



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

MEETING AGENDA

**Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium
August 29, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

Agenda Summary

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2013

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the April 24, 2013, Commission meeting.

2. Distribution \$20,000,000 of funds from the 89th Session Project Account – Executive Division of the General Improvement Fund

Presenter – Dr. Charles C. Stein, Director

- Tab 2a** Letter with \$20,000,000 of General Improvement Funds
- Tab 2b** Academic Funding for Year-One of 2013-2015 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Funding Cycle (*Millions*)
- Tab 2c** 2013-2015 Partnership Program Approved Projects (*Sorted by Project Ranking*)
- Tab 2d** 2013-2015 Partnership Program Approved Projects (*Sorted by School District*)
- Tab 2e** 2013-2015 Partnership Program Disapproved Projects
- Tab 2f** Written Determination and Project Notification Letter to School Districts

Recommendation – That the Commission provide state financial participation for 2013-2015 Partnership Program Year-One projects listed in Tab 2c, prioritized per current Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program, to a funding level of \$158.1 million.

3. Statewide State of Condition of Academic Facilities – October 1, 2013

Presenter – Lynn Robertson, Senior Project Administrator, Special Projects

Ark. Code Ann. 6-21-112 (f)(15) requires the Division to report by October 1 of each year to the Governor, the House and Senate Committees on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the state of condition of academic facilities statewide. The report also includes summary results of lawfully required inspections of public school academic facilities by state agencies and commissions.

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the report for dissemination as required by law.

4. Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities

Presenter – Terry Granderson, Assistant Director

Act 1422 of the 2013 Regular Session of the 89th General Assembly revised Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-21-113 pertaining to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities. The act established that by August 31, 2013, the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation appoint new members to the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities (Committee). The attached table lists the nominees and the Division's recommendations for the Committee members.

Recommendation – That the Commission appoint the Division's recommendations to the Advisory Committee.

5. Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program – Draft Rules – For Public Comment

Presenter – Lori Freno, ADE Deputy General Counsel

Tab 5a Rules Changes Summary

Tab 5b Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program

Tab 5c Proposed Rule Change List

Recommendation - That the Commission approve the proposed rule revisions and release the Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program for public comment.

6. 2014 Master Plan/Partnership Program Guidelines for 2015-2017 Biennium

Presenter – Murray Britton, Senior Project Administrator, Planning & Construction

The 2014 Master Plan/Partnership Program Guidelines provide school districts detailed instructions and advice on the steps required to complete the 2014 Master Plan that districts must submit by February 3, 2014. The guidelines also provide instructions for the submission of Partnership Program project applications for the 2015-2017 project funding cycle. Project applications must be submitted by March 3, 2014.

Status report. No Commission action required.

7. Transportation Status

Presenter – Mike Simmons, Senior Transportation Manager

Tab 7a Timeline for Implementation of Act 1288

Act 1288 requires school districts to report school bus transportation data to the Division by July 1, 2014, to assist the General Assembly in determining whether to establish a maximum student transportation time.

Tab 7b Transportation Report

A summary of the Division's transportation activities during the 2012-2013 school year.

Tab 7c 2013 Public Awareness Campaign

The Division and the Arkansas Department of Education conducted a two-week public awareness campaign before the beginning of school regarding the issue of illegal passing of school buses. The campaign occurred through television, radio, and print media.

Status report. No Commission action required.