



State Capitol and Executive Residence Board

March 27, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the State Capitol and Executive Residence was called to order by the Legislative Chairperson, Representative Lisa Subeck, at 1:10pm. The meeting was held at the State Capitol.

2. Introduction of New Members

Before taking the roll, Representative Subeck introduced several new members to the Board, including Senator Cory Tomczyk, Senator Jodi Habush Sinykin and Mr. Shawn Kelly, who is the new designated Landscape Architect. The Board also expressed great appreciation for several members who are no longer serving on SCERB and acknowledged the important contributions they made – Senator André Jacque, Senator Kelda Roys, Representative Amy Binsfeld, and Ms. Marcel Maul.

3. Roll Call

SCERB Recording Secretary, Jillian Vessely, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Senator Habush Sinykin, Senator Tomczyk, Senator Wanggaard, Representative Duchow, Representative Subeck, Ms. Destree, Mr. Kay, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Overland, Senator Ringhand (retired), Mr. Siggelkow, Mr. List and Ms. Wolf.

Members Absent: Mr. Asad, Ms. Sager

Guests Present: Darrin Smith, DOA-DFTS; Matt Siller, DOA-DFTS; Sanjay Olson, DOA-DFTS; Justin Duggan, DOA-DFTS; Mike Bath, DOA-DFTS; Jeanine Schneider, Office of Representative Subeck; Amanda Kind, Office of Senator Habush Sinykin; Joseph Hoey, DVA; Lt. Michael Price, Capitol Police.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (December 10, 2024)

Motion #1: Senator Ringhand moved to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024 board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Overland.



Motion #1 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. Subcommittee Reports & Sign Up

Due to new membership on the board, a Subcommittee sign-up was distributed.

Furniture, Finishes & Art Subcommittee:

Desk Donation - A private citizen is interested in donating a solid oak desk that has been identified as original to the Capitol as a Post Type C or D desk. The top has been refinished but appears to be in good condition. Carley, Wood Associates built desks of the same design during the Capitol Restoration and has the capability to restore this desk if accepted. Per the SCERB Art and Furniture Policy, should the Board determine that the desk is historically significant and move to accept the donation, it will be refinished and remain in storage until a permanent location is identified, ideally part of a full set. The individual will be relocating and would like to provide this donation before doing so; therefore, this is a time sensitive item to review. The Furniture, Finishes & Art Subcommittee met on March 17 to review this item, and it is their recommendation to accept this donation.

Motion #2: Senator Wanggaard moved to accept this desk donation as recommended by the Subcommittee. Seconded by Mr. Overland.

Motion #2 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Election - Due to Ms. Maul's retirement, the Chair remains vacant for the Furniture, Finishes & Art Subcommittee. Representative Subeck opened the floor for nominations.

Motion #3: Ms. Destree moved to nominate herself for the Furniture, Finishes & Art Subcommittee Chair. Seconded by Mr. Kay. No objections were noted, and no other nominations were made. Mr. Kay moved to approve her nomination by unanimous consent. Seconded by Senator Ringhand.

Motion #3 was approved by unanimous voice vote to confirm Ms. Destree as the Furniture, Finishes & Art Subcommittee Chair.

Garden Master Plan & Capitol Park Subcommittee:



Chair Election - The Subcommittee Chair position was previously held by Mr. John Fernholz. Due to his retirement and therefore resignation from the board in June 2023, the Chair position has remained vacant.

Motion #4: Mr. Kay moved to nominate Mr. Siggelkow for the Garden Master Plan & Capitol Park Subcommittee Chair. Seconded by Representative Duchow. No objections were noted, and no other nominations were made. Representative Duchow moved to approve his nomination by unanimous consent. Seconded by Mr. Overland.

Motion #4 was approved by unanimous voice vote to confirm Mr. Siggelkow as the Garden Master Plan & Capitol Park Subcommittee Chair.

6. State Capitol Updates | Mr. Darrin Smith

- 10-Year Plan – Provided in the packet distributed to the board is the Department of Administration Division of Facilities & Transportation Services’ 10-Year project plan that lays out their preservation and investment plans per biennium.
- Drapery, Roller Shades, and Window Film – This project was substantially completed in February.
- North and West Wing Carpet Replacement – This project is expected to go out for bid and begin construction this summer, with estimated completion slated for early 2026.
- Exterior Masonry Cleaning and Bird Netting Replacement – A budget surplus has allowed for an addition of the ceiling areas above the four porticos to be added to the initial project phase this spring. The ceiling and pediments of the four wing ends will be addressed in future projects.
- Skylight Replacements – This project is expected to bid sometime this year and commence in Spring 2026.
- Lighting Controller Replacements – DOA Controls is finishing their portion of the work with expected completion by 2026.
- Balustrade Cherry Grit and Storm Sewer Piping Replacement – This project is in design and will be split into two phases addressing two quadrants at a time. Expected completion is slated for Fall 2027 or 2028.



