



## **Construction Committee Meeting**

Maine State Board of Education

Tuesday August 7, 2018

Cross State Office Building

Room 300

1:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Martha Harris, Chair, Amy Arata, Fern Desjardins

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Pam Partridge, MDOE School Facilities

Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff

Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities

Valerie Chiang, MDOE School Facilities

Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:19 p.m.

Martha Harris called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the June 29, 2018 Construction Committee meeting were approved as written.

Martha Harris asked Scott Brown to present the first item on the agenda: Integrated, Consolidated 9 – 16 Educational Facility Program Process Review and Proposed Priority List Consideration. Scott discussed the scoring process which is defined in Chapter 61 Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects. He then further reviewed the Administrative Review process and provided information on the one appeal that was received by the Department of Education in the first scoring. As a result of that appeal a second team of reviewers were assigned to re-score the Part 2 applications with the instructions of maintaining detailed documentation. When the second scoring process had been completed a new Proposed Priority List was presented to the Board initiating a second 30-day Administrative Review period. No further appeals were submitted and the Commissioner is now recommending that the Board approve the Proposed Priority List so that it will become final. The Committee voted to place the exhibit on the August State Board of Education's meeting agenda with their recommendation to grant approval of the list.

Martha Harris asked Scott Brown to introduce the second item on the agenda: Major Capital School Construction Program Process Review and Proposed Priority List Consideration. Scott discussed the scoring process which is defined in Chapter 61 Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects. He then presented a detailed explanation of the process used in the evaluation and scoring of each of the 75 applications that are listed on the Proposed Priority List. Scott stated that due diligence, consistency,

and transparency were critical elements in the scoring team's process. The Department did not receive an appeal from any of the applicants and the Commissioner is now recommending that the Board approve the Proposed Priority List so that it will become final. The Committee voted to place the exhibit on the August State Board of Education's meeting agenda with their recommendation to grant approval of the list.

Martha Harris discussed elements of the Committee's Strategic Plan that she would be presenting to the Board at the upcoming retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.