

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS (FAC)

April 7, 2025, minutes

Location: Arlington Career Center & Arlington Tech

Tour of old Career Center section to be torn down for parking garage began at 6 p.m.

FAC meeting began at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Cynthia Hilton (chair), Tony Weaver (vice), Michael Bruno (secretary),
Stephaney Martin, Adam Rasmussen, Anthony Rush, Matthew Thoman, Michael
DePalma (APS), Catherine Lin (APS), Jeff Chambers (APS), Renee Harber (APS)

1. Call to Order

- Approval of March Minutes **FAC Action - unanimous**

2. Chair's Update

- Site Visit Debrief – Career Center
 - FAC monitors this project. Construction on target. Very few complaints from neighbors. Initial footings issue – i.e., surprise leftover pieces of an old school buried underground – have been managed, and a recent conduit situation was resolved using a fraction of manager's reserve. Design team for old Career Center's refresh for MPSA to be brought on board soon. FAC also discussed whether Arlington Tech program revenue is applied to school's budget lines or to APS general fund. Ultimate site plan continues to envision Henry building teardown.
- Communications Filed
 - FY 26 Proposed Budget Comments
 - Policy D-15
- Upcoming policy revisions (Weaver): Will send reminder about comments due on Policy F-1 and F-5.7.

3. FAC Liaison Updates

- BAC March 19 / April 2 (Thoman) – Robust conversation around cost per pupil using newly revised and lower figures; also, debate around classroom consolidation separate from any facility conditions. BAC to brief school board with chair proposing reorienting APS budget.
- JFAC April 2 (Weaver) – committee leadership and membership changing, but immediate past chair will brief school board at end of year.

4. Capital Project Update (Chambers) – Presentation attached.

5. Enrollment Management Plan (Lin/DePalma) – Presentation attached.

6. New Business

- Discussion around APS Pre-CIP. Five deep-dive school renovation studies are expected in coming months, they are in respective principals' hands now for review. APS program capacity review is also expected imminently. APS ES and MS boundary review process starts summer 2025.
- Next FAC Meeting May 12, 2025

7. Adjournment – 8:23 p.m.

Additional Information: LINKS PROVIDED BELOW

[Capital Project Update](#)

[Enrollment Management Plan](#)