



## Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023

### Call to Order:

Chair Kasemeyer called the video-conference meeting of the Interagency Commission on School Construction to order at 9:01 a.m.

### Members in Attendance:

Edward Kasemeyer, Appointee of the President of the Senate, Chair  
Secretary Atif Chaudhry, Maryland Department of General Services  
Michael Darenberg, Appointee of the Governor  
Linda Eberhart, Appointee of the Speaker of the House  
Brian Gibbons, Appointee of the Speaker of the House  
Valdis Lazdins, designee for Secretary Rebecca Flora, Maryland Department of Planning

### Members Not in Attendance:

Superintendent Mohammed Choudhury, Maryland State Department of Education  
Gloria Lawlah, Appointee of the President of the Senate

### Revisions to the Agenda:

There were no revisions to the agenda.

### Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

### IAC Correspondence:

None.

#### 1. Executive Director Report – [Informational Only]

Alex Donahue, IAC Executive Director, reported on his attendance at a Q&A session with the State Superintendents at the Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland January meeting. Additionally, Mr. Donahue provided an update on the IAC's Blueprint Facilities Workgroup.

Commission members requested information on the current state of enrollment in Maryland and how numbers have changed with virtual learning, homeschooling, private, and public schools. IAC staff and the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) will present information on enrollment trends at a future meeting.

#### 2. Consent Agenda – [Motion Carried]

Upon a motion by Mr. Lazdins, seconded by Mr. Gibbons, the IAC voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

##### A. Approval of the February 9, 2023 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 Interagency Commission on School Construction Meeting.

**B. Contract Awards**

To approve contract procurement as presented.

**C. Approval of Easements**

To approve the conveyance of the easements as presented.

**D. Approval of Revision to Previously Approved Easement - Montgomery County Public Schools**

To approve revisions to a previously approved easement for Charles W. Woodward High School as presented.

**E. Property Transfer – Prince George’s County Public Schools – Former Fairmont Heights High School**

To approve the transfer of 15.10 acres of the Fairmont Heights High School at 1401 Nye Street, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 (PSC 16.096) from the Prince George’s County Board of Education to the Prince George’s County Council. The Prince George’s County Council shall obtain approval of the Interagency Commission before transferring any right, title, or interest to any portion of the property

**F. Built to Learn Project Status Report – [Informational Only]**

**G. Facility Status Changes – [Informational Only]**

**3. Appointment of Vice-chair – [Motion Carried]**

Chair Kasemeyer appointed Linda Eberhart to serve as Vice-chair of the IAC. Upon a motion by Mr. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. Darenberg, the IAC voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Linda Eberhart as Vice-chair of the Interagency Committee on School Construction.

**4. Policy Clarification - Costs Eligible for State Funding – [Motion Carried]**

Cassandra Viscarra, Deputy Director for Administration, presented a recommended policy to clarify ineligible costs and requested that the IAC direct staff to implement necessary changes to COMAR and applicable Administrative Procedures Guides. Secretary Chaudhry expressed support for the measure.

Upon a motion by Ms. Eberhart, seconded by Mr. Darenberg, the IAC voted unanimously to adopt the policy eligibility statement as outlined in this item and to direct staff to make appropriate changes to COMAR and the IAC’s Administrative Procedures Guides in accordance with this adopted policy clarification.

**5. FY 2024 Healthy School Facility Fund Administrative Procedures Guide and Schedule – [Motion Carried]**

Arabia Davis, IAC Funding Programs Manager, provided a summary of the draft revisions to the Healthy School Facility Fund (HSFF) Administrative Procedures Guides and available funding for FY 2024.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gibbons, seconded by Ms. Eberhart, the IAC voted unanimously to approve the Administrative Procedures Guide and schedule for the FY 2024 Healthy School Facility Fund, and to direct IAC staff to solicit applications from each school system and the Maryland School for the Blind for projects that will improve the health of school facilities. Additionally, to authorize IAC staff to make non-substantive edits as necessary.

**6. Healthy School Facility Fund FY 2022 Projects Realignment – [Motion Carried]**

Ms. Davis presented requests from Montgomery County Public Schools and Harford County Public (HCPS) Schools for realignment of their respective FY 2022 HSFF allocations to fully fund the contract amounts. In addition, HCPS requested the cancellation of the lead remediation project at Homestead-Wakefield Elementary due to the upcoming replacement of that facility.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lazdins, seconded by Mr. Darenberg, the IAC voted unanimously to approve the requests from Montgomery County Public Schools and Harford County Public Schools to adjust the funding allocations for Healthy School Facility Fund projects so that the costs align with the project bids as presented in Table 1 and Table 2 of this item, including the cancellation of the lead remediation project at Harford County's Homestead-Wakefield Elementary (PSC 12.022).

**7. FY 2022 Aging Schools Program Reimbursement Extension Requests – [Motion Carried]**

Ms. Davis presented requests from Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) and Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) to extend the deadline to submit reimbursement documentation for specific ASP projects. City Schools' delay in submission was due to staffing changes and will provide the necessary documentation by July. BCPS had unforeseen delays with product delivery and will need to install the chairlift replacement while students are not at school with completion in early April and documentation submission in June.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gibbons, seconded by Secretary Chaudhry, the IAC voted unanimously to approve requests from two LEAs to extend the reimbursement deadline for four Aging Schools Program projects funded in FY 2022 as presented in the table.

**8. Built to Learn Project Approval – Cecil County Public Schools – North East Middle and High Schools Replacement – [Motion Carried]**

Ms. Davis presented a request from Cecil County Public Schools for approval of Built to Learn (BTL) program funding of \$12,724,701 for the replacement project for the co-located North East Middle/High School. This is the full amount of BTL funds projected to be allocated to Cecil County based on the current estimate of bond proceeds. Commission members asked if the \$1.7 billion in total funding for BTL is going to change. IAC staff responded that as interest rates change, bond issuances may alter but the Maryland Stadium Authority's current \$1.7 billion estimate is conservative.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. Lazdins, the IAC voted to approve the Built to Learn (BTL) funding request from Cecil County Public Schools with a total allocation of \$12,724,701 for the replacement of the North East Middle School (PSC 07.012) and North East High School (PSC 07.040) with a colocated North East Middle/High School (PSC 07.044). This approval establishes the Maximum State Allocation for the project of \$103,447,000 and the balance of funding will be included on the State Summary of Future Obligations for the Capital Improvement Program.

**9. 21st Century School Buildings Program 2022 Annual Report – [Motion Carried]**

Jamie Bridges, IAC Planning Manager, presented the annual report for the 21st Century School Buildings Program in Baltimore City which has completed 26 renovations, additions, or replacement projects to house 30 school programs. The program's final three buildings are expected to be completed between 2023 and 2026.

Upon a motion by Mr. Darenberg, seconded by Mr. Gibbons, the IAC voted to approve the annual report, dated January 15, 2023, by the parties in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding for the Construction and Revitalization of Baltimore City Public Schools to the Governor, the Board of Public Works, and the fiscal committees of the General Assembly on the progress of construction and maintenance of Baltimore City public school facilities.

**10. 21st Century School Buildings Program 2022 Annual Report – [Information Only]**

Ms. Viscarra presented an overview of the bills that are of interest to the IAC during the 2023 legislative session.

**Announcements:**

Chair Kasemeyer mentioned that during the budget hearing in Annapolis, the IAC committed to meeting with LEAs and County Government officials throughout the year to engage in discussion.

**Adjournment:**

Upon a motion by Mr. Darenberg, with a second by Secretary Chaudhry, the IAC voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.