



Joint meeting of the
School Safety Infrastructure Council
and
School Building Projects Advisory Council

December 10, 2020 (held remotely via Teams)

Minutes

SSIC	SBPAC	12/10/2020 attendance
	Secretary of OPM or designee	Steven Kitowicz
DAS Commissioner or designee	DAS Commissioner or designee	Dep. Secretary Kosta Diamantis
DESPP Commissioner or designee		William Turley
SDE Commissioner designee	SDE Commissioner designee	Donald Poulin for SBPAC
	Antonio Iadarola	present
	Glenn Gollenberg	present
	Lou Casolo	present

2 of 11 total seats.	6 of 8 total seats.
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Office of School Construction Grants and Review (OSCGR) staff present included Kermit Thompson, Barbara Fabiani, Robert Celmer and Tim O'Brien

1. Dep. Secretary Diamantis, in the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and discussed the need for appointments and on the Councils, whether the Councils will recommend that they will be merged and that school construction and school safety funding are to be on the Bond Commission agenda.
2. Discussion occurred on the School Safety Infrastructure Criteria and other school safety policy (Diamantis, Turley), that the current Criteria is working and that state bonding funds will help with school safety in the state. Discussion (Celmer, Turley, Diamantis) on school safety assessments and OSCGR's role, that DESPP requires the assessments as part of the SCG-9000 approval every two years, that there are different assessment tools but most districts use NCEF, on a need for policy development on assessments in the case of new construction and that OSCGR will create a process for providing new building plans to DESPP for review and approval.
3. Discussion occurred on the construction cost per square foot standard (Gollenberg, Diamantis, Celmer, Iadarola, O'Brien, Turley), including the need for data analysis, on PLAs and concern that 20% increases in cost should not be assumed, that PLAs are prevailing wage like other projects, on the \$365 standard, on whether there should be different per square foot standards at different grade levels, on hiring a consultant to assist with cost data research and analysis, on assembling an RFP for a consultant, on construction cost data, on surveying project costs from districts, on new COVID-related school design, on current HVAC standards being good and a 100% outside air standard being impractical and that a 100% outside air standard might conflict with other standards, like energy efficiency.
4. Motion to adjourn approved at 10:21 am.