

SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The School Building Authority Advisory Board met on Monday, April 18, 2016 at the R.I. Department of Administration, 1 Capitol Hill Providence, Rhode Island.

Chair Michael DiBiase welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Present: Michael DiBiase, Kevin Gallagher, Victoria Kerns, Seth Magaziner, Carolyn Mark, and Victoria Richman

Absent: Naomi Neville

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Seth Magaziner and seconded by Carolyn Mark it was

VOTED: That: the SBA Advisory Board accepts the agenda for the meeting of April 18, 2016

Vote: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael DiBiase, Kevin Gallagher, Victoria Kerns, Seth Magaziner, Carolyn Mark, and Victoria Richman

NAYS: 0

2. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair DiBiase began by giving an overview of the School Building Authority (SBA) and requested that all attendees of the meeting introduce themselves and provide a brief description of their background.

3. PRESENTATION BY THE SBA

Dr. da Silva began his presentation by explaining the importance of school facilities and the effects they have on students and staff health, safety, and ability to learn. An overview and chronology of events was given to provide history and background to the Board. Dr. da Silva went on to provide an organizational overview of the State's role in

school construction, as well as the role of the SBA, the RI Department of Education (RIDE), and the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, including the statutes and regulations that govern the work. Dr. da Silva explained recent changes to statute, primarily captured in Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget, lifted the moratorium, created the SBA Advisory Board and the SBA Capital Fund, and required a statewide facilities analysis at least every five years. Manuel Cordero provided a walk-through of the necessity of school construction process and the funding options available to Local Education Agencies (LEAs). Mr. Cordero also explained the process for review and prioritization of school projects. Dr. da Silva provided an update on the Statewide Facilities Assessment which is currently being conducted by Jacobs Engineering and Dejong Richter. This study will help districts and the SBA at RIDE understand the needs of the approximately 300 public school facilities. The proposed school construction bond that is part of Article 5 of the FY17 Governor's Proposed Budget was presented – the bond would provide \$40M focused on educational program initiatives, such as Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM), Career and Technical Education, as well as urgent health and safety projects. Dr. da Silva ended his presentation by reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the SBA Advisory Board.

Members of the board asked questions related to the role of the Advisory Board and their integration in the decision making process. Questions regarding the SBA Capital Fund and the housing aid program were asked as well. All questions and concerns that were raised were answered by Dr. Joseph da Silva, Manuel Cordero, David Abbott, and Cynthia Brown.

5. CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair DiBiase thanked the all individuals who were present in the room and requested that all materials needed for future meetings be provided beforehand if possible. Chair DiBiase also mentioned that the next meeting may be longer in duration.

6. UPCOMING MEETING

The next School Building Authority Advisory Board meeting is on May 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the R.I. Department of Administration.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made by Kevin Gallagher and seconded by Seth Magaziner it was

VOTED: That: the SBA Advisory Board adjourns.

Vote: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael DiBiase, Kevin Gallagher, Victoria Kerns, Seth Magaziner,
Carolyn Mark, and Victoria Richman

NAYS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.