



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

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA**

**Originating from Secretary Johnny Key's Conference Room  
August 3, 2021, 8:30 a.m.**

**Agenda Summary**

**1. Summary Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2021**

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the May 26, 2021, Commission teleconference meeting.**

**2. Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program – Winter Storm Damage**

Presenter - Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT

Act 2206 created the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program (*Program*). The Program authorizes the Division to distribute State assistance to school districts for emergency facility projects due to an act of God or violence. The law defines a catastrophic project as *“repair and new construction for the purpose of supplementing insurance or other public or private emergency assistance to the school district.”*

The law requires that any State assistance under this program shall be used to pay the cost of only the portion of a catastrophic project that is not covered by insurance or other public or private emergency assistance received by or payable to the school district.

**2a. Siloam Springs School District**

The Siloam Springs School District had a catastrophic event during the February 2021 winter storm when an act of God damaged six buildings. The total cost of replacement of was \$272,994.27 with an insurance deductible of \$25,000.

Siloam Springs School District requested reimbursement of the State's portion of the deductible based on the Academic Facilities Wealth Index, which totals \$13,718.21.

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve reimbursement of \$13,718.21 to the Siloam Springs School District as requested under the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program.**

**3. Southside School District (Batesville)  
Junior High School Additions 2122-3209-002**

Presenter – Tim Cain, DPSAFT, Director

The Division requests an upward revision of State Financial Participation for a 2121-2123 cycle project funded by the Commission on April 29, 2021. On April 30, 2021, Charles Stein, facilities consultant for the district sent the Division an e-mail providing corrective information regarding the Cost Factors. The Division reviewed the information and adjusted the Cost Factor, thus increased the State Financial Participation by \$36,346.47. The project was originally approved for \$3,536,806.47. The new State Financial Participation will be \$3,573,152.94.

There are sufficient Academic Facilities Partnership funds available from previous cycles rescinded since the Commission meeting on April 29, 2021, to accommodate an increase in State Financial Participation.

**Recommendation – That the Commission provide \$36,346.47 in additional State Financial Participation for the Southside School District (Batesville) project #2122-3209-002 based upon the Divisions revised recalculations.**

**4. Rules**

Presenter – Lori Freno, ADE, General Counsel

- A. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program**
  - i. Summary of Amendments
  - ii. Appendix A
- B. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Facilities Master Plan**
  - i. Summary of Amendments
- C. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Property Insurance Requirements**
  - i. Summary of Amendments
- D. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Maintenance and Operations of Public School Buses and Physical Examinations of School Bus Drivers**
  - i. Summary of Amendments
  - ii. Appendix B

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve the proposed rules pending approval by the Governor for public comment release.**

**5. Adjourn**