



## Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2025

### Call to Order:

Chair Edward Kasemeyer called the video-conference meeting of the Interagency Commission on School Construction to order at 9:00 a.m.

### Members in Attendance:

Edward Kasemeyer, Appointee of the President of the Senate, Chair  
Linda Eberhart, Appointee of the Speaker of the House, Vice-chair  
Craig Curtis as designee for Secretary Atif Chaudhry, Maryland Department of General Services  
Michael Darenberg, Appointee of the Governor  
Chuck Boyd as designee for Secretary Rebecca Flora, Maryland Department of Planning  
Gloria Lawlah, Appointee of the President of the Senate  
Krishna Tallur as designee for Dr. Carey M. Wright, State Superintendent of Schools

### Members Not in Attendance:

None.

### Revisions to the Agenda:

None.

### Public Comment:

The IAC heard public comment from eight members of the public regarding the Crown High School replacement project.

Executive Director Alex Donahue added after public comments were given that the State understands the importance of a neighborhood school. He added that the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) Board of Education (BOE) has not yet taken final action on the change in use for the building, and that no IAC action is appropriate until the BOE has acted. He added that the IAC can only act within its role and authority as an independent unit of State Government, and that the local board of education is the entity responsible for determining use of school facilities, regardless of whether or not there is State funding for that facility.

Chair Kasemeyer asked how soon there may be action on the determination of use of Crown High School by MCPS BOE. Executive Director Donahue stated that IAC staff would monitor the meetings and ongoing discussions between the public and MCPS BOE and provide an update to the IAC at the December IAC meeting.

Chair Kasemeyer asked about the legal references brought up in various public comments. Executive Director Donahue stated that IAC staff intended to look into the referenced code and regulations to determine relevance, but didn't have any specific comments regarding these references at this time. Chair Kasemeyer requested that Executive Director Donahue and the IAC's Assistant Attorney General, Heidi Dudderar bring information on the references and the next steps that should be considered by the IAC at the next meeting.

Mr. Darenberg asked where students in the neighborhood around the new Crown High School are currently zoned to. Executive Director Donahue stated that students are currently zoned to surrounding high schools depending on where they are in the area. Mr. Darenberg asked whether students would end up going to this school anyway if the school is used as a swing school for other high schools undergoing construction. Executive Director Donahue stated that since no decision has been made, staff don't currently know where these students would end up being zoned to during various potential construction projects.

Chair Kasemeyer asked for a briefing at the December IAC meeting regarding the situation, particularly if a determination has been made by MCPS BOE by that time.

## **IAC Correspondence:**

None.

### **1. Executive Director's Report – [Informational Only]**

Executive Director Donahue gave a report on several Items of note. He first informed the commission that neither Allegany County Public Schools nor Washington County Public Schools have requested emergency funding for their respective restoration projects, mentioned at prior IAC meetings. He next gave a brief summary of the current process of information sharing with State leadership regarding the IAC's FY 2027 budget, and informed the Commission that after the October IAC meeting, he presented information to the State Capital Debt Affordability Committee (CDAC). He stated that CDAC recommended a maximum amount of general obligation bonds for the State to authorize for FY 2027, and to maintain that amount through FY 2031, but left the determination of allocations to the General Assembly and Governor. Executive Director Donahue stated that it is unclear whether school construction is expected to be funded at legislative targets or at higher levels in coming years. Lastly, Executive Director Donahue stated that regarding the Commission's request for information on relocatables, IAC and DGS staff are working to identify options for discussion at a future IAC meeting.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Darenberg, seconded by Vice-chair Eberhart the IAC voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

#### **a. October 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

To approve the draft October 9, 2025 IAC Meeting Minutes, as presented.

#### **b. Contract Awards**

To approve contract procurement as presented.

#### **c. Revisions to Previously Approved Contracts**

To approve the revisions to previously approved contract awards as presented to accurately reflect the adjustments to the State and local participation in the contract amounts, reversions of funds, and/or corrections to project allocation information.

#### **d. Land Only Property Transfer – Harford County Public Schools – Norrisville Elementary School Parcel**

To approve the transfer of 0.243 acres at 5302 Norrisville Road, Whitehall, MD 21161 from the Harford County Board of Education (BOE) to the Harford County Council. Harford County shall obtain approval of the IAC before transferring any right, title, or interest to any portion of the property.

#### **e. Land Only Property Transfer – Harford County Public Schools – Edgewood Elementary School Parcel**

To approve the transfer of 2 acres at 2100 Cedar Drive, Edgewood, MD 21161 from the Harford County Board of Education (BOE) to the Harford County Council. Harford County shall obtain approval of the IAC before transferring any right, title, or interest to any portion of the property.

**f. Executive Director Approvals of Extensions to Special Funding Programs – [Informational Only]**

IAC staff reported three approvals of extensions to deadlines for submission of requests for reimbursement under the Healthy School Facility Fund program, all three being for Baltimore County projects.

