



**School Construction Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the June 25, 2025 Meeting

The School Construction Committee met in Room 500, Cross Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fern Desjardins (Chair), Paulette Bonneau, and Edmond Morin (remote)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Erica Tomkins, Secretary Specialist, State Board of Education

Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities, Department of Education

Chair Desjardins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motioned by Bonneau, seconded by Morin, and voted unanimously by those present to accept the May 22, 2025 minutes as written.

Chair Desjardins asked Scott Brown to introduce the first agenda item, Major Capital School Construction Program, Proposed Priority List for the 2024-2025 Rating Cycle. Mr. Brown presented the exhibit, which included a brief overview of the application review, site visitation, and scoring processes. He then reviewed the timeline for the process moving forward which includes informational meetings for superintendents, the Administrative Review process, and the approval of the Final Priority List. Mr. Brown informed the Committee that the Proposed Priority List will be provided to the Board during the Board's July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. After several questions from the Committee regarding the rules that administer the process, Chair Desjardins asked for a motion.

Motioned by Morin, seconded by Bonneau, and voted unanimously by those present to recommend that the exhibit for the Proposed Priority List for the 2024-2025 Rating Cycle be placed on the July 9, 2025 State Board of Education meeting agenda and that the State Board accept the List as recommended by the Commissioner.

Under the Miscellaneous agenda item Chair Desjardins reviewed the Governor's Commission on School Construction's recent June meetings and developments. She highlighted several items including dedicated funding, interest bearing accounts, and cash vs. bond funding. She informed the Committee that the Commission is open to the Board's ideas on funding and policy issues as related to the Commission's work.

Chair Desjardins provided an update to the Committee regarding legislative bills related to school construction. She reviewed several bills that would impact school construction funding and more specifically the carryover of LD 1892. She also reviewed other bills including LD 1087, LD 242, LD 1312, LD 1887, LD 11, and LD 100.

Chair Desjardins adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

The next Committee meeting will be on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.