

School Building Committee

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE
July 22, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 4:03pm, a quorum was present.

II. ATTENDANCE

(Voting Members Bold)

Marcus Brown – Chair – City Council

Ernest Newton – City Council

Matthew McCarthy – City Council

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

Ronald Pacacha – Esq., Of Counsel

Scott Guilmartin – NuPower

Dan Donovan - NuPower

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2022

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

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously approved

IV. General Matters

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

- Aquaculture School - **\$13,600.00**
- Bassick High School - **\$682,454.45**
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Motion: Motion by Mr. Flatto and second by Mr. Newton

Discussion: Mrs. Otero explained the invoices provided by the University of Bridgeport and the request for The City of Bridgeport to reimburse the University for coil cleaning of four buildings due to what the University claims to be debris due to demolition. Committee said they would cover the cost only with a release form from the University.

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Action: Unanimously approved

V. Bassick HS – Thermal Loop Agreement

Contract was proposed to the Committee outlining all items previously discussed with NuPower and the connection to the Bassick High School. Mr. Guilmartin explained to the Committee that the scope of work was reviewed by an independent consultant. Mr. McCarthy asked if the city paid for the independent review. Mr. Pacacha replied no, NuPower covered that cost. Mr. Newton asked if there is another Committee that this needs approval from, Mr. Schilling explained that the contract does need to go to the Board of Education. Mr. Garcia pointed out that the Domestic Hot Water was not a part of the original agreement and they are not comfortable taking that portion on. Co-Chair Brown asked NuPower how that item got into the contract and Mr. Guilmartin replied he was unsure. Mr. Donovan went on to explain that the equipment would fit and should not be an issue. Mr. Weldon recommended that Mr. Garcia and School Construction team look into that option before approving the contract.

Motion: Mr. Newton made the motion to table this item, second by Mr. Weldon.

Discussion: None

Action: Approved
Mr. McCarthy opposed

VI. Bassick High School – Update on Resiliency Project

Mr. Schilling expressed that he attended the Resiliency teams bi weekly meeting on Monday and the update is that DOT has removed themselves from the project for the time being due to numerous decisions that need to be made. Mr. Schilling expressed that the project seems to be at a stand still and Bassick may need to have a back up plan to move forward without the Resiliency project. Ms. Otero asked if School Construction should obtain proposals from the architectural firm and subconsultants to provide an alternative to the site should the need arise. Mr. Gil mentioned that the Resiliency Project needs more funding. Mr. Newton suggested the Committee reached out to delegation to make them aware of the situation, Mr. Gil replied that everyone is aware.

The Committee has allowed School Construction to seek proposals from the Architectural firm inclusive of subconsultants.

VII. Project Status Reports

A. Aquaculture

Currently installing safety rails. Vessel expected to be in the water early August for a sea trials.

B. Bassick

Demolition of all buildings minus the field house is complete. Fill material is compacted and graded. Variance was received from Zoning. Construction documents are being reviewed by various departments for sign offs to go to the State for authorization to bid.

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VIII. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Gill made the motion to adjourn at 5:08pm, second by Mr. Benejan

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Otero
School Construction Program