

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

**Originating from Secretary Johnny Key's Conference Room
August 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

Commissioner Members

Johnny Key, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Education
Larry Walther, Secretary Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration– *via teleconference*
Mark Conine, President, Arkansas Development Finance Authority

ADE / Division Staff in Attendance

Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT
Tyrel Pace, Assistant Director, DPSAFT
Carol Bowman, Administrative Analyst. DPSAFT – *via teleconference*

Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order.

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2022

The Commission approved the minutes for the April 28, 2022, Commission teleconference meeting.

2. Timeline for 2023-2025 Partnership Cycle for Master Plans, Partnership Applications, Statewide Needs Lists, and Partnership Funding

Tim Cain indicated the timeline indicated who was responsible and when to perform these tasks, and would remain the Division's process moving forward.

3. Statewide Facility Needs Priority Lists

- A. Space**
- B. Warm, Safe, & Dry**

Mr. Cain reported the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities made recommendations in their report to Governor Asa Hutchinson on July 1, 2018, "*Arkansas Committed to Adequate and Equitable K-12 Academic Facilities*". One recommendation addressed the requirements in Arkansas Statute ACA § 6-21-806 (a)(2)) and the Rules Governing the Master Plan (4.02.2.3) that school district Master Plans be developed "*on priorities established by the Division's statewide facility needs priority list...*"

Mr. Cain explained that the Space List is at District level, WSD List is at campus level. He indicated that the raw data comes from the Master Planning Tool and it is imperative school districts keep theirs up-to-date.

Mark Conine, Commissioner, asked how Suitability percentage was calculated, and Secretary Key asked how the Needs Lists would help school districts in planning for the future. Mr. Cain briefly explained how Suitability was calculated and suggested school districts ranked high on the list should contact their facilities consultant and/or Area Project Manager – Planning and Construction so they could discuss possible future projects. He indicated the Division staff was available to assist school districts, especially those without facilities consultants.

Commission approved lists and publication of the Statewide Facility Needs Priority Lists.

4. Introduction of new Assistant Director, Tyrel Pace

Tim Cain introduced Tyrel Pace, the new Assistant Director of the Division and read his press release. Mr. Pace expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Division as the Assistant Director. Secretary Key welcomed Mr. Pace to the Division as well.

5. Mr. Cain added that the inflated construction costs and Rules were being reviewed, but that the Division has flexibility regarding timelines in the present Rules regarding waiver requests.

6. Adjourn