

**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
**DETENTION CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**



**TUESDAY MAY 20, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

# Richland County Council 2024-2025



Derrek Pugh  
District 2  
Vice Chair



Jason Branham  
District 1



Gretchen D. Barron  
District 7



Tyra Little  
District 3



Paul Livingston  
District 4



Allison Terracio  
District 5



Don Weaver  
District 6



Tish Dozier Alleyne  
District 8



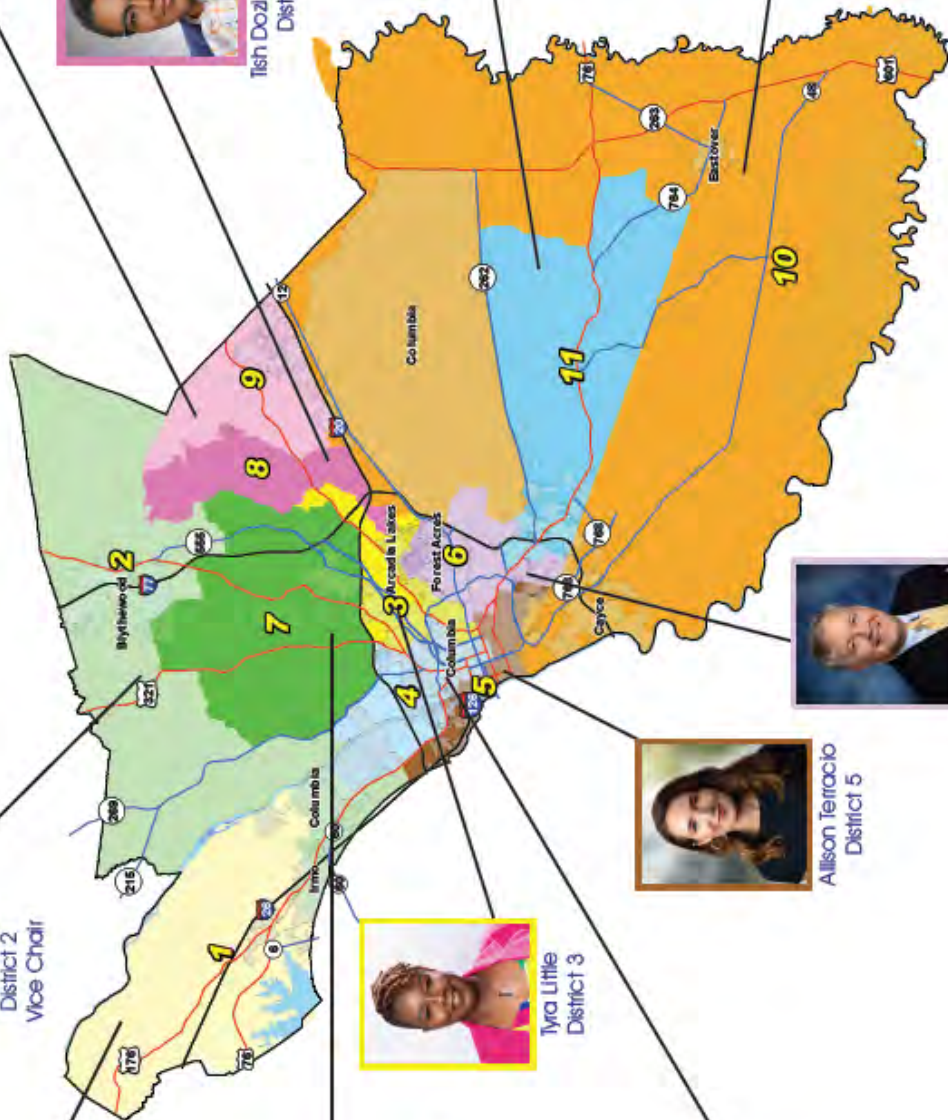
Chakisse Newton  
District 11



Cheryl D. English  
District 10



Jessica Mackley  
District 9  
Chair





**Richland County  
Detention Center Ad Hoc Committee**

**AGENDA**

May 20, 2025 - 3:00 PM  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

The Honorable Derrek Pugh	The Honorable Tyra K. Little	The Honorable Don Weaver	The Honorable Tish Dozier Alleyne	The Honorable Cheryl English, Chair
County Council District 2	County Council District 3	County Council District 6	County Council District 8	County Council District 10

1. **Call to Order** The Honorable Cheryl English
  - a. Roll Call
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Honorable Cheryl English
  - a. March 18, 2025 **[PAGES 5-7]**
3. **Adoption of Agenda** The Honorable Cheryl English
4. **Items for Discussion/Action** The Honorable Cheryl English
  - a. Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center– Status Updates
    1. Personnel Updates [EXECUTIVE SESSION]  
[Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1) and (a)(2)]
    2. Columbia Area Mental Health [EXECUTIVE SESSION] [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1) and (a)(2)]
    3. Infrastructure Updates **[PAGES 8-10]**
5. **Next Steps** The Honorable Cheryl English
6. **Adjournment** The Honorable Cheryl English



