



## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

*Regular Meeting of the*

### School Building Projects Advisory Council

September 6, 2023 at 10:00 am

Held via Microsoft Teams

**Meeting Video:**

[School Building Projects Advisory Council - tentative-20230906\\_100723-Meeting Recording.mp4 \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

**Members Present:**

First	Last
Alice	Pritchard, Chair
Chlo Anne	Bobrowski
Lance	Hall
Paul	Hinsch
Antonio	Iadarola
Julia	McFadden
Don	Poulin
William	Turner
Omarys	Vasquez

**Members Absent:**

Angela Cahill

Lou Casolo

**Departmental staff present:**

- David Barkin, DAS
- Darren Hobbs, DAS
- Jolita Lazauskas, DAS
- Ashlie Russell, DAS
- Eleanor Michael, DAS
- Jenna Padula, DAS
- Timothy O'Brien, DAS



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- William Turley, DESPP
- 1. Called to order by Alice Pritchard at 10:08 am.
- 2. Dr. Pritchard gave opening remarks introducing herself as the new designee from the Department of Administrative Services and the SBPAC chair. In addition, she noted two new agencies, and their designees were added in the past legislative session: William Turner, Project Manager at the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and Don Poulin, Chief of Engineering Services at the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System. Don previously served as the representative for the State Department of Education. That designee role will now be served by Chlo-Ann Bobrowski. She welcomed all and thanked them for participating along with the other members and those joining from the general public.
- 3. The minutes from previous meetings were officially moved and adopted
  - a. Special Meeting on September 12, 2022
    - i. Motion by Don Poulin, seconded by Omarys Vasquez
    - ii. Julia McFadden abstained as she was not present at the meeting
  - b. Subcommittee Meetings on October 31, November 11, and November 28, 2022
    - i. Motion by Don Poulin, seconded by Paul Hinsch
- 4. Deputy Commissioner Eleanor Michael and Deputy Commissioner Darren Hobbs shared a presentation (see attached slides) on organizational updates from the Department of Administrative Services
  - a. Changes to DAS organizational structure including new School Construction Grants Division
  - b. Discussion of funding, including federal and bonding dollars to the HVAC program and guidance for school districts on applying
  - c. Donald Poulin asked if the CTECS schools can apply for this grant through DAS along with bond requests to state and Deputy Commissioners noted they would follow up with him
- 5. Ashlie Russell, Director of Grants Administration gave updates on the organization of the grants team
- 6. Omarys Vasquez reported that OSBI adopted the full suite of ICC Codes and is looking forward to preparing for next year for projected schedule for code adoption cycle
- 7. William Turner and William Turley of DESPP provided information on school grant and planning activities



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- a. Noted Emergency Management's partnership with State Department of Education to administer the school security competitive grant program and the Multimedia Interoperable Communications System program
  - b. 2023-2024 school safety templates are due November 1, 2023.
  - c. SA 23-31, DMHAS and SDE are working to capture the information required in the special act
8. Alice Pritchard opened the floor for discussion of future meeting topics. Julia McFadden noted that though work started on the school safety criteria there is still lots of review to be done. Alice Pritchard noted that DAS team will review that feedback and develop plan for moving forward. Antonio Iadarola asked that a future meeting focus on changes in legislation that went into effect in July 2022 that have a significant impact on school construction.
9. Alice Pritchard called attention to the December 6, 2023, meeting and noted the 2024 calendar would be set at that time.
10. The meeting adjourned at 10:50am on a motion by Don Poulin and second by Julia McFadden.

