



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

MEETING AGENDA

**Department of Heritage
1100 North Street, Little Rock, AR
July 31, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.**

Agenda Summary

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2018

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the June 25, 2018, Commission teleconference meeting.

2. School Bus Safety Campaign

Presenter – Jerry Owens, Senior Transportation Manager

Starting school is always an exciting time for Arkansas' students and their families. While academic achievement is always a top priority, it is just as important to be mindful of student safety in and around school buses. The Arkansas Department of Education and Arkansas Association of Pupil Transportation are proud to launch the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead school bus safety campaign, which begins its sixth year. The 2018 campaign has been expanded to include the entire month of August.

The Division appreciates the participation and assistance provided by the Everett Automotive Group with the public awareness campaign.

Status Report – No Commission action required.

3. Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities – Appointments

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Arkansas Code Annotated §6-21-113 establishes the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities (*"Advisory Committee"*) and provides for the Commission to make appointments as required.

The Arkansas School Boards Association has submitted three candidates to replace Joe Wishard on the Advisory Committee. Mr. Wishard served on the Advisory Committee until his passing on January 14, 2018. Joe was deeply passionate about our children, and the impact of high quality education facilities on building successful education systems across our state.

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the appointment of one candidate to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities.

4. Academic Facilities Review Board - Appointments

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Arkansas Code Annotated 6-20-2516 establishes a five member Academic Facilities Review Board (*"Review Board"*), appointed by the Governor to hear appeals filed by public school districts.

Two Review Board members terms expired and the Division received new appointment letters from the Governor's office for the following individuals, whose terms will expire August 6, 2020. Michelle McClafflin will replace Cody Beene. Ro Arrington replaces Brad Chilcote.

Status Report – No Commission action required.

5. **Rules**

Presenter – Lori Freno, General Counsel, Department of Education

- a. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Bonded Debt Assistance
- b. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Self-Construction Projects by Public Education Entities

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the proposed rules for public comment release.

6. **Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities Report per Act 801 of 2017**

Presenter – Jimmy Alessi, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities

Presenter – Mary Filardo, Executive Director, 21st Century School Funds

Presenter – Dr. Charles Stein, Vice Chairman, Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Secretary, Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities

Act 801 of 2017 required *“By July 31, 2018, the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities shall conduct a comprehensive review and provide a report to the Commission for Academic Facilities and Transportation that will include without limitation an analysis of the following:*

- (1) Current and long-term viability of the Academic Facilities Partnership Program;*
- (2) Efficacy of the academic facilities wealth index;*
- (3) Project ranking and prioritization process of the Academic Facilities Partnership Program;*
- (4) Academic Facilities Master Plan Program and Academic Facilities Partnership Program funding cycles;*
- (5) Enrollment projections;*
- (6) Cost factors;*
- (7) Rules governing academic facilities programs; and*
- (8) Degree of public school district compliance with required statewide computerized maintenance management systems usage.”*

Status Report – No Commission action required at this time.

7. **Adjourn**