



Richland County Council
Detention Center Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
MINUTES
May 20, 2025 – 3:00 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: Chairwoman Jesica Mackey, Councilwoman Allison Terracio, Councilwoman Chakisse Newton, Councilwoman Gretchen Barron, Anette Kirylo, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Jackie Hancock, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Kenny Bowen, Aric Jensen, Ashiya Myers, Stacey Hamm, Patrick Wright, Lori Thomas, Jennifer Wladischkin, Tamar Black, and Sarah Harris

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Cheryl English called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **March 18, 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.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Alleyne moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**
 - a. **Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center– Status Updates**
 1. *Infrastructure Updates* –
 - Visitation Area (Attorney/Client): 95% Complete; All construction and interior finishes are complete. Awaiting delivery and installation of backordered communication call boxes. The project turns half of the Tango Facility into an Attorney Visitation area with 7 indirect and 3 direct contact units. The attorneys will access the area via a covered walkway from the main lobby just past security. The project has a security hallway to allow for detainee movement. This project was entirely designed and specified by an architectural design team and was solicited through a public bid process. Completion Date: June 15, 2025.

Mr. Weaver inquired if the attorneys are utilizing the attorney/client visitation area.

The County Administrator stated that it would not be utilized until the communication call boxes are installed and all work has been completed.
 - Facility-Wide Security System: 20% Complete; Design phase completed. Construction drawings have been submitted and approved. Awaiting selection of contractor and

permitting. The project's scope is to design and install a new camera and security control system throughout the facility. Completion Date: July 2026.

- Phase 5 Fire Alarm System Replacement: 95% Complete; Replacement of fire alarm panel and 90% of devices installed. The project's scope is to remove and replace the Fire Alarm system for all Phase 5 housing units. Completion Date: June 1, 2025.
- Hotel Housing Unit: 100% Complete; Completed and turned over to Detention Center for occupation. Completed: April 20, 2025.
- Juliet Housing Unit: 90% Complete; Interior finishes and MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) devices/fixtures are being installed. Estimated Completion Date: May 30, 2025.
- Lima Housing Unit: 65% Complete; Construction is in progress. Guardhouse construction completed. Interior finishes and MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) devices/fixtures are being installed. Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2025.
- Kilo Housing Unit: 53% Complete; Construction is in progress. Guardhouse construction is in progress. Interior finishes and MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) devices/fixtures are being installed. Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2025.
- Uniform Housing Unit: 59% Complete; Construction is in progress. Guardhouse construction is complete. Interior finishes and MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) devices/fixtures are being installed. Estimated Completion Date: May 30, 2025.
- Mike Housing Unit: 0% Complete; Proposals received from contractors on May 5, 2025. Proposals are being evaluated for the scope of work and contractor qualifications. Estimated Start Date: July 1, 2025. Estimated Completion Date: October 1, 2025.
- New Housing Unit Building – 3 Stories; 288 Beds; Six 48-Bed Housing Units: 2% Complete; Cost Proposal received from Mosely Architects. Pre-construction meetings to discuss the scope have been completed. In June, Richland County staff will conduct site visits to neighboring detention facilities to help with Scope Development. Full scope and design criteria development to be completed in July 2025. Estimated Start Date: July 1, 2025 (Design). Estimated Completion Date: July 1, 2028 (Design & Construction)

Mr. Brown noted that when the Detention Center is at capacity, the County still must house any additional detainees brought into the facility. He pointed out that the new housing unit will not be an open-bed unit but configured similarly to the Mike Housing Unit.

Ms. Alleyne inquired if the housing unit renovations address the Department of Justice recommendations.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Weaver asked how many years the expansion at the Detention Center would be expected to get the County through.

Mr. Brown indicated he believes the expansion would sustain the County for approximately five (5) years. He pointed out that there are individuals in the facility who need to be gone. Once the detainee has been sentenced or court-ordered to go to a mental health facility, the Detention Center should not be required to continue to house them.

The County Attorney, Patrick Wright, noted the Department of Justice had no findings regarding the physical facility.

2. *Personnel Updates [EXECUTIVE SESSION] [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1) and (a)(2)]*

3. *Columbia Area Mental Health [EXECUTIVE SESSION] [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]* – Mr. Brown noted last year Council approved an agreement for the County to enter into a contract with the Department of Mental Health through Columbia Mental Health to provide an in-person, on-site representative to work inside the Detention Center as a part of the mental health process. The County signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The Department of Mental Health went back and put it in contract language. The contract is for not more than two years and is for \$169,000, which takes it out of his threshold of \$100,000.

Ms. Alleyne 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 3:23 PM
and came out at approximately 3:52 PM***

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

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.

5. **NEXT STEPS:** Ms. English and Mr. Brown indicated their desire to implement programmatic changes that will improve the detainees' environment.
6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Alleyne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:59 PM.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION**

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**Project Update**

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

PROJECT	VISITATION AREA (ATTORNEY/CLIENT)
PERCENT COMPLETE	95%
STATUS	All construction is complete and interior finishes completed. Awaiting delivery and installation of backordered communication call boxes.
ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	June 15, 2025
BUDGET	\$4,204,000.00
CONTRACTOR	JM Cope
SCOPE	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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROJECT	NEW HOUSING UNIT BUILDING- 3 STORIES – 288 BEDS- 6, 48 BED HOUSING UNITS		
PERCENT COMPLETE	2%		
STATUS	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.		
ESTIMATED START DATE	July 1, 2025 (design)	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	July 1, 2028 (design & construction)
BUDGET	\$40,233,119.06		
CONTRACTOR	TBD		
SCOPE	Construction of 3 story, 288 bed, 6 Housing Unit Building.		