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## **Massachusetts School Building Authority Board Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023**

A meeting of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “Authority” or “MSBA”) was held on March 1, 2023. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Deborah Goldberg, State Treasurer and Chair; Sean Cronin, Designee of the Secretary of Administration and Finance; Matt Deninger, Designee of the Commissioner of Education; Terry Kwan, appointed member; Anne Brockelman, appointed member; and Sheila Vanderhoef, appointed member.

**Others Present:** James MacDonald, Chief Executive Officer; Mary Pichetti; Mike McGurl; Laura Guadagno; Christine Nolan; Matt Donovan; Maria Puopolo; Stacy Patino; Barbara Hansberry; Colleen Smith; Mike Bergquist; Siobhan Tolman; John Jumpe; Katie DeCristofaro; Elena Seiti; Evan Levesque; Erin Sullivan; Wei Xu; Gianpiero Tirella; Julie Leonard; municipal representatives; legislative representatives; local elected officials; and other members of the MSBA and the public.

### **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked if anyone is recording the meeting. No one announced that they were recording the meeting.

She then explained that the meeting is being held in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, which permits remote participation by all Board members and allows the MSBA to use adequate alternative means, such as a conference call line, to ensure public access to the deliberations of the Board.

Next, the Chair provided a brief overview of the items on the agenda for the meeting. She explained that the Board will be voting to: approve minutes from the December 21, 2022 Board of Directors meeting; invite three districts into Feasibility Study; re-categorize one district from Eligibility Period to Feasibility Study; remove one project from the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program; amend one Feasibility Study Agreement; execute Project Funding Agreements for five projects from two districts in the Accelerated Repair Program, with an Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant of approximately \$15.6 million; and authorize one proposed project to proceed into Preferred Schematic Design, with an estimated \$231.8 million in total construction costs. The Board will also be voting to approve five final audits from five districts with a Final Total Facilities Grant amount of approximately \$31 million. Finally, the Board will receive updates from the Executive Director, Capital Planning, and Finance staff.

### **Acceptance of the December 21, 2022 Minutes**

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2022 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Deninger and seconded by Ms. Kwan:

### **Approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Board Meeting**

**VOTED:** That the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts School Building Authority hereby approves the Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Board meeting.

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There being no Board discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Anne Brockelman – Yes  
Terry Kwan – Yes  
Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes  
Sean Cronin – Yes  
Matt Deninger – Yes  
Deborah Goldberg – Yes

**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

**Invitation to Feasibility Study**

MSBA Capital Program Manager Katie DeCristofaro explained that staff are recommending that the Board vote to invite the Town of Lexington, the Town of Millis and the Town of Reading into Feasibility Study. The three districts were invited into Eligibility Period on March 2, 2022, and have completed all the necessary prerequisites including: the filing of their educational profile questionnaire, finalizing enrollment, and securing feasibility study/schematic funds to proceed.

The first district for consideration is the Lexington High School in the Town of Lexington. The MSBA will be working with the District to study options that maintain their current grade 9-12 configuration for 2,395 students.

The second district for consideration is the Millis Middle/High School in the Town of Millis. The MSBA will be working with the District to study options that maintain the facility's current grade 6-8 and 9-12 configurations for a total of 645 students. The middle school and high school are separate schools housed in the same building, with the enrollment of 645 representing the collective grades of 6-12.

The third district for consideration is the J. Warren Killam Elementary School in the Town of Reading. The MSBA will be working with the District to study options that maintain their current grade K-5 configuration for 455 students.

Based on the completion of the Eligibility Period requirements, staff recommend that the Board vote to authorize the three districts to proceed into Feasibility Study.

The Chair asked for a motion, and the following motion was made by Mr. Deninger and seconded by Ms. Kwan:

**Vote on Inviting Communities to Collaborate with the MSBA  
to Conduct a Feasibility Study**

VOTED: That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to invite certain communities to collaborate with the MSBA to conduct and/or review a Feasibility Study, as described in 963 CMR 2.00 *et seq.*, and subject to any conditions set forth in Exhibit A, for each of the schools listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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VOTED: That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to do all acts, to execute and deliver any and all documents and agreements, and to expend all funds necessary or desirable in connection with conducting and/or reviewing a Feasibility Study for each of the schools listed in Exhibit A.

