



Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2026

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:

Manish Kothari, Appointee of the Governor

Revisions to the Agenda:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

IAC Correspondence:

None.

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

Executive Director Alex Donahue gave a report on several key topics. First, he stated that after a fire last month in a classroom in Cesar Chavez Dual Spanish Immersion Elementary School in Hyattsville, Prince George's County Public Schools tested air quality in multiple locations within the school, and found VOCs, CO, and CO₂ to be below industry standard levels and ambient levels outside of the facility. An email received from a member of the public initially indicated that they would provide written public comment for the IAC meeting, but the written comment was not received. In their initial email, the public member urged the commission to approve the pending request for \$719,000 for a windows, doors, and exterior improvements project. Executive Director Donahue stated that this school has an active CIP project request, which was slated to be recommended for funding as part of the 100% Capital Improvement Program for FY 2027, in Item 3 of the agenda.

Executive Director Donahue next stated that the IAC's departmental bill was close to being completed, with Governor Moore expected to sign the bill later this month. IAC staff will in turn work to implement the contents of the bill by working with LEAs, including at the upcoming Facility Planner Meeting, and communicating revisions via changes to the Administrative Procedures Guide, as outlined in Item 5 of the agenda.

Executive Director Donahue concluded by stating that unfortunately, the current CIP funding level does not allow for maintaining the current condition of schools, and that while the IAC will receive \$430 million for CIP grants in Fiscal Year 2027, LEAs had requested \$754 million in projects in the CIP this year alone, and this number doesn't reflect the total need of school facility costs in the State. He also added that many school districts are unable to fund even the most urgent projects due to funding shortages, and one-time funding measures have been exhausted. However, he stated the deep appreciation IAC staff have for the General Assembly and Governor Moore for having maintained appropriations for school construction at least at the historic level, without any cuts. This has allowed the Commission to approve awards at a level that supports what is projected by IAC staff each year and communicate anticipated awards to school districts. Chair Kasemeyer added that during the legislative session the funding shortfall and school construction needs were communicated to the budget committees of the General Assembly as part of the IAC's testimony. The Commission further discussed a potential future workgroup on School Construction established in statute and a report by Comptroller Lierman regarding school construction costs.

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

Upon a motion by Ms. Lawlah, seconded by Mr. Darenberg, the IAC voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda, and all motions contained therein.

a. **April 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

To approve the draft April 9, 2026 IAC Meeting Minutes, as presented.

b. **Contract Awards**

To approve contract procurements and project reversions 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. **Executive Director Approvals of Extensions to Special Funding Programs**

e. **Revision to Previously Reverted Funds – Baltimore County Public Schools – Perry Hall High (PSC L03F011) Fire Safety Project**

To revert uncontracted FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds totaling \$100 from the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Perry Hall High (PSC L03F011) fire safety project.

f. **Correction to Reversion Amounts – Baltimore County Public Schools**

To revise the contract awards approved at the April 9, 2026 IAC meeting for the electrical and open space projects at Chesapeake Terrace Elementary (PSC L03F035) and Logan Elementary (PSC L03F110) to reflect that all awarded State funds are being utilized, with no funds being reverted to the Baltimore County LEA reserve account.

g. **Reversion of Funds – St. Mary's County Public Schools**

To revert uncontracted FY 2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds totaling \$374,158 from the presented St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) projects, and to reduce the Maximum State Award for the projects to reflect the project decreases as presented.

h. **Property Transfer – Queen Anne's County Public Schools – Former Centreville High and Centreville Middle**

To approve the transfer of 12.65 acres at 202 Chesterfield Ave, Centreville, MD 21617 in Queen Anne's County from the Queen Anne's County Board of Education to the Queen Anne's County Council. Queen Anne's County shall obtain approval of the IAC before transferring any right, title, or interest to any portion of the property.

4. FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program Rescission and Maximum State Award Increase – Washington County Public Schools – [Motion Carried]

Lead Capital Projects Manager Lisa Vaughn presented a request from Washington County Public Schools for an increase to the Maximum State Award (MSA) for the Boonsboro High School HVAC replacement project from \$7,262,500 to \$10,272,000. Additionally, she stated WCPS also requested to rescind \$2,490,000 from the Hancock Elementary HVAC replacement project to the LEA's reserve account, and allocate a total of \$3,009,500 to the Boonsboro High School HVAC replacement project, bringing the total funding for the project up to the MSA. Ms. Vaughn stated that the LEA had provided documentation of justifications for the MSA increase as required by COMAR 14.39.02.08B, and staff recommended approval of the request. Chair Kasemeyer resumed chairing the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Darenberg, seconded by Vice-chair Eberhart, the IAC voted unanimously to approve the rescission of the Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Hancock Elementary (PSC L21F015) HVAC replacement project totaling \$2,490,000 and to transfer the funds to the LEA's reserve account; and, to increase the Maximum State Award (MSA) for the Boonsboro High (PSC L21F001) HVAC replacement project from \$7,262,500 to \$10,272,000, in accordance with COMAR 14.39.02.08B, and to transfer \$3,009,500 from the LEA's reserve account to fund the FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program project.

5. Administrative Procedure Guide Revisions – Departmental Bill – [Motion Carried]

Policy Analyst Victoria Howard presented revisions to the IAC's Administrative Procedures Guide (APG), stating that the revisions would synchronize the APG with the revisions made to Statute by the IAC's departmental bill, SB 48/HB 233. She stated that there were several changes to the APG, including changes that clarified the process for certain types of facility status changes, the circumstances surrounding design review by the State Superintendent, and an increase to the cost threshold for design review and change order approvals by the State Superintendent. She added that there were a few slight changes to processes, including requiring ACH transfer for reimbursement in certain circumstances and adding travel time as a specific criteria to consider when evaluating project-level changes to adjacent schools.

Upon a motion made by Krishna Tallur, seconded by Vice-chair Eberhart, the IAC voted unanimously to approve amendments to the IAC's Administrative Procedures Guide (APG) as presented, contingent upon the signature of Senate Bill 48 by Governor Moore.

6. Legislative Session Presentation – [Informational Only]

Deputy Director Cassandra Viscarra and Ms. Howard presented a summary of the 2026 Legislative Session, detailing the IAC's Operational and Capital budgets for the year, as well as an overview of bills impacting the IAC. Ms. Viscarra noted significant changes to the LEA eligibility of the Nancy K. Kopp Public Schools Priority Fund and Enrollment Growth and Relocatable Capacity funding programs in the capital budget. Ms. Howard gave overviews of bills impacting the IAC, including the IAC's departmental bill (SB 48/HB 233), HB 854 which creates a new Non-Public funding program, HB 1430 which creates a new Charter School funding program, and HB 311/SB 507 which requires local school districts to identify issues of accessibility in school entrances and exits.

Mr. Darenberg asked if there were any changes to eligibility for the Enrollment Growth and Relocatable Classroom program, specifically around eligibility based upon number of relocatables. Deputy Director Viscarra confirmed that there were no changes. Chair Kasemeyer expressed appreciation for the IAC staff and the quantity and quality of work they conduct.



Announcements:

Vice-chair Eberhart announced that the annual ad-hoc subcommittee of the Commission will meet to evaluate the performance of Executive Director Donahue. The subcommittee will request input from stakeholders across the State, including elected officials, and then will bring a recommendation to the full Commission later in the summer.

Chair Kasemeyer stated that the July meeting date had been changed from its original scheduled date of July 9, 2026 to July 16, 2026.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Craig Curtis seconded by Vice-chair Eberhart, the IAC voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 am.