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Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019

Call to Order:

Dr. Karen Salmon called the meeting of the Interagency Commission on School Construction to order at 9:03 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, Chair

Denise Avara, Appointee of the Governor

Secretary Ellington Churchill, Department of General Services

Brian Gibbons, Appointee of the Speaker of the House

Gloria Lawlah, Appointee of the President of the Senate

Michael Bayer, Designee for Secretary Robert S. McCord, Maryland Department of Planning

Members Not in Attendance:

Barbara Hoffman, Appointee of the President of the Senate

Dick Lombardo, Appointee of the Governor

Todd Schuler, Appointee of the Speaker of the House

I. Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

Upon a motion by Ms. Lawlah and a second by Ms. Avara, the members voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Gibbons was absent for the vote.

A. Approval January 10, 2019 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 Interagency Commission on School Construction Meeting.

B. Approval of Contracts

To approve contract procurement as presented.

C. Approval of Closed Projects

To approve the final project costs as presented and to remove the projects from the active project detailed financial report

D. Approval of Project Allocation Reversions

To approve, subject to final audit, the reversion of the amounts identified to the appropriate statewide contingency accounts.

E. Revisions to Previously Approved Contracts

To approve the revisions to previously approved contract awards to accurately reflect the adjusted State participation.

II. FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program 90% IAC Staff Recommendations Motion Carried

Arabia Davis, Funding Program Manager, introduced the 90% staff recommendations, totaling \$252 million. Ms. Davis noted that because the Commission held harmless the state cost share percentage at their January Meeting, the allocations included adjustments to the December 75% approval in order to accommodate necessary changes. Ms. Davis reviewed specific recommendations with the Commission.

Upon a motion by Secretary Churchill, with a second by Ms. Avara, the IAC members voted unanimously to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 90% Capital Improvement Program IAC recommendations for each school system and the Maryland School for the Blind totaling \$252 million as shown in the Summary of Project Requests and Recommendations to the presiding officers and the budget committees of the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services. Mr. Gibbons was absent for the vote.

III. Nonpublic Aging Schools Program – FY 2019 Project Approvals and Allocations Motion Carried

Fred Mason, Chief, School Facilities Branch, Maryland State Department of Education, stated that the NASP was initially funded in FY 2014 and has been reauthorized since then to provide assistance to nonpublic schools that qualify for the text book assistance program for building improvements. The minimum amount is \$5,000, with increased funding based upon program criteria and prorated if necessary based upon the requests received.

Upon a motion by Secretary Churchill, with a second by Mr. Bayer, the members voted unanimously to approve FY 2019 Nonpublic Aging Schools Program project allocations as presented, totaling \$3,499,894.

IV. Nonpublic Aging Schools Program Safety Improvements – FY 2019 Project Approvals and Allocations Motion Carried

Mr. Mason informed the Commission that the Safety Improvements program was funded for the first time in FY 2019 and applies to schools eligible for the text book assistance program, however pre-schools are also eligible for funding. Minimum funding is \$5,000 with allocations above that on a per pupil basis.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gibbons, with a second by Ms. Avara, the members voted unanimously to approve the FY 2019 Nonpublic Aging Schools Program Safety Improvements project allocations as presented, totaling \$3,323,330.

V. Baltimore City HVAC Project Allocations Motion Carried

Jamie Bridges, Baltimore City Project Manager, provided the IAC with an update on Baltimore City weather closures. He then presented the members with additional requests for the Baltimore City HVAC program. IAC staff will report the status of projects to the IAC at each future meeting. To date, just over \$2 million has been allocated of the total \$15 million available. Mr. Bridges noted that on page 61, the project at #214 Highlandtown PK-8, PSC number 30.072.19, is a chiller project rather than a boiler project.

Mr. Bridges noted that IAC staff is recommending approvals, but not allocations, for project requests that exceed the available funding in order to have projects ready to go if funding amounts change slightly, freeing up funding from allocated projects.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gibbons, with a second by Mr. Bayer, the members voted unanimously to approve Baltimore City HVAC Projects as presented with the state allocations identified, to be funded through the \$15 million for Baltimore City HVAC Improvements included in the 2018 SB 186 (2018 Laws of Md, Chap. 9) and to delegate to IAC staff authority to approve project allocation adjustments be reducing or increasing project allocations for IAC approved project scopes, so long as the adjusted allocation is within 25% of the total cost identified upon IAC approval and total allocations do not exceed the \$15 million appropriation.

VI. Baltimore City Enhanced Approval Package (EAP) - #44 Montebello Elem./Middle Motion Carried

Mr. Mason noted that this project renovates the existing Montebello Elementary/Middle School and to remove a modular building placed in the late 1960s. The project also includes site improvements. The State Rated Capacity of 529 remains unchanged. The modular removal results in a total sf reduction of approximately 12,000 square feet.

Upon a motion by Secretary Churchill, with a second by Mr. Gibbons, the members voted unanimously to approve Montebello Elementary/ Middle School #44 as a 10-year plan (21st Century Building Program) project and to approve the Enhanced Approval Package in accordance with the MOU so that the project may proceed into design as a renovation project with an unchanged capacity of 529 students in grades Pre-K through 8 with renovation of the existing 84,153 gross square feet building and demolition of a 12,064 gross square feet modular building.

VII. Baltimore City Public Schools Annual Report Motion Carried

Eric Johnson, Vice President, Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA), presented the *21st Century School Buildings Program Annual Report on the Progress of Replacements, Renovations, and Maintenance of Baltimore City Public Schools* required by statute. He noted that the report will also be approved by Baltimore City Schools, Baltimore City, and MSA. Mr. Johnson briefed the IAC on achievements and ongoing work of the program.

Upon a motion by Secretary Churchill, with a second by Ms. Avara, the members voted unanimously to approve the annual report, dated January, 2019, by the parties in compliance with the *Memorandum of Understanding for the Construction and Revitalization of Baltimore City Public School* to the Governor, the Board of Public Works, and the fiscal committees of the general assembly on the progress of replacements, renovations, and maintenance of Baltimore City public schools.

VIII. School Safety Grant Program Applications and Allocations Information Only

Joan Schaefer, Deputy Director, briefed the members on the status of the School Safety Grant Program project approvals. In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Schaefer reported that all of the LEAs have stated they expect to have projects sufficient to utilize their applications submitted before the April 2019 deadline. Dr. Salmon suggested that site visits or regional visits for LEAs that need additional

support could be helpful. Dr. Salmon also suggested that perhaps the SSGP could be an agenda item at the March 8th Superintendents meeting.

Zachary Hands, Special Projects Assistant to the Superintendent, Maryland State Department of Education, presented a snapshot table demonstrating funding for school safety funded through the IAC and by the School Safety Subcabinet. Mr. Hands informed the Commission that of the \$10.6 million available to grant to the LEAs through the School Safety Subcabinet for safety enhancements, \$6.3 million has been allocated to 14 LEAs. The application deadline is February 28th.

IX. Legislative Update

Information Only

Cassandra Viscarra, Programs Support Administrator, presented the 2019 Legislative Tracker.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Mr. Schuler, with a second by Ms. Lawlah, the meeting of the Interagency Commission on School Construction was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.