Ms. Kwan commented that the enrollment for the Millis Middle/High School is less than 700 students and asked if there have been conversations related to regionalizing with surrounding communities.

The Capital Program Manager commented that MSBA staff have not had discussions with the Town related to regionalization.

Millis Superintendent Bob Mullaney commented that the Town had discussions with surrounding communities regarding regionalizing prior to his time as Superintendent. He noted that being a small school creates advantages for their students, adding that they feel their size is a strength. The Superintendent thanked Ms. Kwan for her comments and the MSBA for the support.

Ms. Kwan commented that she appreciates the Superintendent's comments.

Lexington Superintendent Dr. Julie Hackett introduced others that were on the call and thanked the Board and the MSBA.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the MSBA received a letter of support from State Representative James Arena-DeRosa for the proposed project at the Millis Middle/High School in the Town of Millis.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the MSBA received a letter of support from State Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr., State Representative Richard M. Haggerty, and State Senator Jason M. Lewis for the proposed project at the J. Warren Killam Elementary School in the Town of Reading.

Reading Town Manager Fidel Maltez introduced others that were on the call and thanked the Board, the MSBA, and the legislature. He commented that the community supports the project.

There being no more discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Anne Brockelman – Yes  
Terry Kwan – Yes  
Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes  
Sean Cronin – Yes  
Matt Deninger – Yes  
Deborah Goldberg – Yes

**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

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**Re-Categorization of Previous Board Invitation from Eligibility Period to Feasibility Study**

The MSBA's Director of Project Management, John Jumpe, explained that staff are recommending that the Board vote to re-categorize the Statement of Interest for the Greylock Elementary School in the City of North Adams from Eligibility Period back to Feasibility Study. The City has worked with the MSBA to update its enrollment projections and executed a Study Enrollment Certification that includes two enrollment options: one for 240 students in grades K-2 as a district-wide configuration and a second option for 265 students in grades K-6 under the current neighborhood school configuration. With this recommendation, the District will be able to proceed and complete the work of its feasibility study to determine if the students will be housed at the Greylock Elementary School or the Brayton Elementary School. Under both options, the remaining students would attend the recently constructed Colegrove Elementary School.

The Chair asked for a motion, and the following motion was made by Ms. Vanderhoef and seconded by Ms. Kwan:

**Vote to Re-Categorize the Statement of Interest for the Greylock Elementary School in the City of North Adams from the Eligibility Period to an Invitation to Feasibility Study**

VOTED: That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to re-categorize the Statement of Interest for the Greylock Elementary School in the City of North Adams from the Eligibility Period to an Invitation to Feasibility Study, as further described in the materials presented to the Board and attached hereto, and to invite the City of North Adams to collaborate with the MSBA to conduct and/or review a Feasibility Study for the Greylock Elementary School, as described in 963 CMR 2.00 et seq., and as listed on and subject to any conditions set forth on Exhibit B attached hereto.

VOTED: That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to do all acts, to execute and deliver any and all documents and agreements, and to expend all funds necessary or desirable in connection with conducting and/or reviewing a Feasibility Study for the Greylock Elementary School in the City of North Adams as listed on Exhibit B.

North Adams Superintendent Barbara Malkas commented that she wants to acknowledge the support the City has received and thank the Board and the MSBA staff, including Diane Sullivan, John Jumpe, Sarah Przybylowicz, and Elena Seiti.

There being no more discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Anne Brockelman – Yes  
Terry Kwan – Yes  
Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes  
Sean Cronin – Yes  
Matt Deninger – Yes  
Deborah Goldberg – Yes

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**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

### **Project Removal from Accelerated Repair Program**

MSBA Capital Program Manager Elena Seiti explained at the October 26, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, the Town of Shutesbury received an invitation for a boiler replacement project at the Shutesbury Elementary School. Subsequent to the invitation, the District informed the MSBA of their decision not to proceed with the boiler replacement project as a result of considerations associated with district readiness and further evaluation of building needs. The District has also executed a Declaration of Removal of a Statement of Interest.

