



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the August 7, 2020 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a virtual Zoom meeting on August 7, 2020.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fern Desjardins, Martha Harris, and Peter Geiger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wilson Hess, State Board of Education, Chair
Jane Sexton, State Board of Education, Vice Chair
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Abbey Frost, Ellsworth American

Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the June 26, 2020 minutes.

Martha Harris asked Scott Brown to introduce the first Exhibit on the agenda: Major Capital School Construction Program – Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle – New Recommendation based on Member Applicant Withdrawal. Mr. Brown provided a detailed history and overview of the scoring and rating process used to develop the Approved Projects List as well as the history of the member applicant withdrawals involved in project number 2. Mr. Brown then reviewed the Commissioner’s recommendation with the Committee which included adding project number 3 to the Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. After additional discussion the Committee chair called for a motion. Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Commissioner’s recommendation and place the exhibit on the August 11, 2020 State Board of Education Business Agenda.

Scott Brown provided a brief update on the hard work going on in the Department in supporting school districts in developing their school opening plans. The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2020 at 1 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.