



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

Summary Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2015

Recommendation

**That the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the
January 6, 2015, Commission meeting.**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF
THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

**APPEAL HEARING MEETING
ADE Auditorium, 8:00 a.m.
January 6, 2015**

Commission Members in Attendance:

Tony Wood, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
Paul Louthian, Administrator of Office of Accounting on behalf of Richard Weiss, Director, Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Gene Eagle, President, Arkansas Development Finance Authority

Others in Attendance:

Jeremy Lassiter, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Education
Lori Freno, Deputy General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Education
Dr. Charles C. Stein, PE, Director, DPSAFT
Carol Bowman, Administrative Analyst, DPSAFT

Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order.

Agenda item:

1. Summary Teleconference Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2014

The Commission approved the meeting summary minutes for the November 12, 2014, Commission teleconference meeting.

2. Commission Review of Decisions of the Academic Facilities Review Board

Jeremy Lassiter provided an overview of the procedures contained in the Rules Governing Appeals from Determinations of the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation. Mr. Lassiter explained the amount of time allotted per rule for each step of the process, but advised the Commission that they could extend the time. The Commission must provide a final written determination within ten days. The burden of proof is on the school districts.

The Commission considered each appeal separately with Lori Freno, Deputy General Counsel, representing the Review Board and the division. Dr. Charles Stein provided testimony and information as requested by Ms. Freno or the Commission. The school districts were represented by attorneys and/or superintendents.

The Commission conducted the following appeal hearings:

Gentry Public Schools

Partnership Program Project #1516-0403-010

Cedarville School District

Partnership Program Project #1516-1702-003

Fort Smith Public Schools

Partnership Program Projects #1617-6601-007, 1617-6601-002,
1617-6601-122, 1617-6601-111, 1617-6601-106, 1617-6601-099

Charleston School District

Partnership Program Project #1516-2402-087

Harrison School District

Partnership Program Project #1516-0503-001

Lamar Public Schools

Partnership Program Project #1516-3604-084

Hartford School District

Partnership Program Project #1617-6604-100

In separate actions, the Commission voted to uphold each of the decisions made by the Academic Facilities Review Board.

Meeting adjourned.