

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE NEXT GENERATION SCHOOL BUILDING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. VIRTUAL ON-
LINE MEETING**

Committee Members Present: Rich Gusenburg, Chairman; Chris Daddi, Sean Kimball, Denis Rioux, Megan Rockwell, Greg Rosenblatt, Jeff Solan, Sarah Stevens-Morling

Committee Members Absent: Chuck Neth

Staff/Guests Present: Tecton Associates Jeff Wyszynski, Justin Hopkins, Laurel Boroughf, Alison Frost; O&G Associates Ryan Benoit, Dave Pariseault; Arcadis Associates Rich Sitnik, Zachary Machold; Vince Masciana

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gusenburg at 7:01 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chairman performed the roll call, and a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Intro

The Chairman reported that he had presented a slide show to the Town Council. Members were very positive and complementary of the NGSBC and design and construction teams. The slide show has now also been put up on our Facebook page, the Community Forum Facebook page, and the Education Forum Facebook page with hundreds of likes and many positive comments specifically thanking members of the building committee.

4. Recommendations/Actions on Change Orders

Barnum School:

PCO-039R1 A motion was made by Mr. Rioux, seconded by Mr. Daddi to approve PCO-039R1 for \$23,454.00 for the change regarding the fire alarm display panel at the request of the Cheshire public schools and Fire Department. Previously a “Not to Exceed” amount of \$25,000 had been approved by the NGSBC. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

PCO-071 A motion was made by Mr. Rioux, seconded by Mr. Daddi to approve PCO-071 for \$21,838.00 for a gate to be added to the two stair cases that access the roof at the request of the owner. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

PCO-072 A motion was made by Mr. Rioux, seconded by Mr. Daddi to approve PCO-072 for \$2,972.00 for coat hooks to be installed on the doors of single use bathrooms at the request of the building official. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

PCO-073 A motion was made by Mr. Rioux, seconded by Mr. Daddi to approve PCO-073 for a “Not to Exceed” amount of \$10,300.00 for lead soil and remediation disposal for the site of the white house to be removed. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Norton School:

PCO-0443R1 A motion was made by Mr. Daddi, seconded by Mr. Rioux to approve PCO-043R1 for \$20,868.00 for a graphic LED annunciator map at the main entrance at the request of the fire department. This PCO had previously been approved as a “Not to Exceed” amount of \$22,318.00. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

PCO-068 A motion was made by Mr. Daddi, seconded by Mr. Solan to approve PCO-068 for \$7,517.00 for installation of 10 trees along the perimeter to provide adequate screening to the adjacent neighbor along Dryden Drive. The committee discussed the types of trees to be installed and agreed that this would be left to the design team to determine. The committee did insist that, whatever tree was chosen, that it should be warrantied. The motion passed on a vote of 7-1 by those present.

PCO-069R1 A motion was made by Mr. Rioux, seconded by Mr. Solan to approve PCO-069R1 for \$20,572.00 to install 390 LF of wire mesh fencing around the retention pond adjacent to the playground area at the request of the planning and zoning official and the owner. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

PCO-072R2 was withdrawn at this time by O&G

PCO-073 A motion was made by Mr. Rioux, seconded by Mr. Daddi to approve PCO-073 for \$3,985.00 to install 2 maximum occupancy signs as well as five push to call signs as requested by the Cheshire fire official in addition to robe hooks. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

PCO-075 A motion was made by Mr. Rioux, seconded by Mr. Solan to approve PCO-075 for \$2,500.00 to be taken from the Construction Contingency Fund for 2 additional fire strobes in both the RAM office 134.1 and De-escalation 137 per Bulletin #031. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

PCO-076 A motion was made by Mr. Rioux, seconded by Mr. Daddi to approve PCO-076 for \$3,885.00 to be taken from the Construction Contingency Fund to install 6 floor thresholds at the gym door locations. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

5. Review and acceptance of mockups for Barnum and Norton plaques

Mr. Solan made a motion to take the question of the plaques from the table, seconded by Mr. Kimball and passed unanimously.

Mr. Solan made a motion to approve the plaque mockup for both Barnum and Norton Schools that include the names of the NGSBC, the Board of Education members, and the Town Council members as previously presented. Seconded by Mr. Kimball. Mr. Kimball noted that some minor editing will be necessary as there may be items such as a spelling mistake on a name. The Chairman noted that minor editing will be done by him, Dr. Solan, and Mr. Kimball and then sent to the architects and builders. The motion passed on a vote of 7 in favor with one abstention.

6. Executive Session

Mr. Rioux made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Kimball:
Upon 2/3 vote, convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending claims and potential pending litigation:

to include the following individuals:

- All members of the Next Generation School Building Committee
- Rich Sitnik- Arcadis
- Ryan Benoit- O&G Construction
- Justin Hopkins and Jeff Wyszynski- Tecton Architects

And passed unanimously

The meeting resumed at 9:04

7. Adjourn

Mr. Solan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Daddi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Attest:

Richard Gusenburg, Chairman Next Generation School Building Committee