

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

**Teleconference Meeting  
ADE Commissioner's Conference Room  
Little Rock, AR  
September 19, 2018**

**Commission Member in Attendance:**

Johnny Key, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education  
Aaron Burkes, President, Arkansas Development Finance Authority - *Via Telephone*  
Larry Walther, Director, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration – *Via Telephone*

**Others in Attendance:**

Brad Montgomery, Director, DPSAFT  
Anita Sacrey, Agency Controller, Loans & Bonds, Arkansas Department of Education  
Lori Freno, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Education  
Carol Bowman, Administrative Analyst, DPSAFT

**Quorum was met.**

**Meeting called to order.**

**Agenda item:**

**1. Summary Meeting Minutes – July 31, 2018**

**The Commission approved the summary minutes for the July 19, 2018, Commission meeting.**

**2. State Financial Participation Increase**

Brad Montgomery indicated the Division requested an upward revision of State Financial Participation (SFP) for one 2017-2019 cycle project funded by the Commission on April 27, 2017, for Cutter-Morning Star Elementary School, Project #1819-2601-001. The Division changed the project scope to include a fire alarm system replacement, which increased the SFP for the project by an additional \$5,472.71, and there were sufficient funds available in the FY19 Academic Facilities Partnership funds to accommodate an increase in SFP of \$5,472.71 for the 1819 project.

**The Commission approved the additional State Financial Participation for the Cutter-Morning Star School District project #1819-2601-001 based upon the Division's revised calculations.**

**3. Statewide State of Condition of Academic Facilities – October 1, 2018**

Brad Montgomery reported that Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-112(f)(15) requires the Division to report by October 1 of each year to the Governor, the House and Senate Committees on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the state of condition of academic facilities statewide. The report also included summary results of lawfully required inspections of public school and charter school academic facilities by state agencies and commissions.

Mr. Montgomery indicated that 2018 was the first year the Unused and Underutilized List in Accordance with Act 542 of 2017 had been required and was included in the report. Nine school districts filed Petitions for Waiver and no charter organizations had objected to seven of them. Two Petitions for Waiver were still active and would be finalized the middle of October 2018. Mr. Montgomery referenced page six of the report for Mr. Walther regarding information on Act 542.

**The Commission approved the report for dissemination as required by law.**

**4. Academic Facilities Master Plan Program – State Plan – October 1, 2018**

Brad Montgomery reported Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-112(f)(16) requires the Division to report by October 1 of each even-numbered year to the Governor, the House and Senate Committees on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the State Academic Facilities Master Plan. The State Academic Facilities Master Plan included a list of committed projects for public school academic facilities for the upcoming fiscal year categorized by program and method of SFP; the total estimated cost of each committed project and the estimated amount of SFP, and a four-year rolling forecast of planned new construction projects related to public school academic facilities.

Mr. Montgomery clarified that the funds were committed on projects that were underway or in planning stage since it could take up to four years to build a new school. Anita Sacrey confirmed for Commission Walther that the committed funds were in place. Ms. Sacrey and Mr. Montgomery confirmed Commissioner Key's statement that rescinded projects rolled over into the Carry Forward funds, which were presently \$38 million.

**The Commission approved the report for dissemination as required by law.**

**5. Act 962 of 2015 - High-Growth School Districts**

Brad Montgomery reported that per Act 962 of 2015, the Commission shall annually determine which school districts qualify as high-growth school districts under this section. Annually, by November 1, the Commission shall prepare a list of the qualified school districts.

Mr. Montgomery reported there were 14 school districts with enrollment growth over 4% and that per ADE LEA State Funds/Loans and Bonds no school districts had taken advantage of the program, that the Legislature had never funded the project, nor had any school district ever applied for funds.

**The Commission approved the report for dissemination as required by law.**

**6. Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities – Appointments**

Brad Montgomery indicated that Act 801 of 2017 changed the number and classification of members appointed to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities (*Advisory Committee*). Mr. Montgomery stated Mr. John Hoy and Dr. Doug Harris had retired from their superintendent positions and the Advisory Committee on June 30, 2018, after having provided great service to the State of Arkansas.

Mr. Montgomery stated the Arkansas Rural Education Association (*AREA*) submitted three candidates to replace John Hoy who recently retired as the Helena/West Helena School District superintendent. Dr. Doug Harris had retired as the East End School District superintendent and from his Ex Officio appointment to the Advisory Committee.

**The Commission selected and approved the appointment of Dan Breshears and Shawn Cook (*Ex Officio*) to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities.**

**7. Adjourn**