**3. Enrollment Trends and Projections – [Informational Only]**

Planning Manager Jamie Bridges and Planner Taylor Fitts gave a presentation on school enrollment trends in the State of Maryland, how enrollment is projected, and projections from both the Maryland Department of Planning and LEAs.

Chair Kasemeyer asked what the budgetary impact is of the projected enrollment for the State of Maryland. Executive Director Donahue stated that the data shows that overall, growth across the state will not require a significant increase in capacity at large, but rather that specific communities will experience significant growth and higher utilization. He added that one size does not fit all, but that due to a slowing of expected growth, funds will likely be allocated to improving existing facilities rather than new ones in the coming years. Chair Kasemeyer asked what the trend was of the migration of school age families in the state. Mr. Bridges stated that the State of Maryland has historically lost families to out-migration of the state, but, enrollments have been carried by in-migration particularly of international students, a consistent trend that has carried into the 2020's.

**4. FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program – Maryland Department of Planning, Historic Trust Review Contingent Approval Updates – [Motion Carried]**

Capital Projects Director Melissa Wilfong presented an Item that indicated that all but three FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program projects were determined to have satisfactorily demonstrated compliance with the IAC and Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Historic Trust Programmatic Agreement. This agreement stated that projects must be reviewed by MHT prior to award. Ms. Wilfong stated that all but three projects had met this standard, which still were in the process of review.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Darenberg, seconded by Vice-chair Eberhart, the IAC voted unanimously to accept resolution of the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) program contingency for the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for all projects except Cecil County North East Middle/High Replacement Project (PSC L07F044), Charles County J.C. Parks Elementary K Addition/Renovation Project (PSC L08F030), and the Maryland School for the Blind Athletic Facility Gym and Pool Building Replacement (PSC L25F001). Mr. Tallur was absent.

**5. FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program Acceptance of Late Applications – Somerset County Public Schools – [Motion Carried]**

Funding Programs Manager Arabia Davis presented a request from Somerset County Public Schools to accept applications after the submission deadline for the FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Additionally, Ms. Davis stated that IAC Capital Projects managers would continue to provide support for the LEA regarding project development.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Curtis, the IAC voted unanimously to accept late applications submitted by Somerset County for the IAC's FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Mr. Tallur was absent.

**6. FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program Amendment – Somerset County Public Schools – Washington Academy and High School (PSC L19F002) Generator Replacement Project – [Motion Carried]**

Ms. Davis presented a request from Somerset County Public Schools to amend their FY 2026 CIP request to fund an emergency generator at Somerset County Public Schools Washington Academy and High School. Ms. Davis noted that since the school functions as the designated emergency shelter for the community, it is imperative that the generator be functional again.

Upon a motion made by Vice-chair Eberhart, seconded by Mr. Darenberg, the IAC voted unanimously to amend the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to include Somerset County Public Schools' (SCPS) Washington Academy and High School (PSC L19F002) generator replacement project and to transfer and award \$162,000 from the Statewide Reserve Fund Account to the project. Mr. Tallur was absent.

**7. Reversion of FY 2025 Funds and FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program Amendment – Wicomico County Public Schools – [Motion Carried]**

Capital Projects Manager Laura Smyles presented a request from Wicomico County Public Schools (WCPS) to revert the uncontracted funds for the Parkside High School Project, totaling \$429,007, to the LEA's reserve account and then amend the FY 2026 CIP to award the same amount to the Fruitland Primary replacement project.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Darenberg, seconded by Vice-chair Eberhart, the IAC voted unanimously to revert \$429,007 of the FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program award for the Wicomico County Public Schools (WCPS) Parkside High School (PSC L22F001) roof replacement project to the LEA reserve account; and to increase the FY 2026 CIP award to the Fruitland Primary (PSC L22F016) replacement project by \$429,007 with funds from the LEA's reserve account. Mr. Tallur was absent.

**8. Healthy School Facility Fund State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Revisions – [Motion Carried]**

Deputy Director Cassandra Viscarra presented an Item to realign \$81,811 of Federal State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Ms. Viscarra stated that in order to accommodate the tighter expenditure timeframe of SLFRF funds, IAC staff believed that these funds being allocated to the Calvert County Sunderland Elementary Air Conditioning repair project would allow for the timely disbursement and use of the federal funding.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Darenberg, seconded by Vice-chair Eberhart, the IAC voted unanimously to realign \$81,811.00 of previously reverted FY 2022 federal State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to the Healthy School Facility Fund (HSFF) Calvert County Sunderland Elementary (PSC L04F014) air conditioning project and to revert \$81,811.00 of FY 2023 HSFF State funds to the Statewide Reserve. Mr. Tallur was absent.

**9. Informational Only – 2026 IAC Meeting Schedule and LEA Deadlines – [Informational Only]**

Policy Analyst Victoria Howard presented the schedule for IAC meetings for Calendar Year 2026 and the deadlines for LEA submissions for each meeting, noting that similar to previous years, the meetings fell on the second Thursday of each month, and there would be no January meeting.



**Announcements:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Upon a motion by Mr. Darenberg seconded by Vice-chair Eberhart, the IAC voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 am.