



**School Construction Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the February 5, 2019 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a meeting on February 5, 2019 at the Department of Education in Augusta.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Martha Harris, Chair, Fern Desjardins and Wilson Hess

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities  
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities

Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff  
Pam Partridge, MDOE School Facilities

Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the November 30, 2018 minutes as written.

Scott Brown opened the discussion with an update on the 16 Major Capital Construction Projects from the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle. He then provided additional details regarding the three anticipated 2019 Concept Approvals which includes Edward Little High School in Auburn, RSU 24 MS/HS in Sullivan, and a combined Middle School project in South Portland. Mr. Brown talked about the project schedules, programmatic impacts on students, and cost estimates and projections for each project.

The Committee briefly discussed their Strategic Plan Initiatives including, review and recommendations of statutory debt ceilings for Major Capital Construction, possible revisions to Chapter 61, and advocacy for legislative bills related to the School Revolving Renovation Fund. Mr Brown provided the committee members with copies of current construction related Legislative Documents (LD's) including three bills specifically related to the recapitalization of the Revolving Renovation Fund.

The Committee briefly discussed the need to revise specific Chapter 61 rules as currently written. Topics for the revision would tentatively include corrections regarding timeline requirements, operational/life cycle analysis requirements, and finance section 11 updates.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.