- Communications Cabling Upgrades – The project will go out for bid this summer with construction to begin in the fall. It is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2028.
- Exterior Masonry Repairs, Phases 3-6 – Phase 3 is complete, Phase 4 began this month, Phase 5 has been requested in the 2025-27 Biennial Budget, and funding for Phase 6 will be requested over the next two biennium.
- Capitol Architectural and Park Lighting Upgrades – This project is expected to be completed this spring.
- Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Upgrades – The Air Handling Unit cooling coil replacements are expected to be completed by this summer. The electrical main breaker project was approved by the State Building Commission in February 2025.
- Elevator Modernization – This project has been requested in the 2025-27 Capital Budget. Representative Duchow inquired about the estimated cost for this project and Mr. Smith noted \$9.3 million (actual is \$9.8 million) and confirmed the budget includes all mechanical replacements as well as the finishes to replicate the same look of the elevators but in a more durable way. Representative Duchow also asked how long it would take to complete this project and Mr. Smith estimated it will take about two years to complete the project because only one elevator per wing can only be taken offline at a time.

7. Executive Residence Updates | Mr. Matthew Siller

- Guard House – Changes to the design of the Guard House have been made to reflect fluted square columns and the removal of the public facing spandrel glass. The project is expected to go out for bid in April, with construction starting in the fall, and completion expected by the end of the year.
- East Fence and Gates – The project is expected to go out for bid in April, with construction starting in the fall, and completion expected by the end of the year. Installation will mandate landscape modifications and restoration next spring. The Village of Maple Bluff has been advised of both projects.
- Roof Replacement – Due to hail damage as a result of severe storms last summer, a comprehensive roof replacement will take place this fall (the fourth roof replacement for the Residence). The shingles will be replaced



with a color and style to match existing. Additionally, four gravity vents will be added along the roof to assist with attic air circulation and prolong the life span of the shingles. Representative Subeck asked if insurance will cover this replacement, similar to a normal homeowner's roof and Mr. Siller confirmed that an insurance claim will fund this replacement.

8. State Capitol Items for Consideration

Two Lights for Tomorrow - The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Wisconsin Veterans Museum and Wisconsin's America250 Commission, has requested the internal illumination of the Capitol's lantern on the evening of April 18, 2025, as part of the Two Lights for Tomorrow initiative. As presented by Mr. Hoey, Two Lights for Tomorrow is a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America. The famous ride of Paul Revere occurred on the overnight of April 18 – 19, 1775. Two Lights for Tomorrow commemorates that famous ride and uses the imagery of that shining light today as a uniting call to action for our citizens to celebrate and serve. On April 18, 2025, the program is calling for two lights to be displayed in every statehouse in the nation.

Mr. Hoey pointed out that this is one of several celebrations planned throughout 2025 and 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary moments of the nation's history and that this idea originated from Kevin Hampton who previously worked as Curator for the Veterans Museum. On Monday, April 14, there will be a larger celebration with speakers and the lighting of two lanterns at the Capitol to kick off the week as a whole. Representative Subeck confirmed that the Assembly met on March 20 to vote on Joint Resolution 17 relating to proclaiming the week of April 14, 2025, as Two Lights for Tomorrow Week in the state of Wisconsin, and it passed.

Several board members inquired about the promotion of this initiative and whether schools, businesses, etc. are encouraged to participate. Mr. Hoey noted that various Public Relations efforts are being coordinated through the Veterans Museum, Department of Veterans Affairs and Wisconsin Historical Society communications departments. They also plan to promote via social media. Senator Tomczyk encouraged that all information distributed also be sent to the Legislature so they too can share and promote the initiative and various celebrations with their constituents.



Motion #5: Senator Tomczyk moved to approve the Two Lights for Tomorrow initiative as proposed. Seconded by Senator Wanggaard.

Motion #5 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Executive Residence Items for Consideration

Emergency Lighting Fixtures – As a result of the last board meeting’s request to explore other design solutions, this item is being brought back for final consideration. The revised design presented intends to install new emergency lighting fixtures in locations that already exist. Eleven existing light fixtures on the North, South and West sides of the property will be replaced with new, similar looking fixtures that have the capacity to switch between low power (capacity of normal event lighting) and high power (conducive to desired emergency lighting and controlled solely by Capitol Police). Three additional fixtures that are of a square, screened and inobtrusive size will be added to locations on the front (East side) of the building where lighting does not currently exist. The new fixtures will have extended footcandle illumination levels (estimated at 2-4) when switched to high power in emergency situations. All new fixtures will be custom colored to match the exterior and to be as inconspicuous as possible. Ms. Destree asked if the square fixtures would have uplighting and downlighting. Mr. List responded that the fixture will only have downlighting, unfortunately an image representing only downlighting does not exist. Ms. Destree also inquired about the location of the square fixtures on the East wall. After review, Mr. List shared that they will also all be placed at the same height as the existing fixtures and mounted just under the soffit.

Motion #6: Senator Tomczyk moved to approve the revised emergency lighting design as proposed. Seconded by Representative Duchow.

Motion #6 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

10. Other Business

No other business was taken up.

11. Adjournment

Senator Tomczyk moved to adjourn at 1:56pm. Seconded by Representative Subeck.