting in the spring of 2026. Actual construction is scheduled to commence in summer 2026. The design work includes additional engagement with stakeholders.

Senator Liias inquired as to whether the permitting process is through state agencies or from the City of Olympia. Ms. Kent advised that any permits required for the memorial would be obtained through the City of Olympia. Senator Liias asked whether permits would be required for a project located in open space. Ms. Kent advised that permitting requirements at this time cannot be ruled out. Senator Liias commented that his interest in the long-term is whether the state should assume control of decisions that pertain to the campus.

Ms. Kent added that the preferred design concept was a thoughtful process involving many stakeholders. The memorial incorporates uplifting lighting honoring Senator Anderson's legacy as a beacon for civil rights legislation, as well as practical designs incorporating safety, security, and visibility. Other elements include polished stone representing perseverance and plantings representing vision, hope, and mediation space. A curved bench supports collaboration and community reflection. The memorial will feature an engraved inlay with Senator's Anderson name.

Chair Heck thanked and acknowledged DES staff and members of CCDAC for their efforts to date on the development of the memorial design.

Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM) Project – Informational

Wesley Kirkman, LCM Project Director, updated members on the status of the LCM projects.

The new Irving Newhouse Building was substantially completed in late 2024 with tenants moving to the new building prior to the 2025 legislative session. Ongoing work continues to resolve some issues with new systems. The punchlist process was paused during the session to enable legislators the ability to work during the legislative session without interruptions. The punchlist process resumed in May. As project closeout nears, some warranty work will proceed over the summer and fall.

DES is contracting for the O'Brien Building project with BNBuilders. The contract price is within the project estimate. Preparation is in process for packing and moving tenants from the third and fourth floors of the building within two weeks following completion of the next session. The schedule calls for

completion of the project by the end of 2026 to enable tenants to move to the building prior to the 2027 legislative session.

Mr. Kirkman shared a series of photographs of the Pritchard project site. The photos depicted different phases of completion.

Representative McClintock inquired as to the location of her new office within the Pritchard Building following the 2026 legislative session. Mr. Kirkman advised he would contact project representatives from House administration to provide the information.

Chair Heck inquired about the status and future plans of the temporary modular building. Mr. Kirkman said the modular building is currently housing occupants from the Pritchard Building. Tenants will remain in the modular building until next fall pending move-in to the completed Pritchard Building. O'Brien Building tenants will shift internally within the existing building with some relocated to the modular building.

Alex Rolluda asked about any unforeseen conditions surrounding the Pritchard Building project. Mr. Kirkman advised of unforeseen conditions in soils that required additional resources, as well as some unanticipated discoveries with the existing structure requiring additional abatement work for contaminated materials that were not anticipated but uncovered during demolition. All unforeseen conditions have been mitigated within the scope of the project contingency.

Chair Heck asked whether the overall stability of the slope was less of an issue than anticipated at the onset of the project. Mr. Kirkman explained that the work necessary to stabilize the hillside was completed successfully and sooner than initially envisioned, with the work completed two weeks earlier than scheduled. Those efforts substantially improved the stability of the hillside.

Chair Heck spoke to voices of opposition for the renovation of the Pritchard Building because of the instability of the hillside. Mr. Kirkman responded that stabilization of the hillside was both successful and worth the effort to preserve the campus. DES is also working on other studies of other hillside stabilization areas.

Irving Newhouse Proposed Room Naming – Informational

Linda Kent reported DES received a proposal to name a public meeting room within the Newhouse Building. The briefing is informational with the committee scheduled to consider the proposal at its third quarter meeting. The proposal is to name the room in honor of Senator Jeannette Hayner. Senator Hayner served in the 16th District for over 20 years. She shared an aerial illustration of the first floor of the building identifying the location of the room proposed for naming.

CCDAC and SCC play integral roles in building naming or renaming proposals (RCW 43.34.090). Proposals introduced by the Legislature are required to be reviewed and approved by CCDAC and SCC first as an informational item followed by a second briefing for decisional action. The timing of the process affords time for the public to provide comments on the proposed naming proposal to assist both committees in their respective decisional process.

Senator Liias recalled that other campus facilities or other state facilities might be named for Senator Hayner. He conveyed interest in pursuing a broader review of individuals who could be honored.

Chair Heck advised that the media center located within the building housing TVW Media is named in honor of Senator Hayner rather than the building.

Katy Taylor commented that the last time the committee considered a naming proposal the committee indicated a desire to create a process of solicitation for names as opposed to considering a proposal of one name. With the advent of new buildings and rooms within buildings, it may present an opportunity to solicit recommended names as the criteria have been established for naming decisions. She asked for a refresher on the direction the committee established previously.

Ms. Kent advised that the adopted procedures of the committee do not include proactive solicitations of naming proposals but is a reactive process when naming proposals are submitted to CCDAC and SCC for campus buildings or rooms.

Ms. Taylor asked whether the procedures prevent the committee from soliciting proposals. Ms. Kent responded that the procedures do not prevent the committees from proactively seeking naming proposals. Ms. Taylor questioned whether solicitation could be an appropriate step by the committees with the advent of many new buildings and spaces.

Chair Heck offered an alternative view, as he has been involved in many naming proposals throughout his career. There are certain timeless universal truths, such as when suggestions are offered for a room or a building the immediate response is opposition from people who have alternative ideas but never submitted a proposal. Secondly, and with all due respect, he believes many are often too eager to name rooms or buildings for people, especially in the immediate aftermath of their passing. It is a tricky balancing act. Often, there is too much emotion in the immediate aftermath; however, if naming suggestions are prolonged too long, many people question the identity of the person as names often begin to fade with the passage of time. He would be concerned with soliciting proposals. It is also important to consider that most of the buildings on campus were built to last 500 years and beyond. The Legislative Building is nearing 100 years old and nobody has ever considered its removal. It is important for the committees to consider the long-term view of the process. It would be difficult for him personally, to imagine a more appropriate person to name a room for on the campus than the first woman ever to lead any of the four caucuses and to be a majority leader who served with incredible distinction for 20 years. Although she was not in his political party or his personal philosophy, she was a woman of incredible principled integrity who represented eastern Washington. Only one campus building is named for a woman and that building is the Helen Sommers Building.

Senator Liias expressed appreciation for the comments as he only participated in a few naming processes. He agreed that the campus is special with few places. Creating a protocol might be worthy of consideration. There are numerous reasons for naming a room for Senator Hayner, but it also timely to consider establishing a process to validate all naming proposals that most likely would lead to the same outcome.

Chair Heck encouraged members to review the protocol and process contained within the agenda packet. The procedures were established a year ago.

Ms. Taylor noted that her comments should not reflect negatively on Senator Hayner, but rather about opportunities and the process for submittal of names.

Chair Heck thanked members for their feedback. The proposal will be considered at the committee's next meeting.

Future Announcements and Adjournment of Meeting – Informational

Information on future meetings for CCDAC and SCC is published on the DES website with meeting information, meeting dates, and meeting times. DES posts all meeting agendas, minutes, and meeting packets as they become available. The next SCC and CCDAC joint meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 10 a.m. Future SCC and CCDAC meetings will be held via hybrid and remotely.

With there being no further business, Chair Heck adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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