



**COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

CONFERENCE CALL MEETING AGENDA

December 16, 2010

8:00 AM

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Conference Room**

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Agenda Summary

1. Meeting Minutes November 4, 2010

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the November 4, 2010 Commission meeting.

2. Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program.

At their November 4, 2010 teleconference meeting, the Commission approved draft Academic Facilities Partnership Program Rules to be released for public comment to begin the administrative review process. Those rules included additional state financial participation incentives (1%, 1.5%, or 2%) for new facilities that receive “green” building certification.

ADE attorneys and the Division conducted a public hearing on the rules on November 18, 2010. No members of the public attended the meeting. The public comment period closed on December 10, 2010, and no comments were received.

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the rules for review by the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Presenter – Jeremy Lasiter/Mark White/Drew Blankenship

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION FOR
ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
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CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2010

Place: Commissioner's Conference Room
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Attendees:

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
Mr. Richard Weiss, Director, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Mr. Mac Dodson, President, Arkansas Development Authority

ADE / DIVISION STAFF:

Mr. Tony Wood, Deputy Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
Dr. Charles Stein, Director, DPSAFT
Mr. Jeremy Lasiter, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Education
Mr. Mark White, Staff Attorney, Arkansas Department of Education
Ms. Carol Bowman, Administrative Specialist III, DPSAFT

Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order.

Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2010 Commission meeting approved.

Agenda Item:

That the Commission approve changes to the Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program for review by the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Mark White suggested two changes:

1. Section 4.01 of the Rules. During an even-numbered year, districts that have consolidated under Act 60 be allowed to submit an updated Master Plan by January 1 of the following odd-numbered year. Also, that districts be allowed to submit an application for Partnership Program funding for the next biennium by February 1 of the following odd-numbered year. This change will allow districts that have been directed by the Arkansas State Board of Education to involuntarily annex another district or consolidate to amend their Master Plans and apply for project funding in the next funding biennium.
2. Section 10.00. Incentives for "green" facilities. Districts planning to build a facility that is LEED Certified or Green Globe Certified can apply for incentives of 1%, 1.5%, or 2% additional state financial participation. The Division will establish an application process and districts with current 2011-2013 biennium project applications will be able to apply by February 1, 2011. The incentives will not be paid until after the project has received the applicable certification.

The Commission unanimously agreed to approve the Rules for final approval.

Other Business:

Commissioner Dodson noted that there was a nice article on Dr. Stein in the November 2010 Report Card, the Journal of the Arkansas School Board Association.

Meeting adjourned.