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Richland County Council  
Detention Center Ad Hoc Committee Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
March 18, 2025 – 4:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Derrek Pugh, Tyra Little, Don Weaver, Tish Dozier Alleyne, and Cheryl English

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Allison Terracio, Councilwoman Chakisse Newton, Councilman Jason Branham, Councilwoman Gretchen Barron, Anette Kirylo, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Jackie Hancock, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Kenny Bowen, John Thompson, Aric Jensen, Stacey Hamm, Patrick Wright, Lori Thomas, Maddison Wilkerson, Jennifer Wladischkin, Tamar Black, and Venyke Harley

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Councilman Derrek Pugh called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** – Ms. Little moved to nominate Ms. English as Chair of the committee, seconded by Ms. Alleyne.

Mr. Weaver moved to nominate Mr. Pugh for the position of Chair, seconded by Ms. Alleyne.

Mr. Pugh kindly declined the nomination.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Weaver, Alleyne, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. **November 22, 2025** – Mr. Weaver moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Alleyne.  
In Favor: Pugh, Little, Weaver, Alleyne, and English  
The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Weaver moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Little.  
In Favor: Pugh, Little, Weaver, Alleyne, and English  
The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- a. **Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center– Status Updates**
  1. *Personnel Updates [EXECUTIVE SESSION] [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(1)]* – Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, noted the County is continuing with digital, social media, radio, and print advertisements for positions. We are still offering sign-on and retention bonuses. He indicated we are not at the staffing level we want to be, but we are actively seeking individuals to work at the facility. He mentioned that overall employee safety is a priority for the County and aligns with the plan we submitted to the Department of Corrections, the information we provided to the Department of Justice, and the steps we said we would take to address staffing.

Mr. Weaver mentioned he met with a concerned citizen, and she pointed out that the Richland County website lists the starting salary at \$20/hour. In comparison, the Lexington County website lists an annual salary. The concerned citizen noted that the salary seemed more generous in Lexington County and suggested listing the yearly salary on our website.

Mr. Brown stated billboards and external advertisements provide the annual salary. From a Human Resources standpoint, there is a reason why you list the lowest denomination of what a person earns. You do not want to create a contractual obligation. Employees have argued they were not informed they had to work so many hours to earn the annual salary. He said he would see if our system would allow us to show the hourly and yearly salary.

Ms. Barron requested to go into Executive Session to discuss specific questions related to staff members.

Mr. Weaver moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Little.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Weaver, Alleyne, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 4:12 PM  
and came out at approximately 4:43 PM***

Ms. Alleyne moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Weaver, Alleyne, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. English indicated that the Committee entered into an Executive Session to receive legal advice. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

2. *Infrastructure Updates* – Mr. Brown mentioned at the Strategic Planning Forum that Council members were provided with a list of projects at the Detention Center. He provided an update on where those projects are now compared to January 2025.

- Hotel Housing Unit: January – 60%; March – 96%; housing unit is expected to come online in the next couple of weeks
- Juliet Housing Unit: January – 1%; March – 40%
- Lima Housing Unit: January – 1%; March – 43%
- Kilo Housing Unit: January – 1%; March – 37%
- Uniform Housing Unit: January – 1% March – 45%
- Attorney/Client Visitation: January – 70%; complete by May 2025

He indicated the wall colors have been updated to a lighter color, which is intended to assist with mental health.

The area known as Phase I has many open-bay dorms. The other units have single cells in the space or single cells behind a glass partition. He expressed they are working on addressing the open-bay concept because having that much movement available is not conducive to the type of environment where there is an officer with a reasonable number of detainees out and about.

In addition, plumbing issues (e.g., rusted piping) must be addressed. In many instances, the plumbing is old; therefore, the water management system has had to be replaced.

3. *Security Updates* – Mr. Brown pointed out that approximately 90% of the locks have been replaced. The remaining locks to be replaced are in units that need to be renovated. To do so, we must move the individuals housed in these units to other accommodations to renovate and install the new locks.
4. *Other Updates* – Mr. Brown acknowledged the County is supposed to send a request to allow Council members to tour the facility. A formal request is forthcoming.

In the past, discussions have been held about various detainee needs that the facility was not designed to address. We have discussed adding on another unit or constructing a facility.

Mr. Brown affirmed we are still walking down the plan provided to the Department of Corrections.

Mr. Weaver stated he recalled the Department of Justice (DOJ) wanting the County to hire a mental health counselor. If that is the case, has the County addressed the recommendation?

Mr. Brown replied that one of the DOJ's recommendations was to deal with classification, which we have addressed. From a mental health perspective, the County has a third-party contracted provider that provides medical and mental health services. He noted the facility itself is not a mental health facility. There are certain requests regarding mental health that the Detention Center was not structurally built to address.

