



**BEX/BTA Oversight Committee**  
March 13, 2026, 8:30 – 10:30 AM  
JSCEE Room 2750

## **Minutes**

### **1. Call to Order**

- a. Steve Tatge called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM
- b. Roll call:
  - i. Committee members present: Steve Tatge, Janet Donelson, Jennifer DuHamel, Warren Johnson, Duncan Griffin, Sherry Edquid, Adib Altallal, Mike Fink
  - ii. Committee members absent: Luis Adan, Nicky Kamemoto-Lyons, Monty Anderson,
  - iii. Board Directors present: Vivian Song, Jen LaVallee
  - iv. Capital Projects Staff present: Ferd Podesta, Richard Best, Mike Skutack, Vince Gonzales, Becky Asencio, Aliye Aliye, Jen Lincoln,
- c. The meeting agenda: Warren Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Janet Doneslon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. The meeting minutes: Duncan Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2026. Janet Donelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Board Member – BEX/BTA Committee Introductions**

Richard Best introduced Board Director Vivian Song and welcomed her back to the committee. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

### **3. BEX V & BTA V Project Financial Updates**

Capital Projects Senior Business Analyst Aliye Aliye reported on the BEX V Levy through January 31, 2026. He conveyed that the program is 77% spent. The program is cash-flow positive. Mr. Best added that several projects will receive School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) funds after they are closed out and are accepted by the School Board.

The committee and staff discussed the projects pending close-out. Mr. Best outlined the close out process and requirements. Ms. Edquid suggested communicating to the public about the grants and additional funding sources that extend levy funds.

Mr. Aliye reported on the BTA V Levy through January 31, 2026. He conveyed that this program is also cash-flow positive. Mr. Best noted that BEX VI budget reports were expected to start at the June meeting.

#### **4. BEX V & BTA V Project Updates**

Mr. Best and Senior Project Managers Vince Gonzales and Mike Skutack reported on active projects at the following sites: Alki Elementary School, Rainier Beach High School, the multi-site AV, Safety, and Security project, and Memorial Stadium.

Mr. Best highlighted the upcoming Mass Timber School Tour, planned with the Washington Mass Timber Accelerator. He reminded the committee that in 2016 Seattle Public Schools (SPS) received funding for a four-classroom Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) addition from the State of Washington as part of an effort to boost rural and forest economies within Washington. He invited committee members to join the tour.

#### **5. John Marshall School – Interim Site Schematic Design Presentation**

**Mike Skutack & Paul Wight – SPS**

**Michael Davis, Jordan Kiel, Amanda Hoehn, Charlie Bucheit – Bassetti Architects**

Paul Wight introduced the project team. He reminded the committee of the school's location and the site's boundaries and constraints. He delivered a high-level overview of the project.

Ms. Hoehn presented a recap of the project's goals and guiding principles, from the first presentation of the project to the committee in November 2025. She made explicit connections between the project's guiding principles and the building's design such as moving the library to ground level, creating break-out spaces, and providing elements to support both elementary and middle school educational requirements.

Mr. Bucheit presented the site-specific sustainability goals. He addressed how the design would reduce the building's Energy use Intensity (EUI) from 58.2 to 16. He identified sustainability targets for the building pertaining to air infiltration, new windows, and the building envelope.

Mr. Davis highlighted the benefits of collaborating early with Skanska to develop the cost estimate within the allotted budget. He described how a simplified structure met both budgetary and programmatic requirements.

Mr. Bucheit presented the site concept. He conveyed how the design addressed the site's complexity by supporting necessary separations between cars and students, establishing a clear entryway, and buffering the site's boundaries and student play areas. He presented the floor plans for each level of the building and the new additions. He highlighted design features such as flexible learning commons, daylighting from the roof to the first floor, and sight lines throughout the building for passive supervision and wayfinding.

The committee and presenters discussed a portion of the site owned by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and how that space could be managed to protect students while still appearing as a welcoming part of the campus.

Mr. Tatge asked how the building will accommodate personalization by different school communities. Ms. Hoehn described a variety of methods such as tackable surfaces, display cases, and hanging spaces for banners or flags.

Ms. Edquid asked about how the design will mitigate the impacts of the I-5 elevation by the site such as air quality, noise, and storm water. Ms. Hoehn noted that a consultant firm has been hired to evaluate both indoor and outdoor air quality over the duration of the project. Mr. Griffin asked about the SPS standard for displacement ventilation at this building. Mr. Bucheit reported that the plan was still in development to address how and where air enters the space and the appropriate filtration for particulates. Ms. Edquid asked about soil contamination at the site. Mr. Wight confirmed that current reports do not cause concern.

Mr. Best added that the City of Seattle is adopting state codes for ambient noise within school buildings and has set a ceiling of 35 decibels. He acknowledged the challenge this presents at this site due to proximity to I-5 and how that requirement is shaping the decision about window replacements.

Warren Johnson asked about the King County Health Clinics that operate in the school. Mr. Bucheit clarified that a clinic remains with a given school community, so the building is being designed for flexibility to host different providers over time.

## **6. Meeting Re-cap**

Mr. Best highlighted Ms. Asencio and the Planning team's work to secure a Distressed School Grant for the Whitworth Orca K-8 School roofing project.

Mr. Best conveyed that Capital Projects requested a volunteer from the committee to participate in AE selection of architects. Jennifer DuHamel volunteered for this effort.

## **7. Adjourn**

Mr. Tatge adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.