

Minutes: Buildings and Facilities Committee

(former Civic Center Committee)

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026

Alumni Hall, Third Floor Conference Room

Attendees: Charlie Atwood; Rick Dente; Art Dessureau; Paula Dolan; Brent Gagne; Matt Flaherty; Brent Gagne; Jon Valsangiacomo; Burnie Allen; Sue Higby

Others in Attendance: Tom Baker; Jeff Bergeron; Jim McWilliams

Minutes for the Jan. 14, 2026 meeting prepared by Sue Higby.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlie Atwood at 8:01 AM.

1. Minutes for the December 10, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rick Dente, seconded by Art Dessureau, and affirmed by the Committee.
2. Visitors and Communications - None
3. AUD Upgrade Project
 - Tom Baker discussed the upgrade project; he still hopes for approval of a Design/Build approach and the desired schedule remains April to early November. USDA requested the contractor packet from ReArch. Funds from the “Improvement Fund” are considered as saved for some of the necessary locker room upgrades. The MERP funding provides some upfront dollars. In contrast, USDA requires work completion/invoices before releasing any Congressional funds. It appears that Barre continues to wait for further information from USDA.
4. Long-term facilities health
 - Tom Baker provided a discussion hand-out for Committee members, which summarized in a general manner the key areas for improving the building health of: AUD; BOR; Alumni Hall; City Hall; PSB. No budget/schedule information accompanied the list.
 - Somewhat immediate issues include: (1) Obtaining a price for an auto-lock key pad system for one door at the BOR; (2) There has a partial collapse of the sewer line that services the AUD (roots).; and (3) the granite steps (front of AUD) need to be reset and caulked.

5. Civic Center Projects

- The committee discussed the need to improve signage at the BOR and research options for sign production. Matt Flaherty will work on an RFP for the sign.

6. Marketing Report – Jim McWilliams

- Discussion with Committee; no written report was submitted by McWilliam.

7. Staff Report – Tom Baker

- Discussion with Committee; no written report was submitted by Baker.

8. Adjourn – Higby departed early and is unaware of the meeting adjournment time.