The Chair asked for a motion, and the following motion was made by Mr. Deninger and seconded by Ms. Vanderhoef:

### **Vote on Removing the Town of Shutesbury's Accelerated Repair Statement of Interest from the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program**

VOTED: That, whereas, on October 26, 2022, the Board voted to invite the Town of Shutesbury to participate in the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program for the Shutesbury Elementary School; and, whereas, as described in the materials attached hereto as Exhibit C, the Town of Shutesbury has notified the MSBA that it has decided not to further pursue its Accelerated Repair Statement of Interest or Accelerated Repair Program invitation for the Shutesbury Elementary School, the Board hereby removes the Town of Shutesbury's Accelerated Repair Statement of Interest for the Shutesbury Elementary School from the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program and authorizes the Executive Director to do all acts necessary and execute and deliver any and all documents and agreements in connection with such removal.

There being no Board discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Anne Brockelman – Yes  
Terry Kwan – Yes  
Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes  
Sean Cronin – Yes  
Matt Deninger – Yes  
Deborah Goldberg – Yes

**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

### **Accelerated Repair Program Project Funding Agreement Authorization**

Next, MSBA Senior Project Manager Evan Levesque explained that prior to today's Board meeting, MSBA staff received Schematic Design submissions from two districts representing five schools. The school projects combine for three roof replacement projects, two window and door replacement projects and two boiler replacement projects. MSBA staff have reviewed the existing conditions analysis and proposed schedule provided by each district and have discussed the scope and budget

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with the districts and their consultants. The districts have provided combined Total Project Budgets of approximately \$25.3 million, which include total construction estimates of approximately \$20.7 million. The combined Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grants for these projects are \$15,666,552. Including potentially eligible project contingencies, the combined Maximum Facilities Grants are \$16,391,593.

At the October 27, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, the City of Lowell received invitation to the Accelerated Repair Program for four potential projects, including a potential roof, window and door, and partial boiler replacement project at the Henry J. Robinson Middle School based on the information provided in their Statement of Interest. After further discussion, the City of Lowell decided to remove the partial boiler replacement from the scope of work, for consideration for full replacement in a future Statement of Interest. On September 20, 2022, the City of Lowell submitted an Accelerated Repair Program Declaration of Scope Removal from a Statement of Interest form. Consequently, the recommendation is for a roof, window and door replacement project only. Staff noted that as part of the 2022 ARP Statement of Interest invitations at the October 26, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, the Henry J. Robinson Middle School was invited into the Program for the full boiler replacement.

In conclusion, staff recommend that the two districts, representing five schools, receive authorization to enter into Project Funding Agreements with the MSBA.

The Chair asked for a motion, and the following motion was made by Ms. Kwan and seconded by Ms. Vanderhoef:

**Vote to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Project Funding Agreements for the Proposed Accelerated Repair Projects**

VOTED: That the Board of Directors hereby approves the Proposed Accelerated Repair Projects, as set forth below and as further described in the materials presented to the Board and attached hereto, and as such the Proposed Projects shall be further defined in the Project Funding Agreements, and authorizes the Executive Director to take all steps necessary to execute and deliver Project Funding Agreements with the Districts set forth below, in such forms as he may determine to be acceptable, and expend funds in accordance with such Project Funding Agreements, in accordance with the following:

<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant</b>	<b>Maximum Total Facilities Grant</b>
Lowell	Dr. An Wang Middle School	Roof, Boiler	\$5,707,748	\$3,700,590	\$3,872,623
	Henry J. Robinson Middle School	Roof, Window/Door	\$10,375,558	\$6,974,257	\$7,322,873
	John J. Shaughnessy Elementary School	Boiler	\$1,225,175	\$752,838	\$780,611

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	S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School	Roof	\$4,046,649	\$2,348,448	\$2,446,300
Shrewsbury	Oak Middle School	Window/Door	\$3,899,876	\$1,890,419	\$1,969,186
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$25,255,006</b>	<b>\$15,666,552</b>	<b>\$16,391,593</b>

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the MSBA received letters of support from State Representative Rodney Elliott and State Senator Edward Kennedy for the proposed projects at the Dr. An Wang Middle School, the Henry J. Robinson Middle School, the John J. Shaughnessy Elementary School, and the S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in the City of Lowell.

Lowell DPW Commissioner Paul St. Cyr thanked the Board and the MSBA and commented that he would like to extend his sincere appreciation on behalf of the Lowell administration.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the MSBA received a letter of support from State Representative Hannah Kane and State Senator Michael Moore for the proposed project at the Oak Middle School in the Town of Shrewsbury.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the MSBA received a letter of support from Superintendent Joseph Sawyer and School Committee Chair Lynsey Heffernan for the proposed project at the Oak Middle School in the Town of Shrewsbury.

