



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the September 21st, 2023 Meeting

The School Construction Committee met via Zoom.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fern Desjardins (Chair), Kristin Bishop, Edmond Morin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sandra Bourget, Secretary Specialist, Maine Department of Education
Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities, Maine Department of Education
Valerie Chiang, Senior Construction Coordinator, Maine Department of Education
Laura Cyr, Legislative and Constituent Specialist, Maine Department of Education
Nathan McIvor, Secretary Specialist, Maine Department of Education
Ann Pinnette, School Facilities Manager, Maine Department of Education
Ruey Yehle, Program Consultant, Maine Department of Education

Chair Desjardins called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Motioned by Bishop, seconded by Morin, and voted unanimously by those present to accept the August 25th, 2023 minutes as written.

Chair Desjardins introduced Laura Cyr who reviewed the state process for rule revisions. She also reviewed the potential timeline for the process through legislative approval. There were several questions regarding the process and discussion of having both in-person and virtual public hearing sessions. The Committee then discussed specific sections of the Chapter 61 rule including Moveable Equipment, Time Limitation requirements, Project Management, references to the Bureau of General Services, the Emergency Projects provision, Application eligibility, and several miscellaneous revisions. Desjardins asked that Committee members and the Department review these areas of the rule further and provide recommendations for amended language where appropriate.

The Committee scheduled a rule specific meeting date of October 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. over Zoom. Additionally, they set the next regular meeting date of October 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 500.

Desjardins adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.