

# SUMMARY *of* PROCEEDINGS



## CAPITOL BUILDING RESTORATION OVERSIGHT GROUP

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### **COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION**

December 11, 2019 | 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Historic Supreme Court Room, 202  
200 West 24th Street  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Tony Ross, Chairman  
Governor Gordon  
Senator Eli Bebout  
Senator Dan Dockstader (by telephone)  
Senator Drew Perkins (by telephone)  
Representative Eric Barlow (by telephone)  
Representative Cathy Connolly (by telephone)  
Representative Steve Harshman (by telephone)  
Representative Bob Nicholas  
State Treasurer Meier  
Mr. Phil Nicholas

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Senator Chris Rothfuss

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE STAFF**

Wendy Madsen, Special Projects Manager  
Matt Obrecht, Director  
Riana Davidson, Visitor Services Manager

### **OTHERS PRESENT AT MEETING**

Please refer to Appendix 1-02 to review the Committee Sign-in Sheet for a list of other individuals who attended the meeting.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Oversight Group met on December 11, 2019 for the last official meeting of the body in the Historic Supreme Court Room and Territorial House Chamber in the restored Capitol. The members approved a budget for digital wayfinding, a room management system, and AV in the auditorium, student learning center, and visitor center. The Oversight Group also approved a legislative composite placement plan, and recommended a budget be developed to support the conservation work for restoring the statues of Esther Hobart Morris, Chief Washakie, and the Liberty Bell.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. The Oversight Group's Meeting Agenda summarizes the Committee's proceedings by topic ([Appendix 1-01](#)).

## **OVERALL PROJECT ITEMS**

### ***Furniture update***

Mr. David Hart, MOCA Systems, reported the custom legacy desks for the Governor and elected officials and the custom pieces for the Joint Appropriation Committee room have arrived, along with the custom torchiere floor lamps for the Historic Supreme Court and the chamber lamps ([Appendix 2-01](#)).

### ***Room management system***

Mr. Hart discussed room management systems and digital wayfinding options for the Capitol Square. Mr. Jamie Schaub, Legislative Service Office, presented the research conducted on the different room management systems and reported the results of software demonstrations attended by legislative and executive branch staff ([Appendix 2-01](#)). He explained the functionality of the different room management systems and digital wayfinding options. Chairman Ross inquired if there was funding in the budget for a room management system. In response, Mr. Hart stated there was some funding available. The Committee discussed mounting and display options for the digital tablets and locations for the tablets. Senator Bebout moved the Oversight Group allocate a budget not to exceed \$70,000 for room management and digital wayfinding and the legislative branch and executive branch staff work together on the most appropriate solution. The motion was seconded and carried.

### ***Window shades***

Mr. Hart discussed the need to change out some of the blinds to one percent transparency on the south side of the Capitol due to sun glare. He also explained Oversight Group should consider custom drapery consistent with the timeframe of the building but noted custom drapery can be expensive. Members expressed support for switching to one-percent shades on the south side of the building ([Appendix 2-01](#)).

## **CONSOLIDATED CAPITOL PLAN**

### ***Legislative composites***

Ms. Wendy Madsen, Legislative Service Office, walked the Oversight Group through the legislative composite placement plan recommended by the Subcommittee, which included placing composites based on the era of the building. The territorial legislative composites are recommended to be placed in the 1888 Territorial Council Chamber along with fine art, while the early statehood legislative composites are recommended to be placed in the 1890 second-floor chamber lobbies. The composites from the early and mid-1900s are recommended to be located in the 1917 third-floor galleries, with the remaining and more recent composites in the Capitol Extension corridors adjacent to the auditorium and student learning center, on the respective Senate and House sides ([Appendix 2-01](#)). The current composite would also be located outside of each respective chamber. She noted that the interpretive plan will also include a digital

kiosk to find members of the Legislature and where the various composites are located. The members discussed grouping the composites by eras. Speaker Harshman moved the Oversight Group approve the legislative composite placement plan. The motion was seconded and carried.

### ***Statuary restoration***

Mr. Mark Brammer, State Museum and Cultural Resources, reported it would cost approximately \$36,000 to restore the statues of Chief Washakie, Esther Hobart Morris, and the Liberty Bell. Representative Nicholas moved the Oversight Group recommend the State Building Commission develop a budget for the Legislature's consideration to fund conservation work and appropriate bases for restoring the Esther Hobart Morris, Chief Washakie and the Liberty Bell statuary. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Phil Nicholas explained the Subcommittee's recommendation that the Oversight Group consider recommending the master plan be updated to include a location for two new statues on the south side of 24<sup>th</sup> Street: one newly commissioned statue of Esther Hobart Morris and the other statue to be determined. He further recommended the Legislature consider replicas of the commissioned Esther Hobart Morris pieces at each of the community colleges and consider a new location for the Golling statue. The motion was seconded. The motion failed. Governor Gordon requested this item be added to the State Building Commission's next meeting agenda.

## **AUDITORIUM, STUDENT LEARNING CENTER, AND VISITOR CENTER UPDATE**

### ***Approval of AV package***

Chairman Ross reported the Subcommittee moved to recommend the Oversight Group approve a \$600,000 allowance for AV in the auditorium, student learning center, and visitor center. Treasurer Meier made the motion. The motion was seconded and carried.

### ***Finishes***

Mr. Hart reported the construction of the auditorium, student learning center, and visitor center is to be completed by January 31, 2020 and AV installation will begin after that ([Appendix 2-01](#)). Mr. Hart also reminded the members about the conceptual interpretative design that was completed at the request of the Oversight Group in 2015 by Design Minds. Mr. Matt Obrecht, Legislative Service Office, stated there is currently \$4 million in the Management Council legislative budget bill draft for the interpretative plan. That appropriation may ultimately be included in another bill for introduction in the 2020 Budget Session.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

No public comment was provided.

Chairman Ross thanked members and staff for their hard work on the Capitol Square Project, since this was the last official Capitol Building Restoration Oversight Group meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Ross adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Tony Ross, Chairman

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