There being no more discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Anne Brockelman – Yes
- Terry Kwan – Yes
- Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes
- Sean Cronin – Yes
- Matt Deninger – Yes
- Deborah Goldberg – Yes

**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

**Amendment to Feasibility Study Agreement**

The MSBA's Director of Project Management, John Jumpe, explained that staff are recommending that the Board vote to authorize an additional extension of 107 days to the Feasibility Study Agreement for the proposed Revere High School project. This additional extension, when combined with the previous extension request of 151 days, will extend the Feasibility Study Agreement through June 30, 2023. He explained that the MSBA has been informed that the City Council was not supportive of submitting a proposed project scope and budget to the MSBA at this time. This extension will allow for the City and its consultants to determine next steps and if a further extension of time will be required for the proposed project.

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The Chair asked for a motion, and the following motion was made by Ms. Vanderhoef and seconded by Mr. Deninger:

**Vote to Extend the Term of the Feasibility Study for the City of Revere**

VOTED: Whereas, the City of Revere requires additional time to complete the phases of the grant program through Project Scope and Budget, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director to extend the termination date of the Feasibility Study Agreement between the MSBA and the City of Revere, as part of its Invitation to Feasibility Study for the Revere High School, from March 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023, and the Executive Director is hereby authorized to do all acts and things, to execute and deliver any and all documents and agreements, and to expend all funds necessary or desirable in connection with conducting and/or reviewing this Feasibility Study for the Revere High School.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the MSBA received a letter of support from State Representative Jessica Ann Giannino and State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco for the proposed project at the Revere High School in the City of Revere.

Revere Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly introduced others who were on the call. She commented that she appreciates the guidance, support and patience from the Board and MSBA staff. She noted that the City hopes to make progress in the coming weeks.

Ms. Kwan commented that the City has a strong educational system, achieving positive results with limited resources.

There being no more discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Anne Brockelman – Yes  
Terry Kwan – Yes  
Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes  
Sean Cronin – Yes  
Matt Deninger – Yes  
Deborah Goldberg – Yes

**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

**Recommendation for Preferred Schematic Design**

Next, the Director of Project Management explained that the Board is being asked to approve the Preferred Schematic Design for the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School in the Tri-County Regional School District. The recommendation is for a new three-story building serving students in grades 9 through 12 on the existing site. The proposed project is anticipated to be 285,500 sf, and is designed to serve 1,000 students, with an estimated construction budget of approximately \$232 million.



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The Chair asked for a motion, and the following motion was made by Ms. Kwan and seconded by Mr. Deninger:

**Vote on Moving the Tri-County Regional School District to Schematic Design**

VOTED: That the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director to do all acts necessary, execute and deliver any and all documents and agreements, and expend funds as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director to assist the Tri-County Regional School District with, in concept, the development of schematic designs to replace the existing Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School with a new facility on the site of the existing school, as further described in the materials presented to the Board and attached hereto, in accordance with G.L. c. 70B and 963 CMR 2.00 *et seq.* and all other guidelines and policies of the Authority.

Ms. Kwan commented that she continues to see educational plans for vocational technical schools improve. She noted that she supports the educational plan submitted for the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District Superintendent Karen Maguire thanked the Board and the MSBA, noting that she appreciates the support. She commented that she is excited to move into the next phase. She introduced others who were on the call.

Ms. Vanderhoef asked why the proposed new school will be the same size if the school is currently overcrowded.

Superintendent Karen Maguire commented that the vocational technical spaces will be smaller to make room for academic spaces in the new facility. She noted that it is a program issue, not a building overcrowding issue.

There being no more discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Anne Brockelman – Yes  
Terry Kwan – Yes  
Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes  
Sean Cronin – Yes  
Matt Deninger – Yes  
Deborah Goldberg – Yes

**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

**Audit**

The MSBA's Financial Audit Manager, Wei Xu, thanked the Audit team, in conjunction with the Capital Planning team, for their hard work. He began his audit update by explaining that the MSBA has completed final audits for 634 Capital Pipeline Program projects plus the five projects that are

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being presented for final approval to the Board today, all together representing approximately \$7.9 billion in submitted and audited costs.

He continued, explaining that the MSBA has also audited approximately \$6.4 billion in submitted costs for the 236 projects currently submitting monthly requests for reimbursement. Based on the Total Project Budget information and submitted costs to date of approved projects, the MSBA estimates that approximately \$4.4 billion in additional costs will be submitted for audit for these projects.

The Financial Audit Manager then explained that monthly submitted costs have averaged \$126.4 million over the 12 months preceding this Board meeting, and the total amount submitted and audited in this 12-month period equals approximately \$1.51 billion.

### **Approval of Audits, Capital Pipeline Program**

The Financial Audit Manager explained that the Board is being asked to approve five Capital Pipeline Program audits listed on Exhibit D. He explained that the total combined grant amount for these five projects is \$31,508,544.

The Chair asked for a motion, and the following motion was made by Ms. Kwan and seconded by Mr. Deninger:

### **Approval of Audit Costs for Several Projects**

VOTED: That the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts School Building Authority hereby approves the final audited approved grant amounts for the projects listed in the spreadsheet attached hereto as Exhibit D and authorizes the Executive Director to make payments consistent with this vote.

Ms. Vanderhoef commented that the grant reconciliation for the Staff Sergeant James J. Hill Elementary School is from FY13 and asked if the project is that old.

The Director of Capital Planning explained that the closeout process varies with districts, commenting that closing out a project typically takes approximately three years. She noted that some districts take longer than three years to close out a project, adding that the project for the Staff Sergeant James J. Hill Elementary School took longer.

There being no more discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Anne Brockelman – Yes

Terry Kwan – Yes

Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes

Sean Cronin – Yes

Matt Deninger – Yes

Deborah Goldberg – Yes

**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

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## **MSBA Updates**

### **Executive Director's Report**

The MSBA's Chief Executive Officer presented the Executive Director's Report. The Chief Executive Officer began the report by thanking MSBA staff members for their hard work in preparing for the Board meeting. He noted that, since the December 21, 2022 Board meeting, the MSBA has visited or had meetings with individuals from 21 projects. As of March 1, 2023, two districts have voted affirmatively to appropriate feasibility study funds or full project funds. He explained that the MSBA anticipates 11 project visits or meetings in March and April and presented a list of the districts as part of his PowerPoint presentation.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that Treasurer Goldberg was sworn in for a third term on January 18, 2023, and he was sworn in as First Deputy Treasurer on February 15, 2023.

Next, the Chief Executive Officer noted that since the last Board meeting, the MSBA has participated in one topping off ceremony, two ribbon cutting ceremonies, one grand opening ceremony, the Massachusetts Municipal Annual Meeting and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators presentation. He presented pictures of the events as part of his PowerPoint presentation.

Next, the Chief Executive Officer welcomed the MSBA's new hires, Chad Rylander as an Assistant Project Manager, Miriam Vazquez as Director of Audit, and Matthew DiSilva as an Audit Analyst. He then congratulated Madeline Esdale on her engagement in November and Melanie Soter on her engagement and new home announcement in January.

### **Project Status Updates**

#### **Project Overview Report**

Next, the MSBA's Deputy Director of Capital Planning, Mike McGurl, provided an update for substantially completed projects.

For projects scheduled for 2022, fifteen projects were scheduled to achieve substantial completion. The MSBA has received twelve certificates of substantial completion from Easthampton, Pentucket Regional, Millbury, Attleboro, Weymouth, West Springfield, Acton-Boxborough, Boston Arts Academy, Gardner, Tewksbury, Easton and since the December Board, Rockland.

Sharon, Bridgewater-Raynham, and Dennis-Yarmouth have determined a substantial completion date with the certificate pending. Each district has moved into its school.

The Deputy Director of Capital Planning then provided bid data for the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program. For the 2020 program, fourteen of the twenty reported projects bid within the estimated budget. The remaining two projects are anticipated to report results by the April 26, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

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For the 2021 program, eight of the ten reported projects bid within the estimated budget. Five projects are anticipated to report results by the April 26, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

Next, Assistant Project Manager Erin Sullivan presented slides for bidding information regarding MSBA projects. She explained that the MSBA is currently tracking 20 projects for filed sub bidding through 2025. This includes all projects that have been approved for Preferred Schematic Design prior to today's meeting. The 20 projects have a total estimated construction budget of approximately \$2.7 billion.

2023 now has thirteen projects with an estimated construction budget of approximately \$1.6 billion. Wellesley, Boston and Watertown are scheduled to receive bids in March.

