

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES
MEETING
#1 Capitol Mall, Suite 4D-200
July 25, 2017, 9:30 a.m.**

Committee Members – Present

Jim Alessi, Chairman
Charles Stein, Vice Chairman
Brad Montgomery, Secretary
Brent Massey
Cody Beene
Jeff Steiling
Jim Tucker
Jim Yeager
Joe Wishard

John Hoy
Jon Collins
Lakenya Riley
Nathan Smith
Scott Archer

Scott Copas, *Ex Officio*
Doug Harris, *Ex Officio*

Committee Members – Absent

Rusty Mullen
Craig Boone, *Ex Officio*

Division Staff – Present

Lori Freno, ADE, Deputy General Counsel
Brad Montgomery, Director
Terry Granderson, Assistant Director
Murray Britton, Senior Project Administrator

Derrick Black, Area Project Manager
Roy Blackmon, Area Project Manager
Carol Bowman, Administrative Analyst

Election of Vice Chairman

Dr. Charles Stein was elected Vice Chairman.

Rotating Terms of New Members

The Committee's new members drew for term limits which were:

Scott Archer	2025	Charles Stein	2025
Cody Beene	2025	Jim Tucker	2021
Jon Collins	2025	Joe Wishard	2025
John Hoy	2025	Jim Yeager	2021
Lakenya Riley	2025	Craig Boone, <i>Ex Officio</i>	2025
Nathan Smith	2025	Doug Harris, <i>Ex Officio</i>	2025

Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2015

Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2015, meeting were submitted and approved.

Administrative

Carol Bowman provided W-9 forms and TR1s to the Committee members for travel reimbursements.

Review of Statute A.C.A. §6-21-113, Act 801 of 2017

Lori Freno reviewed Act 801 of 2017 with the Committee, explained the changes in membership and duties, and recognized the bill's sponsor, Representative Bruce Cozart, who was in attendance. Ms. Freno indicated Act 801 directs the Committee to study the current and long-term viability of the Partnership program and perform an in-depth analysis by July of 2018. She stated the study and analysis includes the wealth index; ranking and prioritization; Master Plan and Academic Facilities Partnership Program funding cycles; enrollment projects; cost factors; rules governing the academic programs; and the degree to which public school districts are in compliance of utilization usage required of the State required statewide computerized maintenance management system (*SchoolDude*).

Wealth Index

Cindy Hollowell indicated she has calculated the wealth index since 2006 which is in A.C.A. §6-20-2502 and in the Division's rules. Ms. Hollowell provided lengthy details of the calculation process and indicated she would be available to return to meet with the Committee as or when needed.

Master Plan

Roy Blackman provided information about the Master Plan timeline and process.

Address by Asa Hutchinson, Governor of the State of Arkansas

Asa Hutchinson, Governor of the State of Arkansas, addressed the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities. Governor Hutchinson recognized the attendance of Representative Bruce Cozart and Senator Jane English sponsors of Act 801 of 2017, stressed the importance of the study of the long-term viability of the Partnership programs (due by July of 2018), and emphasized how important it is from a Governor's standpoint. Governor Hutchinson stated the starting point with the public school facilities was the Lakeview decision, the ending point is how the State of Arkansas (*State*) can be more efficient in terms of saving money, and how facilities could be adjusted to be more efficient in light of how students learn.

The Governor indicated the State needed roughly \$100,000,000 annually which cannot be sustained every year which was part of the impetus to review the program. He discussed possible longer funding cycles (five years), and possibly a longer-term process, and that the State cannot put a cap on funding. He continued that the State might establish a standard funding level. He stated the State has a cap on warm, safe, and dry projects and questioned if it was right and meet needs, and indicated that in his opinion the State's first obligation is warm, safe, and dry projects. Governor Hutchinson stated the State has the ultimate obligation under the constitution and Lakeview decision, and suggested possible creative solutions and incentives, including reviewing school district carryover funds. He indicated funding figures have been \$50,000,000 on the low end, \$120,000,000 on the high end, and there should be an annual middle ground.

Governor Hutchinson concluded by stating the Committee knows the challenge the State faces and a study of the program may determine what the State is doing is good, or it may determine methods that will help the State manage the program from a budget standpoint and comply with Lakeview. He closed by thanking the Committee members for their hard work.

Program of Requirements (POR) and Partnership Project Application, Approval, and Ranking

Murray Britton presented a high-level overview of the POR; and the application, approval, and ranking processes.

Prioritization Process

Terry Granderson reviewed the prioritization process and sample graphic.

Arkansas Public School Academic Facility Manual, and Division Website

Derrick Black discussed the description and definition of the manual; and the Division's, Committee's, and Commission's duties and responsibilities.

Roles and responsibilities

Brad Montgomery stated the Division would be available to assist the Committee as needed, and that the Division will need as much advance notice of full Committee meeting dates as possible to arrange meeting facilities. Mr. Montgomery discussed a State Master Plan; cost factors; state-mandated computerized maintenance management system; and state mandated inspections. He indicated the top of the tasks for the Committee were the statewide assessment, wealth index, and facilities manual.

The Committee members selected Sub-Committees each member wished to serve. The Sub-Committees are:

Assessment Sub-Committee

Jim Alessi – Chairman
Craig Boone, *Ex Officio*
Lakenya Riley
Nathan Smith

Manual Sub-Committee

Jeff Steiling – Chairman
Jim Alessi – Committee Chairman
Craig Boone, *Ex Officio*
Brent Massey
Jim Yeager
Joe Wishard
Rusty Mullen
Scott Archer

State Plan Sub-Committee

John Hoy – Chairman
Doug Harris, *Ex Officio*
Brent Massey
Charles Stein

Wealth Index, Ranking & Rules Sub-Committee

Charles Stein – Chairman
Doug Harris, *Ex Officio*
Cody Beene
Jim Tucker
Jon Collins
Lakenya Riley

Floater to all Sub-Committees

Scott Copas, *Ex Officio*

Next Meeting Date

The Committee selected the next meeting date of August 29, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn