

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

TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

**Originating from Secretary Johnny Key's Conference Room
September 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.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 – *via teleconference*

ADE / Division Staff in Attendance

Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT
Lori Freno, General Counsel, ADE
Carol Bowman, Administrative Analyst, DPSAFT – *via teleconference*

Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order.

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2021

The Commission approved the minutes for the August 3, 2021, Commission teleconference meeting.

2. Statewide State of Condition of Academic Facilities – October 1, 2021

Tim Cain stated the Division is required to report by October 1 of each year on the state of condition of academic facilities statewide. Mr. Cain indicated there was an additional attachment on CMMS classes.

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

3. Act 962 of 2015 - High-Growth School Districts

Mr. Cain indicated that the Commission annually determines which school districts qualify as high-growth school districts under this section.

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

4. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program

Lori Freno reviewed the Public Comments and final rules. Ms. Freno indicated Appendix B had two revisions on page 5, last two listed items, for Division responsibilities. Ms. Freno clarified for Secretary Walther that the Commission had reviewed the draft Rules previously, which were then approved by the Governor, and released for Public Comment. The Rules would next go to the Arkansas Legislative Counsel Rules Subcommittee, probably in November, and unless revisions were requested, this would be the last time the Commission would review the Rules.

4a Summary of Changes and Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program

4b Appendices

4b1 Appendix A – Arkansas Public School Academic Facility Manual, Chapter 6, Career Technical Education

4b2 Program of Requirements (POR) Career Technical Education

4b3 Appendix B – Academic Facilities Partnership Program Agreement (Applicable beginning with Partnership Projects for 2021-2023 Biennium)

The Commission approved the final rules.

Secretary Key and Commissioner Conine thanked Tim Cain, Lori Freno, and Murray Britton for diligent work on these draft Rules, which Mr. Britton began in March 2020 during the COVID outbreak. Mr. Cain stated that if these Rules are finalized, the program would be stronger.

5. Adjourn