

East Providence School Department
East Providence Building Committee – EPSD Districtwide
September 3, 2026

The East Providence Building Committee met on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Martin Middle School. Members in attendance: Manuel Vinhateiro, Robert Rodericks, Dan Carpenter, Tom Brun, Stephen Amoroso, Jack Rezendes, Jessica Beauchaine, Anthony Ferreira, Superintendent Perry and Mark Piccerelli.

Alfred Villeneuve, John Iemma, Patrick McDonald and Karen Rebello were absent. Anne DaSilva, Matt Abraham, Corinne Andrade and Brian Grady were also present.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vinhateiro announced there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

II. OPM Update – Current Districtwide Improvements

Martin Middle School/Pre-K – Window testing was completed and will be tested again next Wednesday. Asphalt, striping and numbering of parking spaces of the teachers' parking lot has been completed and is open for use. They will be able to park closer to the building. Interior sheetrock is being taped and mudded on the first floor, with approval to start on the 2nd by the building inspector. Pre-K drywall, taping and sanding on the second week of September. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection continues throughout the project. Exterior brick and siding work continues. Playground installation to take place before the fall in the next week or two. Schedule is still holding steady. As it gets into finishes gets close to the end. End of March will be minor tweaks with furniture and office layout at Pre-K. Looking to utilize furniture Principal Rebello received through grants. M/WBE participation is +/- 12% of the total project cost \$1.28M. There is no real change on the budget except the \$500K contingency coming back to the project. April 2027 is anticipated completion date. There are no changes to the decision matrix.

A meeting was held with Mayor DaSilva, Superintendent Perry, Mr. Vinhateiro, Ms. DaSilva, the landscape architect and Mr. Carpenter to discuss potential options to move the basketball courts behind the school on the city-owned soccer field property.

Mr. Vinhateiro stated that the City was requesting a schematic design. The Committee now has the fee. There are two site options. Once they see the schematic, they will talk to the neighbors on the near side and the far side. The City is willing to take on putting the basketball courts in. There will be further negotiations with the City.

The engineering fee structure (Pare) for the scope of work in Traverse's proposal for landscape architectural design services is \$3,500. Traverse's fee structure for the schematic design is \$5,410. These costs fit within the project budget.

There will be some communication with the City Finance Director and the Bond Counsel to see if the \$8,910 can come from the bond. It may not due to schematic being off site. The school department does not own the land, it's owned by the City.

Motion by Mr. Amoroso, seconded by Mr. Ferreira and carried unanimously to approve \$5,410 plus \$3,500 of Traverse Landscape Architects' proposal for schematic design dated August 27, 2026 as submitted.

Waddington – A new gym, kitchen, hallway and north entrance stair flooring was completed. Mr. Carpenter stated that the window treatments came in on time. All new window treatments were installed in the remainder of the school by Blind King. The 11-month walkthrough took place on August 17th. There is a punch list of a few remaining open items.

M/WBE participation to date is at +/-13.3% of the total project cost.

Mr. Ferreira requested a copy of the warranty list. He stated that there are issues in the bathrooms with molding. Mr. Abraham confirmed that the flush valve has been corrected.

There are no changes with the final reconciliation of costs. Ms. DaSilva stated that they are working through the last reconciliation from Shawmut. They are wrapping up commissioning. She has confirmation of no additional invoices coming in for Waddington.

III. Acceptance of OPM Report

Motion by Mr. Rezendes, seconded by Mr. Rodericks and carried unanimously to accept the OPM update as submitted.

IV. Approval of Design Proposal for Conceptual Plan of Basketball Court at City Field

This item was approved during the OPM report.

V. Approval of Stage III Invoices – August 2026

Ai3 Basic Services MMS - \$59,078.54
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Peregrine Group – MMS - \$50,600.00
Peregrine Group – Wadd - \$21,780.00
Shawmut – MMS - \$2,517,009.86
Shawmut – Wadd - \$99,277.52
Willscot - MMS – \$2,900.46
PODS - MMS - \$233.20
Blind King – Wadd - \$46,720.00
Stephen Turner, Inc. – MMS - \$2,835.00
Stephen Turner, Inc. – Wadd - \$525.00
Stephen Turner, Inc. – MMS - \$5,613.22
Stephen Turner, Inc. – Wadd - \$1,476.50
Total \$2,822,312.27

Motion by Mr. Amoroso, seconded by Mr. Ferreira and carried unanimously to approve the August 2026 invoices in the amount of \$2,822,312.27 as read by Mr. Piccerelli and submitted.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Brun, seconded by Mr. Rezendes and carried unanimously to approve the August 10, 2026 minutes as submitted.

VII. Updated Building Committee Membership

School Committee Chair Luiz stated that Laurie Marchand, Karen Moore and Alexandra Gonzalez have been removed from the Building Committee. Dr. Sandra Forand resigned from the Committee. Superintendent Robert Perry, Mark Piccerelli and Jill Usenia are additional members to the Committee.

Superintendent Perry took a moment to recognize two people whose contribution has meant a great deal to the Building Committee: Dr. Forand and Ms. Marchand.

Dr. Forand was involved in both of the major building projects — the new high school and the middle school. Her steady presence and dedication across both efforts were invaluable.

Ms. Marchand was recognized for her outstanding attention to education and detail she brought to the middle school project.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 5:30pm at Martin. There will be a walkthrough at 5pm for those interested.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Brun, seconded by Mr. Rodericks and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Corsi
Executive Assistant

Manuel Vinhateiro
Building Committee Chair