



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the September 27, 2024 Meeting

The School Construction Committee met via Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fern Desjardins (Chair), Paulette Bonneau, and Edmond Morin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Pinnette, School Facilities Manager, Department of Education
Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities, Department of Education
Norm Higgins, Maine Charter School Commission
Emily Cummins, Office Specialist, State Board of Education
Donald Bresnahan, Senior Vice President, BIMS

Chair Desjardins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She introduced Paulette Bonneau as a new member of the School Construction Committee and asked the other attendees to introduce themselves.

Motioned by Morin, seconded by Desjardins, and voted by Morin and Desjardins to accept the April 29, 2024 minutes as written.

Chair Desjardins introduced the first item on the agenda, *Major Capital School Construction Program - Approved Projects Time Limitations Requirements*. She reviewed the Statement of Fact from the exhibit and then asked Director Brown to provide additional background information for the Committee. After a brief discussion it was motioned by Ed Morin, seconded by Paulette Bonneau and voted unanimously by those present that this exhibit be placed on the October 9, 2024 State Board of Education meeting agenda and that the State Board of Education designate 2025 as the assigned calendar year for the three projects identified in this exhibit to obtain Concept Approval. Failure to obtain Concept Approval in 2025 will result in removal from the Approved Projects List unless a waiver is obtained from the State Board at least 30 days prior to December 31, 2025.

Chair Desjardins then introduced Scott Brown to present Department of Education updates. Mr. Brown provided information on the School Building Inventory project, the revisions to the School Building Standards and Guidelines, and the status of the current Major Capital Application cycle.

She then allowed questions and comments from meeting attendees. Norm Higgins and Donald Bresnahan discussed the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund.

Chair Desjardins adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.