# DAS – Reorganization of School Construction Grants Division

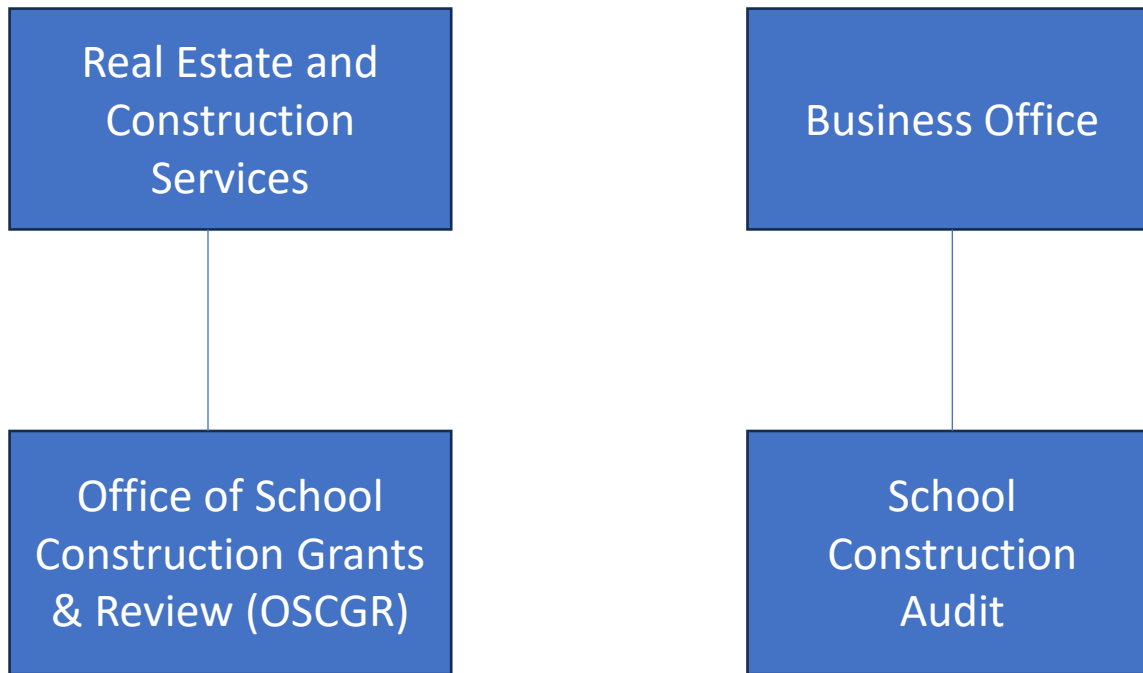
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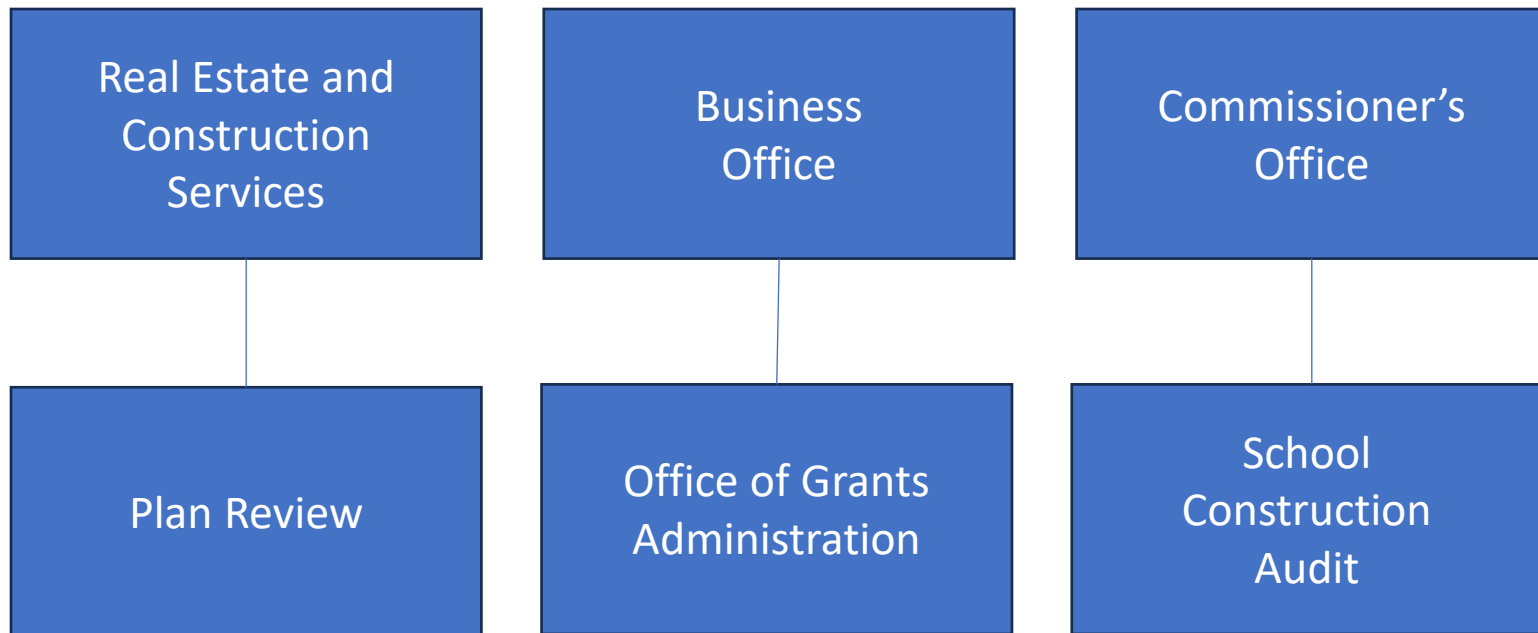


Department of Administrative Services, Michelle H. Gilman, Commissioner

# Historical Structure of Grants Division



# Current Structure of Grants Division



# HVAC Funding: Summary

	Fiscal Year	Bonding	ARPA	Total Bonding + ARPA
Public Act 22-118	2023	\$75,000,000.00	\$75,000,000.00	\$150,000,000.00
Public Act 23-205	2024	\$150,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000,000.00
Public Act 23-205	2025	\$150,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$375,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$75,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$450,000,000.00</b>



# HVAC Funding: First Round

	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Bonding</b>	<b>ARPA</b>	<b>Total Bonding + ARPA</b>
<b>Public Act 22-118</b>	2023	\$75,000,000.00	\$75,000,000.00	\$150,000,000.00
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round of Grants</b>		\$56,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$56,000,000.00
	<b>2023 FUNDING CARRIED FORWARD</b>	\$19,000,000.00	\$75,000,000.00	<b>\$94,000,000.00</b>





# HVAC Funding: Second Round

		<b>Bonding</b>	<b>ARPA</b>	<b>Total Bonding + ARPA</b>
<b>FY 23 CF Funds</b>		\$19,000,000.00	\$75,000,000.00	\$94,000,000.00
<b>FY 24 Funds</b>		\$150,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000,000.00
<b>FY 25 Funds</b>		N/A	N/A	N/A
		\$169,000,000.00	\$75,000,000.00	<b>\$244,000,000.00</b>



# First Round Overview

- Applications: 130
- Awards: \$56M awarded to 50 applicants
- Timeline: Obligated by 2024  
Expended by 2026



# Second Round Overview

- Application opening in early September
- Deadline of December 31, 2023
- Improvements since the first round
- Federal funding
- Communications to districts & webinar



# Third Round in FY 2025

- DAS anticipates opening a Third Round in FY 2025
- Beginning July 1, 2024, DAS will have access to another \$150M
- This amount will be added to any funding remaining after the Second Round of grants are awarded.

