

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS
MEETING AGENDA (FAC)**

March 17, 2025

Meeting Began @ 6:30 p.m.

Virtual – Teams Meeting

Attendance: Cynthia Hilton (chair), Tony Weaver, (vice), Michael Bruno (secretary), Kateri Garcia, Sally Hoekstra, Jessica Hubley, Stephaney Martin, Adam Rasmussen, Anthony Rush, Matthew Thoman; Mary Kadera (APS Board), Cathy Lin (APS), Michael DePalma (APS), Renee Harber (APS), Steven Bernheisel (APS), Jeff Chamber (APS), Jonathan Turrisi (APS).

1. Call to Order

- Approval of February 2025 Minutes **FAC Action – unanimously approved**

2. Mid-Year Progress Update on F&O Strategic Plan goals – Jonathan Turrisi provided mid-year information about progress in implementing the APS 24-30 strategic plan. F&O was congratulated on accomplishments to date. Slides are posted on the FAC webpage.

3. Proposed FY 2026 APS Budget – Cathy Lin / Cynthia Hilton led the discussion.

- F&O Budget – APS staff learned of \$129,563 proposed cut to contract planning funds. Funds are necessary for the upcoming boundary review process FAC supports restoration of funds. F&O staffing reductions in the planning area were contingent on having consulting support. Separately, lease of Marshall Building on Wilson (old home of New Directions program) is being given up as planned. On MC/MM, funds cut in FY 25 are proposed to be restored and additional funds are added to address priority deferred maintenance.
- FAC comments on proposed budget – Draft comments were shared with FAC to focus discussion. FAC remains cognizant of debt limit constraints on the budget; FAC does not support actions that would jeopardize ACG's AAA bond rating. AAA rating provides a "savings" in terms of interest rates to APS when funds need to be borrowed. FAC reviewed data on demographic shifts in student population and tools available to F&O to equalize attendance zone enrollment. FAC supports further review of strategies utilizing best-use of choice schools, from locations to seat capacity and design limitations. For all schools, transportation costs should be optimized. Finally, FAC will ask for \$129,563 to be returned to budget for planning consultant needs. Members voted to support all recommendations in the draft, additional wordsmithing to be allowed based on comments made at the meeting. Members have until March 30 to indicate if anything in the draft letter is a showstopper. (Letter to be added to FAC website once sent to school board.)

4. Public Comment - none

5. Adjournment – 8:15 p.m.

6. Supporting Materials – March 17 FAC virtual meeting

[Transcript & Chat](#), [Recording](#)

Additional Information:

School Board Budget Work Sessions 1 & 2 –Tuesday March 25th 1:00 P.M. - 4:15 P.M
Board Room – Syphax 2nd Floor & Live Streamed

School Board Budget Work Sessions 3 & 4 –Thursday April 3rd 1:00 P.M. - 4:15 P.M
Board Room – Syphax 2nd Floor & Live Streamed

Next Meeting:

April 7, 2025 – Location TBD