

Meeting Minutes

Brockton High School Building Project – School Building Committee Meeting

Date and Time: 1/22/2026, 2:00pm

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

Attendance:

Voting Members	Present	Absent	Notes
Mayor Moises M. Rodrigues	x		Mayor/SBC Chair
Dr. Priya Tahiliani	x		Superintendent of Schools
Tony Rodrigues	x		School Committee Member
William Forte	x		Interim Commissioner of Buildings
Kenneth Thompson	x		Facilities Manager
Troy Clarkson	x		Chief Financial Officer
Lenine Pina	x		Architect
Adelino Vicente	x		Real Estate Broker
Kevin McCaskill	x		Principal of Brockton High School
Non-Voting Members			
Michael Morris	x		Chief Procurement Officer
Kim Gibson	x		Brockton Education Association
Catherine Rickert	x		Director of CTE
Frederick Rodriguez		x	IT Network Administrator
Jeffrey Thompson	x		Brockton City Council Ward 5
James O'Brien, Esq.	x		City Solicitor
Project Team Members			
Kevin Sullivan	x		LeftField - Project Director
Alyssa Chatani	x		LeftField - Senior Project Manager
Brian Dakin	x		LeftField - Senior Project Manager
Adele Sands	x		LeftField - Education Liaison
Francois Exilhomme	x		LeftField - Community Liaison/APM
Brian Solywoda		x	KBA - CEO/Principal-in-Charge
Paul Dominov	x		KBA - Co-Principal-in-Charge
Joe Milani	x		KBA - Project Manager
Craig Olsen	x		KBA - Project Architect
Greg Joynt	x		KBA - Project Architect

Members of the Public: Sharon Wolder (Brockton Deputy Superintendent), Sydné Marrow (Chief of Staff), Matt Stanton (Brockton Resident), Jorge Vega (Brockton Resident), Claudio Gomes (Vice Chair of SC), Christian Riordan, Christine Martello, Erik van Zijl, Erin Rafferty

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rodrigues.

Approve Meeting Minutes

The School Building Committee opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call confirming a quorum. The Committee then reviewed the minutes from the December 18, 2025 SBC meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the December minutes. The minutes were approved by roll call vote, with one abstention noted from a member who was not in attendance at the December meeting.

Communications and Community Engagement Update

Francois Exilhomme (LeftField) provided a community outreach update and shared that the team continues to build awareness and engagement with community partners. Recent efforts included outreach to the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts and coordination with the NAACP, along with attendance at a recent MLK Jr. Breakfast. Upcoming engagement includes participation in the Greater Brockton CAP Career Day and the Massasoit Construction Career Fair.

The team emphasized the importance of proactive communication to prevent misinformation and encouraged committee members to provide leads on community organizations and potential venues to support outreach. The Committee discussed plans to hold larger public community forums and requested members' input on the best format and locations. Mayor Rodrigues also recommended using elementary and middle school parent-teacher conferences as an opportunity to connect with families early and build support for the project, and the team agreed to coordinate with school staff to support that effort.

Schedule Update

Kevin Sullivan (LeftField) provided a schedule update and explained the project is currently in the MSBA Feasibility Study phase. He noted that the team intends to submit the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) to the MSBA next week, pending Committee approval. The PDP submission represents a required milestone documenting existing conditions, educational planning, and early alternative options, and is not a final design decision. The Committee also discussed the planned timeline for continuing analysis and refinement of options through the spring and summer.

Preliminary Design Program Presentation

Craig Olsen (KBA Architects) presented an overview of the draft PDP and summarized the major elements included in the MSBA-required submission. The presentation included a review of educational programming work completed with district leadership, early space planning concepts, and a summary of existing building conditions. The Committee also reviewed the site evaluation process and criteria used to assess potential locations including the current site. Several construction alternatives were presented for comparison, including a base repair option, renovation/addition concepts, and new construction concepts. Preliminary cost ranges and schedule impacts were discussed as early planning-level estimates. Mayor Rodrigues requested that Option 4 (multi-phase project) be removed from consideration due to its high cost and complexity, and the Committee agreed it should not advance beyond what is required for MSBA documentation. Discussion highlighted that Option 2B is currently viewed as the most favorable approach due to its shorter overall timeline and reduced disruption to ongoing school operations, while long-duration renovation scenarios were noted as significantly disruptive to students and staff. The team also noted plans to develop a refined new construction alternative (Option 3D) to allow a comparable renovation option, particularly related to a larger gym, auditorium, and considerations of the pool.

Approve Preliminary Design Program

Following the presentation and discussion, the Committee voted to approve the submission of the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) to the MSBA. A motion was made and seconded. The PDP submission was approved by roll call vote with unanimous support from all voting members and no votes opposed. The Committee requested that the project team proceed with submitting the approved PDP and continue moving the process forward.

Upcoming Meeting & New Business

The next School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2026. The project team confirmed that meeting materials will be distributed to committee members and posted to the project website. The Committee discussed planning for a community forum in the near future and to continue coordinating future presentations and updates with the School Committee and City Council.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 3:02pm. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.