Mr. Weaver inquired if we have someone available to accommodate mental health screenings.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Alleyne.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Weaver, Alleyne, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:59 PM.



**Project Update**

<b>Prepared by:</b>	Eric Williams	<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Department:</b>	Operational Services	<b>Division:</b>	
<b>Date Prepared:</b>	May 14, 2025	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 20, 2025
<b>Approved for Consideration:</b>	County Administrator	Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM	
<b>Committee/Meeting:</b>	Detention Center Ad Hoc		
<b>Council Initiative/Project:</b>	Alvin S. Glen Detention Center Facilities Projects		

<b>PROJECT</b>	VISITATION AREA (ATTORNEY/CLIENT)
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	95%
<b>STATUS</b>	All construction is complete and interior finishes completed. Awaiting delivery and installation of backordered communication call boxes.
<b>ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE</b>	June 15, 2025
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$4,204,000.00
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	JM Cope
<b>SCOPE</b>	The project turns half of the Tango Facility into an Attorney Visitation area with 7 indirect contact units and 3 direct contact units. The Attorneys will access the area via covered walkway from the main lobby, just past security. The project also has a security hallway to the area to allow for detainee movement. This project was fully designed and specified by an architectural design team and was solicited through a public bid process.

<b>PROJECT</b>	FACILITY WIDE SECURITY SYSTEM
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	20%
<b>STATUS</b>	Design phase completed. Construction drawings have been submitted and approved. Awaiting selection of contractor and permitting.
<b>ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE</b>	July 2026
<b>BUDGET</b>	estimated \$6,500,000.00
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	Moseley (design); Construction (TBD)
<b>SCOPE</b>	Design and install a new camera and security control system throughout the facility.

<b>PROJECT</b>	PHASE 5 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	95%
<b>STATUS</b>	Replacement of fire alarm panel and 90% of devices installed.
<b>ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE</b>	June 1, 2025
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$396,686.37
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	Honeywell Inc.
<b>SCOPE</b>	Remove and replace Fire Alarm system for all Phase 5 housing units.



<b>PROJECT</b>	HOTEL HOUSING UNIT
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	100%
<b>STATUS</b>	Completed and turned over to Detention Center for occupation.
<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>	April 20, 2025
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$1,190,122.00
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	CNC Construction
<b>SCOPE</b>	Complete interior renovation of housing unit

<b>PROJECT</b>	JULIET HOUSING UNIT
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	90%
<b>STATUS</b>	Interior finishes and MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) devices/fixtures being installed.
<b>ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE</b>	May 30, 2025
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$1,309,360.00
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	CNC Construction
<b>SCOPE</b>	Complete interior renovation of housing unit.

<b>PROJECT</b>	LIMA HOUSING UNIT
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	65%
<b>STATUS</b>	Construction is in progress. Guardhouse construction completed. Interior finishes and MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) devices/fixture being installed.
<b>ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE</b>	June 30, 2025
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$691,617.00
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	Carbra Construction
<b>SCOPE</b>	Complete interior renovation of housing unit.

<b>PROJECT</b>	KILO HOUSING UNIT
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	53%
<b>STATUS</b>	Construction is in progress. Guardhouse construction in progress. Interior finishes and MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) devices/fixture being installed.
<b>ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE</b>	June 30, 2025
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$691,617.00
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	Carbra Construction
<b>SCOPE</b>	Complete interior renovation of housing unit.

<b>PROJECT</b>	UNIFORM HOUSING UNIT
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	59%
<b>STATUS</b>	Construction is in progress. Guardhouse construction completed. Interior finishes and MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) devices/fixture being installed
<b>ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE</b>	May 30, 2025
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$691,617.00
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	Carbra Construction
<b>SCOPE</b>	Complete interior renovation of housing unit.

PROJECT	MIKE HOUSING UNIT		
PERCENT COMPLETE	0%		
STATUS	Proposals received from contractors on May 5, 2025. Proposals being evaluated for scope of work and contractor qualifications.		
ESTIMATED START DATE	July 1, 2025	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	October 1, 2025
BUDGET	\$1,400,000.000		
CONTRACTOR	TBD		
SCOPE	Complete interior renovation of housing unit.		

<b>PROJECT</b>	NEW HOUSING UNIT BUILDING- 3 STORIES – 288 BEDS- 6, 48 BED HOUSING UNITS		
<b>PERCENT COMPLETE</b>	2%		
<b>STATUS</b>	Cost Proposal received from Mosely Architects. Pre-construction meetings to discuss scope completed. Richland County staff to conduct site visits to neighboring Detention facilities in June to help with Scope Development. Full scope and design criteria development to be completed in July, 2025.		
<b>ESTIMATED START DATE</b>	July 1, 2025 (design)	<b>ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE</b>	July 1, 2028 (design & construction)
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$40,233,119.06		
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	TBD		
<b>SCOPE</b>	Construction of 3 story, 288 bed, 6 Housing Unit Building.		