



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

MEETING AGENDA

Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium

April 20, 2011

9:00 AM

Agenda Summary

1. Summary Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2011

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the March 11, 2011 Commission meeting.

2. Academic Facilities Partnership Program – Summary

3. Academic Facilities Partnership Program - 2011-2013 Projects Review

Per Arkansas Code Annotated 6-20-2507 (d)(1), "The division shall notify the school district of the division's decision on the application and , if applicable, the estimated amount of state financial participation in the new construction project no later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year."

Districts submitted project applications on March 1, 2010. The division thoroughly reviewed all project applications and prepared two lists of projects – approved and disapproved. Per Partnership Program rules, the approved projects were sorted into Year One and Year Two and prioritized by three factors: facility condition index, ten year growth percentage, and wealth index.

The division reviewed available program funding. Based on funding received in the 2011 legislative session and existing program balances, there are funds available on July 1, 2011 to fund the Year One (2011-2012) projects. The division plans to fund the Year Two projects beginning July 1, 2012.

Recommendation – That the Commission grant final approval for all Year One and Year Two projects shown on the approved project list for the 2011-2013 Academic Facilities Partnership Program and fund all Year One projects on the list.

4. Arkansas 88th General Assembly – Facilities and Transportation Summary of Act 1006

5. Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation - FY 2011 Activity Summary

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION FOR
ARKANSAS DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
MEETING
April 20, 2011**

Place: ADE Auditorium
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order.

**Tab 1. Summary Minutes from March 11, 2011 Commission Meeting
Commission approved**

Tab 2. Academic Facilities Partnership Program - Summary

Dr. Charles Stein, Director, Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, presented an overview of the Partnership Program for the 2006-2007, 2007-2009, and 2009-2011 funding cycles. Commission members noted the significant state commitment of almost \$600 million of funding for about 1,200 projects.

Tab 3. 2011-2013 Partnership Program Project Review

Dr. Stein reviewed the applications submitted by school districts for the 2011-2013 funding cycle. School districts submitted 302 applications that included 167 warm, safe, and dry projects and 135 space projects. 220 projects were approved and 82 projects were disapproved. Dr. Stein presented a summary table showing the reasons that the disapproved projects did not comply with the Partnership Program rules. A table of Project Summary by Category indicated the following for the approved projects:

Year One Total -	\$157,662,702.16	(169 projects)
Year Two Total -	\$ 31,769,980.56	(51 projects)
Grand Total -	\$189,432,682.72	

Dr. Stein presented two tables with the 2011-2013 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Approved Project List and the Disapproved Project List.

Recommendation - The division recommendation was that the Commission grant final approval for all Year One and Year Two projects shown on the Approved Project List for the 2011-2013 Academic Facilities Partnership Program and fund all Year One projects on the list.

Commission approved the recommendation as stated.

Tab 4. Arkansas 88th General Assembly – Facilities and Transportation Summary of Act 1006

Dr. Stein presented a summary outline of the revised sections of the division's "clean-up" act from the past legislative session. Particular note was given to Section 5 of Act 1006 that clarified two issues with respect to school district appeals of division determinations. Act 1006 added that Review Board determinations that result in increased state financial participation for a project must be reviewed by the Commission and added that Commission decisions are final and not subject to further appeal.

Tab 5. Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation– FY 2011 Activity Summary

Dr. Stein presented a summary of division FY 2011 activities for construction, operations and maintenance, planning, and transportation.

Dr. Kimbrell stated he gets a lot of feedback from facility planners, people working out of coops, people working independently with school districts, school districts, and that they are very pleased with Dr. Stein's approach, openness to hear their concerns, and then trying to help. Dr. Kimbrell further stated the there is an attitude at the division now of trying to serve schools, help schools better improve their facilities and transportation needs.

Dr. Kimbrell stated that from his position he appreciates Dr. Stein's attitude and work ethic and that of the division staff, and it is a credit to Dr. Stein's leadership.

Richard Weiss asked the minutes reflect that the entire Commission approves the remarks made to Dr. Stein.

Dr. Stein thanked the Commission for their comments and credited the division staff for the positive reviews.

Meeting adjourned.