

*School Building Committee*

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE  
May 19, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 4:07pm, a quorum was present.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

(Voting Members Bold)

**Marcus Brown – Chair – City Council**

**Ernest Newton – City Council**

**Matthew McCarthy – City Council**

**Michael Testani – Superintendent of Schools**

**John Weldon – Board of Education**

**Albert Benejan – Board of Education**

**Thomas Gill – Director, OPED**

**Jorge Garcia – Director, Bldg Operations BOE**

**Jon Urquidi – City Engineer**

**Kenneth Flatto – Finance Director**

Michele Otero – Contract Compliance/School Construction

Larry Schilling – School Construction Program

Joseph Costa – Perkins Eastman

Anthony Stark – Perkins Eastman

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2022**

**Motion:** Motion by Mr. Benejan to approve, second by Mr. Newton

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Unanimously approved

**IV. General Matters**

A. Approval of April Payment Applications; Mr. Schilling read the report.

- Aquaculture School - **\$14,960.00**
- Bassick High School - **\$620,398.61**

**Motion:** Motion by Mr. Newton and second by Mr. Flatto

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Unanimously approved

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**V. Bassick HS – Presentation of Project Costs**

Mr. Costa and Mr. Stark, both from Perkins Eastman, did a brief presentation of the site layout along with the programs implemented in the new school. A breakdown was provided with a breakdown of costs to represent the current costs of one hundred twenty-eight million seven hundred eighty-four thousand dollars (\$128,784,000.00).

A vote is required to authorize the submission to State School Construction.

Motion: Mr. Weldon made the motion to approve, second by Mr. Benejan

Discussion: Mr. Brown asked about a gender-neutral restroom(s), the design team confirmed they are included in the design. Mr. Benejan asked about the handicapped parking spaces and the location; the team confirmed they are there adjacent to the building. Mr. Benejan asked about safety protocols; Mrs. Otero replied that the team works alongside with Lt. Grech of the Bridgeport Police Department to implement safety protocols.

Action: Unanimously approved

**VI. Project Status Reports**

Aquaculture – Installation of the upper deck of the vessel is underway as well as installation of the crane.

Bassick High School – Wrapping up demolition of North/South Building. Currently awaiting permit from Building Department to demolish the small shed in the rear of the site.

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion: Mr. Benejan made the motion to adjourn at 4:52pm, second by Mr. Newton

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Otero  
School Construction Program