



**COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

Originating from ADE Room 201A

May 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Summary

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2022

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the December 14, 2022, Commission teleconference meeting.

2. Raising the Maximum Funding Factor

Presenter - Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT

Because of the extreme spike in construction costs, the \$200/sf maximum funding factor in the Partnership Rules is no longer sufficient. In a two year period the average statewide funding factor for a new facility increased from \$202.69 to \$289.71 which is an increase of 42.9%.

➤ **Funding Factors for New Facilities**

Recommendation – That the Commission increase the maximum funding factor to \$289/sf for the funding of 2023-2025 Partnership Projects.

3. Additional Funding of Seven 2021-2023 Partnership Projects

Presenter - Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT

An appropriation transfer from Academic Facilities Partnership to Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances by the legislature in the 2023 Legislative Session provides additional funding for seven 2021-2023 Partnership Projects in three school districts. These three school districts are the only school districts with 2021-2023 Partnership Projects whose patrons voted for a millage increase to pay for these projects.

➤ **Specifics of the seven 2021-2023 Partnership Projects**

Recommendation – The Division recommends that the Commission approve the additional funding of these seven 2021-2023 Partnership Projects which includes a maximum funding factor of \$289/sf.

4. Funding of Year-1 2023-2025 Warm, Safe, and Dry and Space Partnership Projects

Presenter - Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT

The Division reviewed available program funding. Based on funding in the 2023 legislative session and existing program balances, there is \$117,698,505.00 available on July 1, 2023, to fund the Year-One (2023- 2025) projects.

- Year 1 2023-2025 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Warm, Safe, and Dry Projects
- Year 1 2023-2025 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Space Projects

The Commission will fund the Year-Two projects prior to July 1, 2024.

Recommendation – The Division recommends that the Commission approve the Funding of these Year-1 2023-2025 Warm, Safe, and Dry and Year-1 2023-2025 Space Partnership Projects which includes a maximum funding factor of \$289/sf.

Note: Once ALC approves the latest Partnership Rule changes, then the Commission will then have the legal authority to transfer the remaining Year 1 balance for funding of Space Projects to Year 1 Warm, Safe, and Dry Projects.

5. Publishing of the 2025-2027 Statewide Needs Lists

Presenter - Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT

The 2025-2027 Statewide Needs Lists will assist school districts in their master planning for the 2025-2027 Partnership Cycle. The 2025-2027 Space Needs List and 2025-2027 Warm, Safe, and Dry (WSD) Needs List are both ranked from greatest need to least need. The deadline for 2025-2027 Partnership Applications for Early Review is November 2, 2023. See Tab 4a and Tab 4b for the 2025-2027 Space Needs Lists and the 2025-2027 Warm, Safe, and Dry (WSD) Needs Lists respectively. These 2025-2027 Statewide Needs Lists will also be used in the ranking process two years from now.

- **2025-2027 Space Needs List**
- **2025-2027 Warm, Safe, and Dry (WSD) Needs List**

Criteria of Needs Lists

Statewide Space Needs List (*District-level*)

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| ➤ 5-Year Projected Growth Ranking, high to low | 25% |
| ➤ 5-Year Projected Growth % Ranking, high to low | 25% |
| ➤ Suitability Ranking, high to low | 25% |
| ➤ Suitability % Ranking, high to low | 25% |

Statewide Warm, Safe, and Dry Needs List (*Campus-level*)

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| ➤ Building Value Ranking, low to high | 50% |
| ➤ Facility Condition Index (FCI) Ranking, high to low | 50% |

Status Report. No Commission action required.

6. Storm Shelter Requirement

Presenter – Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT

Act 764 of the 2023 Legislative Regular Session beginning in January 2025, the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code shall identify educational facilities (“Group E occupancies”) that are required to have a storm shelter and require the occupant capacity of the shelter to be determined by the total occupant load of the classrooms, vocational rooms, and offices in the Group E occupancy. If construction on such a facility begins prior to January 2025, the shelter must comply with these requirements. Per the fire marshal, this act does not include the occupancy requirement for the largest indoor assembly area.

- **Act 764 and the section of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code that requires the Storm Shelter (including commentary).**

7. Adjourn