2024 continues to track six projects with an estimated construction budget of approximately \$972 million.

2025 now has one project, Nashoba, following its Preferred Schematic approval at the December Board meeting. The project has an estimated construction budget of approximately \$184 million.

Next, the Deputy Director of Capital Planning explained that in the three month lookahead, in March, sub-bids are scheduled for Wellesley, Boston's Carter School and Watertown. In April, Lawrence Leahy is scheduled to receive sub-bids. In May, Norwood is scheduled to receive sub-bids.

In March, Guaranteed Maximum Prices are scheduled for Groton-Dunstable and Somerset, while general contractor bids are due to Westfield. In April, Guaranteed Maximum Prices are scheduled for Wellesley and Boston's Carter School, while general contractor bids are scheduled for Watertown. In May, general contractor bids are scheduled for Lawrence Leahy.

Then, the Deputy Director of Capital Planning presented a PowerPoint, including a summary of bid results for the Core Program for 2022. He reported that 2022 concluded with eleven projects receiving sub-bids. Ten have confirmed that they are proceeding with bids exceeding the PFA Construction Budget. The eleventh project, Somerset, is anticipating its Guaranteed Maximum Price in March after completing a process of redesigning after receiving bids in July of 2022 that exceeded the PFA Construction Budget and resulted in a failed vote for additional funding.

There are nineteen projects anticipating sub-bids in 2023. The first three have confirmed that they are proceeding with bids exceeding the PFA Construction Budget.

Next, the Deputy Director of Capital Planning presented a PowerPoint, including an additional funding update for the Core Program. He explained that similar to the December Board meeting, staff are presenting Core Program projects that have reported recent additional local funding increases. These projects have received Project Scope and Budget approval from the Board but have not yet executed an amendment to their Project Funding Agreement. As of today, 14 projects have reported additional funding.

Since the December Board, Nauset and Randolph have been added to the tables. Of the fourteen, thirteen projects have reported their bid results. The remaining project, Groton-Dunstable, was identified in the three-month lookahead anticipating its Guaranteed Maximum Price in March.

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In summary, for those districts bidding in 2022 along with the previously reported Lowell High School project, eleven of the twelve successfully appropriated additional local funds or approved transfers of other funds, with Somerset being the exception.

## **Finance**

### **Sales Tax Collections Update**

The MSBA's Treasurer, Gianpiero Tirella, presented a PowerPoint and provided an FY2023 SMART Collections update. The FY2023 collections through January are \$99 million (15.11%) higher than the same period of FY2022.

He presented a slide with a graphical depiction of FY2019 – FY2023 Monthly SMART collections, and then year-to-date SMART collections by year from FY2019 – FY2023.

### **Grant Payments Update**

Next, the Treasurer provided an update regarding MSBA grant payments for projects, noting that the MSBA has made \$410,450,755 in grant payments to date in Fiscal Year 2023. This is for 136 projects in 103 districts.

### **FY23 Budget Update**

Next, the MSBA's Director of Budget and Finance Administration, Julie Leonard, provided the Board with an FY23 budget update. She presented a PowerPoint with the FY2023 budget compared to the actuals for the Total Operating and Capital Budget, Administrative Expenses, Capital Pipeline Support Services, Operating Expenses, and the Grant Program.

The Chief Executive Officer thanked the MSBA staff for their hard work preparing for the Board meeting and for the work they do every day.

The Chair commented that the MSBA team is superlative.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Kwan and seconded by Ms. Vanderhoef.

There being no discussion, the Chair asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Anne Brockelman – Yes  
Terry Kwan – Yes  
Sheila Vanderhoef – Yes  
Sean Cronin – Yes  
Matt Deninger – Yes  
Deborah Goldberg – Yes

**The motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

List of documents and exhibits used at the meeting:

- PowerPoint Presentation
- December 21, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- Invitation to Feasibility Study
- Re-categorization of Previous Board Invitation from Eligibility Period to Feasibility Study
- Project Removal from Accelerated Repair Program
- Authorization to Execute Project Funding Agreements – Accelerated Repair Program
- Amendment to Feasibility Study
- Recommendation for Preferred Schematic Design
- Audit Status Report
- Recommendation for Approval of Final Audits, Capital Pipeline Program
- Project Overview Report
- Sales Tax Collections Update
- Grant Payments Update
- FY23 Budget Update